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RE: IN SUPPORT OF HB 986, HD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES
Hearing: Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 2:00 p.m.

Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair, Committee on Education;
Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair, Committee on Labor & Public Employment,
and Members of the Committees:

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the passage of HB 986, HD1 that requires construction and renovation of public school facilities to meet the Collaborative for High Performance Schools standards. Requires replacement of old portable building with high performance classrooms. Also requires prioritization of public school facilities projects in accordance with certain criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of HB 986.

Sincerely,

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