

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2980
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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. 2980, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the number of skilled workers in the construction industry by appropriating funds to the University of Hawaii (UH) to expand:

- (1) The Construction Academy Program from eight public high schools to 26; and
- (2) Apprenticeship training programs at various community colleges in the state.

UH, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Castle and Cooke Hawaii, Pacific Resource Partnership, and Hawaii State Teachers Association testified in support of this bill. The Department of Education supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity 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. 2980, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2980, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



