

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APRIL 28**, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2956  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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

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

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2956, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

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.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation of \$160,000,000 for the renovation of classrooms statewide in the Department of Education (DOE);



- (2) Authorizing the issuance of \$40,000,000 in general obligation bonds for repair and maintenance of DOE school facilities, to be deposited into the State Educational Facilities Special Fund (SEFI), rather than \$50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for DOE capital improvement projects;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation of \$40,000,000 out of SEFI for repair and maintenance of DOE school facilities;
- (4) Changing from \$100,000,000 to \$35,000,000 the appropriation for repair and maintenance of DOE school facilities;
- (5) Deleting the appropriation for DOE operations;
- (6) Removing provisions for the establishment of the New School Construction Special Fund;
- (7) Removing the authorization for DOE to independently issue certificates of participation when initiating the construction of new schools;
- (8) Removing all provisions relating to the University of Hawaii;
- (9) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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



Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

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