

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2279  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2279 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reduce the backlog of repair and maintenance projects within the public schools to a manageable level by authorizing the issuance of an unspecified sum of general obligation bonds and appropriating the revenues derived therefrom for these repair and maintenance projects; and
- (2) Provide a temporary exemption from chapters 103 and 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Department of Education in order to expedite construction projects.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency and one private organization. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the funds appropriated by this measure will help reduce the repair and maintenance project backlog at our public schools. However, your Committee believes that the temporary exemption from the provisions of the



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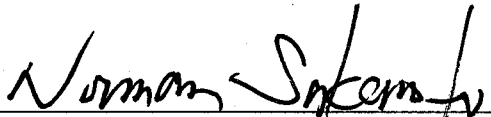
Procurement Code are unnecessary, because Act 175, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, allows for expedited construction procurements of less than \$250,000 via electronic procurement. Further, the Department of Education may streamline their policies and procedures regarding procurement without a specific exemption from the Procurement Code.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting part II of the measure, which contains the temporary exemption from chapters 103 and 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Department of Education; and
- (2) Deleting the references to parts I and III and making other conforming changes for consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2279, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2279, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2279</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-3-2010</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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