

Date: 03/30/2012

Committee: House Legislative Management

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: HCR 178/HR 139

Purpose of Resolution: REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES RELATING TO MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education ("DOE") believes the reporting requirements contemplated by this Resolution will be unduly burdensome on its operations, and offers the following comments on pertinent substantive portions of the Resolution:

- The Resolution urges state agencies to consider the costs of performing maintenance duties by existing State maintenance staff versus contracting with outside vendors. On a continuing and case-by-case basis, DOE assesses whether it would be more efficient and effective to use its own maintenance staff to perform services or whether it is more effective or efficient to use outside vendors. Each maintenance service need is assessed on the specific circumstances and takes into consideration several factors, including nature and scope of the maintenance services needed, availability of internal resources and funds, whether special expertise or equipment is required, whether this is an ongoing and frequent service or whether the maintenance is called for only as needed. In addition, significant collective bargaining considerations are implicated in decisions to use private vendors.
- The Resolution urges state agencies to consider lower costs alternatives, such as purchasing energy efficient electronic equipment. The Department is currently replacing all incandescent bulbs with energy saving compact florescent light bulbs and replacing florescent lamps with the newer energy saving lamps. We are also replacing old equipment with energy star equipment. The Department is also working to significantly reduce the cost of school operations by using photovoltaic panels on school facilities and entering into Power Purchase Agreements. The Department has started with 15 Kauai schools and a pilot project on Oahu involving four high schools and will expand statewide as benefits are demonstrated.

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Date: Friday, March 30, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 423, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director
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Re: H.C.R 178/H.R. 139 Requesting an Audit of
All State Department Expenditures Relating to Maintenance Contracts and Expenditures

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the merit of H.C.R 178 and H.R. 13, but believes that an audit is unnecessary.

H.C.R 178/H.R. 139 requests an audit of all State Department expenditures relating to maintenance contracts and expenditures. The Department already provides such information to the Legislature. However, if H.C.R 178/H.R. 139 were to be adopted, the Department will continue to provide the information to the Legislature as requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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HCR178
REQUESTING AN AUDIT OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
RELATING TO MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

The Department of Transportation would like to offer the following comments.

The Department will cooperate fully with the Department of Budget and Finance in the collection of the necessary data to generate a report for the Legislature. Though it may increase the burden on our already taxed staff, if passed, we will comply with this measure.

We would like to thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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