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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: HCR 086 (HR 070) REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPLACE ALL INCANDESCENT BULBS WITH COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTING.

Purpose of Resolution: Requesting the department of education to replace all incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lighting.

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports House Concurrent Resolution 086/House Resolution 070, and in fact, we have already begun the process to replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lighting in our school facilities. In July 2007, the Department began issuing compact fluorescent light bulbs to schools requesting replacement incandescent bulbs. To facilitate this effort, we will issue a memo to all schools to request that they replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs immediately rather than waiting for the incandescent light bulbs to burn out. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this resolution.

Testimony before the
House Committees on
Education and
Labor & Public Employment

HCR 86 - Requesting the Dept. of Education to Replace All Incandescent Bulbs
with Compact Fluorescent Lighting

Friday, March 14, 2008
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 309

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Chairs Takumi and Sonson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Hee and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Maui Electric Company (MECO) and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HELCO).

Hawaiian Electric strongly supports the installation of energy efficient lighting products and strongly supports HCR 86. The response to our demand-side management compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) rebate program by customers and distributors has been excellent, resulting in greater awareness and availability of these energy efficient lighting products.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify