

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 5, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2556
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2556 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to change the designating authority that approves the preferred environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products to be used by public schools, from the Green Seal Program to the Design for the Environment Program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Department of Health (DOH) testified in support of this bill. The Governor's Administration supported the measure with amendments. DOE and the Consumer Specialty Products Association provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting language requiring DOH to maintain a list of products that have been approved for use in public schools;
- (2) Deleting language requiring DOH to review and evaluate research regarding environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2556, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2556, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



