

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3103

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 S.B. No. 3103 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO REDUCE THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS BACKLOG FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$92,000,000 and to appropriate out of general revenues the sum of \$60,000,000 to reduce the backlog of repair and maintenance projects for Department of Education facilities.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that there is a compelling need to immediately fund the backlog of repair and maintenance projects in the public schools because Hawaii's children deserve a quality education in a clean, safe environment. This backlog is currently estimated at \$525,000,000 and includes recurring major and minor repairs, ongoing cycle maintenance, service and contract maintenance, nonrecurring projects, and emergency repairs. Your Committee notes that this measure gives priority to projects that have been on the list the longest amount of time.

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 S.B. No. 3103 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

NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



