

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2956
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2956, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide Hawaii's students with the best environment for learning by ensuring the availability of funds for school operations, construction, repair, and maintenance, and allowing for the effective management of school facility construction.

The Department of Education, University of Hawaii, 2005 Secondary Student Conference, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned citizen supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this bill.

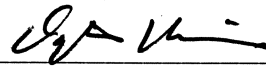
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring new schools constructed with funds from the New School Construction Special Fund to meet energy-efficient design standards; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2956, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2956, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



