

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 1, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 986
H.D. 1
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
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Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to require renovations of public school facilities to meet energy efficiency and environmental standards.

Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Adds energy efficiency and environmental standards to achieve high performance classrooms as a criterion that may be used to establish current repair and maintenance requirements for state school facilities;



- (2) Requires the Superintendent of Education to ensure that all repair and maintenance projects follow the required energy efficiency and environmental standards;
- (3) Requires the renovation of state buildings and facilities to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver or two green globes rating system or another nationally recognized and consensus-based guideline, standard, or system;
- (4) Adds energy efficiency and environmental standards as a basis of the Department of Education's six-year program and financial plan for school repair and maintenance; and
- (5) Requires that consideration be given to energy efficiency and environmental standards when prioritizing a school's repair and maintenance needs.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Amending the preamble to reflect this measure's additional purposes of improving education through technology and facility design and creating "green" jobs in the technology, construction, and general labor sectors;
- (2) Replacing the provision requiring the renovation of state buildings and facilities to meet certain energy and environmental standards, with a provision that requires:
 - (A) The design and construction of public school facilities, including certain renovation projects, to meet the Collaborative for High Performance Schools rating system, except when the guidelines conflict with the facility's use as an emergency shelter; and
 - (B) Prioritization of these public school facility projects based on certain criteria, including energy efficiency, prioritization of local and regional jobs, educational opportunities, and anticipated building life-cycle costs;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2009; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

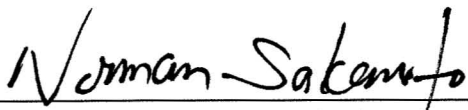


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair




HERMINA MORITA, Co-Chair



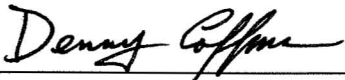
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