

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2346

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2346 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ELECTRICITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the cost of the Department of Education's (DOE) electricity usage.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the DOE.

Your Committee finds that the projected DOE shortfall is due to increases in electricity usage and costs per kilowatt-hour, and that if the DOE does not receive funds to cover this shortfall, it will no longer be able to pay for utilities beginning in April of this year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2346, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Military Affairs,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



