

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 54
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B.
No. 54 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for
capital improvement projects for the University of Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
University of Hawai'i, the College of Education of the University
of Hawai'i, the Faculty of the College of Education of the
University of Hawai'i, the College of Arts & Humanities of the
University of Hawai'i, the American Chemistry Council, the William
S. Richardson School of Law, the Center on Disability Studies, the
University of Hawai'i College of Education Alumni Association, the
Hawaii State Teachers Association, and one hundred nineteen
individuals. The Hawaii Carpenters Union submitted testimony in
opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii (UH) is
the State's only public system of higher education, from which
much of Hawaii's workforce is educated and trained. The State
must ensure that adequate facilities and programs are provided to
allow the UH to offer high-quality education in a positive
environment that is appealing to educators and students throughout
the State, the country, and the world. This measure provides the



necessary funding for capital improvement projects at campuses throughout the UH system.

Your Committee understands that although this measure provides for eighteen capital improvement projects throughout the UH system, the Board of Regents of the UH actually approved twenty-seven projects, many of which were not included in the Executive Budget. Your Committee believes that all capital improvement projects approved by the Board of Regents should be appropriately considered by the Legislature and has included the additional projects in this measure.

Additionally, testimony was provided that raised concerns about the provision in the measure requiring all construction and renovation work under this measure to meet or exceed the applicable Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver rating standards. Your Committee understands that this requirement may be too restrictive and believes the language should instead reflect other statutory requirements regarding green building standards.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:


- (1) Including funding for the following capital improvement projects:
 - (A) Saunders Hall, UH at Manoa;
 - (B) Campus development, University of Hawaii at West Oahu;
 - (C) Waianae Education Center, Leeward Community College;
 - (D) Native Hawaii Success Centers, UH-Systemwide;
 - (E) Science Building, Maui Community College;
 - (F) Campus Center, addition and renovation, UH at Hilo;
 - (G) Pacific Aerospace Training Center, re-roof hangar 111, Honolulu Community College;
 - (H) Gartley Hall renovation, UH at Manoa;



- (I) Law school expansion and renovation, UH at Manoa;
and
- (J) Performing Arts facility and parking structure, UH
at Manoa;
- (2) Including unspecified appropriation amounts for all
projects;
- (3) Changing the method of funding for certain projects from
general revenues to either federal, private, or
revolving funds, as appropriate; and
- (4) Requiring all construction and renovation work under
this measure to meet or exceed either the Leadership in
Energy and Environmental Design silver rating system or
another comparable state-approved, nationally
recognized, and consensus based guideline standard, or
system, except when the guideline standard or system
interferes or conflicts with the use of the building or
facility as an emergency shelter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 54, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 54, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


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


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
 Committee on Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 54	EDU, WARR	02/14/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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