

**HB 179**

**Date:** 04/02/2009

**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 0179, SD1 (SSCR 987) RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.

**Purpose of Bill:** Repeals two subsections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding the cost of electricity and maintenance for air conditioners not installed by the department of accounting and general services and repair and maintenance for donated fixtures and equipment. (SD1)

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education (DOE) supports HB 179, SD1. The responsibility for construction and the repair and maintenance of facilities was transferred from the Department of Accounting and General Services to the DOE effective July 1, 2005 pursuant to the requirements of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. This bill repeals two sections, Section 302A-1501 and Section 302A-1503, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Repealing these two sections will not affect current position of the DOE regarding maintaining air conditioning equipment or maintenance of donated equipment and fixtures.