

SB243

Relating to Technology
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Senate Education
Senate Technology and the Arts

Department: Education

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Title of Bill: SB 0243 RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY

Purpose of Bill: Places the Hawaii 3Ts school technology laboratories fund under the department of business, economic development, and tourism. Repeals section 302A-1314, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

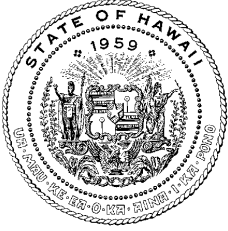
Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports this measure that simply moves from Chapter 302A -- Education to Chapter 201 -- Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) the statutory authority for the Hawaii 3Ts School Technology Laboratories Fund.

Although the intended use of the fund is to establish and maintain multi-station computer laboratories in public schools, placement of this section of the statute is more appropriate in Chapter 201 for the following reasons:

- the actual use of the fund by the nonprofit organization is under the oversight of DBEDT;
- an annual audit report commissioned by the nonprofit organization is required to be submitted to DBEDT; and,
- the nonprofit organization is also required to provide an annual report to the director of DBEDT for approval, who is then required to submit the report to the Legislature prior to each regular session.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.



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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS**

Monday, February 4, 2013
1:15 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414
In consideration of
SB 243
RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY

Chairs Tokuda, Dela Cruz and Wakai and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on SB 243 which amends Chapter 201, HRS, to transfer the Hawaii 3Ts school technologies laboratory fund to DBEDT, expands computer labs to support multi-disciplinary courses of study, and broadens the definition of revenue streams for the fund which is administered by the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii (EDAH).

DBEDT does not have the staff to enter into a contract with EDAH as provided in SB243. DBEDT is also concerned that SB243 exempts a contract between DBEDT and EDAH to implement the Hawaii 3T's schools technology laboratory fund from Chapter 103D. If the Legislature decides to appropriate funds to this program, we would prefer a Grant-In-Aid program to the EDAH through the Department of Education.

DBEDT has had no oversight related to the 3T's programs since 2009 and requests that page 7, lines 16-21 be amended to instead require EDAH to provide this report, along with audit reports, directly to the legislature. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.