

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2956, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide resources and flexibility to the Department of Education for the operation and repair and maintenance of Hawaii's public schools.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Makes an appropriation for the repair and maintenance of public school facilities;
- (2) Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue general obligation bonds for capital improvement projects for the Department of Education;
- (3) Establishes and funds a new school construction special fund; and
- (4) Allows the Department of Education to enter into financing agreements for the construction of new school facilities without the approval of the Director of Finance but with the approval of the Attorney General as to form and legality.



Your Committee believes that these measures will expedite the construction of much needed new public school facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making all appropriations unspecified to facilitate further discussion of this matter; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for consistency and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2956, S.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.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2956 SD1	Committee Referral: EDM/HRE, WAM	Date: 2/23/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				/
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/	
TOTAL	9	0	2	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.