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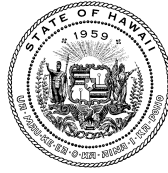
**Person Testifying:** Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2257 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.

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TO THE  
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ON  
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RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WARRANT VOUCHERS

Chair Sakamoto, Chair Tokuda, and members of the Committees, thank you for opportunity to provide written testimony on S.B. 2257. DAGS supports the intent of the 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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In consideration of  
**SB 2257 RELATING TO ELECTRONIC WARRANT VOUCHERS.**

Chairs Sakamoto and Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committees on Education and Housing and Higher Education.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) supports SB 2257 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.