

HB 986

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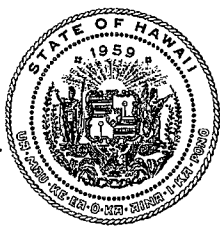
Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0986,HD1, SD1(SSCR 996) RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

Purpose of Bill: Adds renovation of state buildings to energy efficiency and environmental standards guidelines; requires public schools to meet energy and efficiency standards. Effective 7/1/2030. (SD1)

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports H.B. 986, HD1, SD1.

The DOE supports this SD1, which addresses concerns we had expressed with the original language in the House Bill as well as with HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of
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before the
WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE
on
Thursday, April 2, 2009
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State Capitol, Conference Room 211
in consideration of
HB986 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of HB986 HD1 SD1. HB986 HD1 SD1 requires construction and renovation of public school facilities to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver level or other comparable nationally recognized standard, and requires replacement of old portable classroom buildings with high performance classrooms. This bill also requires the prioritization of public school facilities projects in accordance with certain criteria.

In prioritizing a school's repair and maintenance needs, the bill also requires that the Department of Education (DOE) and the school's principals to consider energy efficiency and environmental standards under section 196-9(c).

DBEDT has been working with the DOE and other State of Hawaii agencies to Lead by Example in the implementation of energy efficiency and high performance buildings in the

State of Hawaii. DBEDT developed the Hawaii High Performance School Guidelines for energy efficiency improvements to new and major renovations of schools in Hawaii. The DOE uses those guidelines as well as the Collaborative for High Performance School guidelines and designs all new school facilities to meet the requirements of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver. DBEDT has been educating State of Hawaii and private sector entities on LEED and conducting training for professionals in preparation for the LEED Accredited Professionals Exam.

We defer to the Department of Education on the implementation measures and related costs called for this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.