

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2140

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2679

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Education and Economic Development and Taxation, to which was referred S.B. No. 2679 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for information technology projects of the Department of Education.

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

Specifically, this measure provides funding for:

- (1) Regional support centers;
- (2) Online learning within the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Support;
- (3) Computers for classroom teachers;
- (4) Centralized service desk software;
- (5) Contracted personal computer or Macintosh "platform" support;
- (6) Pilot implementation and evaluation of Thin-clients;
- (7) Enhanced collaboration software and training course authoring tools; and




- (8) Increasing the rate of upgrading school telecommunications infrastructure.

Your Committees find that, in all aspects, society today is and continues to become increasingly dependent upon technology. As technology continues to play a greater role in the workplace, the introduction and utilization of technology must begin in our public schools and within the Department of Education. This measure appropriates funds to support and enhance technology resources within the Department of Education. Your Committees believe that these appropriations provide necessary technology infrastructure improvements to equip the Department to provide updated instructional, support, and educational services for our public schools.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Economic Development and Taxation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2679 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Education and Economic Development and Taxation,


CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development and Taxation
EDT

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2679</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDT/EDT, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/5/08</i>		
<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 checked="" 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
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Will Espero</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes