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Committee: House Education
House Higher Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2257 SD2 RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WARRANT VOUCHERS.

Purpose of Bill: Allows the department of education, department of accounting and general services, and the University of Hawaii to accept electronically mailed warrant vouchers for bills of materials, supplies, and incidentals as original documentation, the receipt of which authorizes payment to be made to each individual to whom the State is indebted.

Department's Position: The Department of Education strongly supports this measure. Current statutes regarding documentation for payments for goods and services do not reflect the ever-changing technological advances that are being made in business purchasing procedures. Private vendors are now using electronic/digital images of original vouchers, bills of materials, and other supporting documents. This measure proposes to update the statutory language, to allow the Department of Accounting and General Services, the University of Hawaii and the Department of Education the flexibility to accept electronically received warrant vouchers, bills of materials, invoices, and other supporting documents as original documents for validation and payment. Such improvements to the statutory language will facilitate much greater efficiency and effectiveness in processing of governmental payments to vendors for goods and services, updated to current technologies.

Please note that there is a defective date of January 1, 2099 that must be changed to make this proposed bill useful as intended to the Department, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and the University of Hawaii. The Department recommends July 1, 2010.



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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S.B. 2257, S.D. 2

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WARRANT VOUCHERS

Chair Takumi, Chair Chang, and members of the Committees, thank you for opportunity to provide written testimony on S.B. 2257, S.D. 2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of this bill which provides DAGS, the University of Hawaii, and the Department of Education flexibility in accepting electronic documents as original documents when processing payments. DAGS' only caution is that the timetable for implementation should not force the need for overtime or expediting charges, as there is no money in the budget for unanticipated and avoidable costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this matter.

Written Statement of
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**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND
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Tuesday, March 9, 2010
2:30 PM
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In consideration of
SB 2257 SD2 RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WARRANT VOUCHERS.

Chairs Takumi and Chang, Vice Chairs Berg and Nakashima, and Members of the House Committees on Education and Higher Education.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) supports SB 2257 SD2 which allows some State entities to accept electronically mailed warrant vouchers, bills of materials, and other supporting documents as original documents.

We would like to offer our suggestion that the bill go a step further by including an allowance to accept electronic copies of invoices for goods and services. Such an amendment will further streamline the government work, which is desperately needed for the State government to continue to function with fewer public workers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support.