

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2424
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2424, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR CONDITIONING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide air-conditioning in public schools by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education and Department of Accounting and General Services, in consultation with the Hawaii State Energy Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute of the University of Hawaii, to jointly develop a master strategy for cooling all public school facilities and conduct a comprehensive study;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Education and Department of Accounting and General Services to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2015;
- (3) Appropriating funds for the development of the master strategy; and



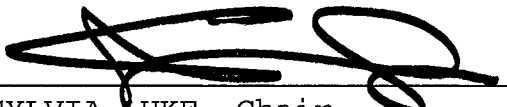
- (4) Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund projects that demonstrate efficient methods to air-condition classrooms.

The Department of Education; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Kaunakakai Elementary School; Hui for Excellence in Education; and numerous individuals supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Accounting and General Services; Hawaii Natural Energy Institute at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and an individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to facilitate further discussion. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2424, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2424, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



