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by

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SB 2820 – Relating to Education

The University of Hawai'i supports Part II of SB 2820 that addresses our physical plant backlog of repair and maintenance on our ten campus system.

We would like to thank Education Chair Sakamoto for his support of the University of Hawai'i in developing a long term plan to address our current \$257,000,000 capital renewal and deferred maintenance backlog.

This version of the bill has dated information and we recommend updating the current replacement value of all our facilities to \$3,000,000,000 in lieu of \$1,600,000,000 as shown on page 3, line 7.

Date: 01/28/2008

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2820 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund department of education and the University of Hawaii repair and maintenance projects.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports S.B. 2820 which provides \$240 million in general obligation bonds to the DOE for repair and maintenance. These funds are needed as no repair and maintenance funds were appropriated for fiscal year 2009 in Act 213/SLH 2007.
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony in support of SB 2820 "Relating to Education"

Repair and maintenance is a serious and ongoing concern for all public schools. In fact it is a particularly acute one for charter schools in that they are forced to pay for their occupancy costs out of a per pupil allocation that is already substantially lower than that provided to Department of Education-operated schools.

The Department of Education routinely spends many tens of millions of dollars annually on repair and maintenance. Except for the five conversion charters, none of the other 23 charter schools have access to this funding.

Please consider alleviating this difficulty by including charter schools in this measure. One vehicle to make sure that this money would get to all charter schools efficiently would be to direct a portion of it to the proposed Hawaii Charter School Facilities Fund.

Sincerely,

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