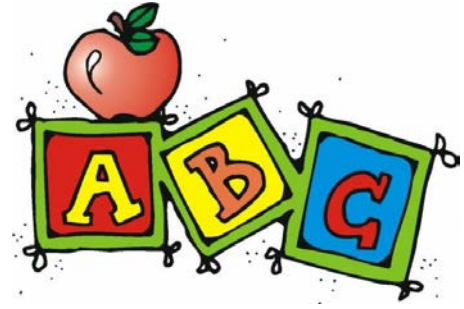


HB2598

HD1



Measure Title: RELATING TO HAWAII 3R'S.

Report Title: Hawaii 3R's; School Repair and Maintenance

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Companion: [SB2425](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU, WAM

Introducer(s): OHNO, BROWER, HASHEM, ICHiyAMA, ING, C. LEE, LOWEN, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI, Rhoads

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Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports the substance of this measure. We, however, request that the defective date be corrected. This bill is the companion to S.B. 2425, SD1, where both are substantively identical and also have defective effective dates.

The Department is a part of the Hawaii 3R's Board and reviews all project requests to insure that they are in accordance with our facilities' standards and specifications.

Thank you for the consideration of our testimony and the opportunity to testify.



Repair, Remodel, Restore Our Schools

March 7, 2014

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
House Committee on Education

Chairman Tokuda & Committee Members:

HB 2598, HD 1 – Relating to Hawaii 3R's

We support this measure to facilitate the administrative transfer of taxpayer contributions from the state DOE to Hawaii 3R's. Those taxpayer contributions will be put to work on behalf of the state DOE in addressing its repair and maintenance backlog at Hawaii's public schools.

Because Hawaii 3R's works closely with the state DOE, all of our projects meet the standards of the DOE and at completion, are accepted by the DOE. You will find few, if any, state projects where volunteers work alongside of professional contractors to complete R&M projects in Hawaii's public schools and leverage resources that ultimately benefit the state.

Over the past 13 years, Hawaii 3R's has proven its effectiveness in helping the state DOE to address its R&M backlog. Since 2001, Hawaii 3R's has helped the state to realize a savings of over \$43.0 million. With every state dollar invested in Hawaii 3R's, \$12.00 of work has been completed. The estimated value of completed projects (by Hawaii 3R's) over the past decade is over \$46.5 million.

Background on Hawaii 3R's

The late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye began Hawaii 3R's in 2001 to address the state's R&M backlog. Since then, Hawaii 3R's has:

- Awarded over 530 grants (totaling more than \$20 million) to 190 different schools on six islands: Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, Lanai and Molokai.
- Been instrumental in helping to "link" different schools with community partnerships;

- Been involved in every kind of R&M project imaginable, from painting buildings to re-striping parking lots, planting grass sods and other plants to helping to build science labs.

Hawaii 3R's is grateful to be the beneficiary of the \$2 tax check off on state tax returns, however, a seamless transfer of the funds is needed so we can continue to maintain the program's momentum. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Kalowena Komeiji
Interim Executive Director

TESTIMONY FOR THE
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H.B. 2598, H.D.1, RELATING TO HAWAII 3RS
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014
1:15 P.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 414
By Ka'iulani de Silva
Director of Education and Consumer Affairs
Hawaiian Electric Company

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

My name is Ka'iulani de Silva and I am the Director of Education and Consumer Affairs for Hawaiian Electric Company ("Hawaiian Electric"). Hawaiian Electric supports the intent of House Bill 2598, H.D.1.

For more than a decade, Hawaii 3 R's, a Hawaii nonprofit organization, has provided the valuable service of bringing much needed improvements to the public schools by bringing private financing and human resources together to address the existing repair and maintenance backlog in those institutions. Hawaiian Electric has been an active supporter, providing volunteers and resources to partner with Hawaii 3R's in the repair and maintenance of schools on O'ahu.

We support the proposal to change the name of the fund to the Hawaii 3R's school improvement fund and proposal to transfer moneys to this fund as expressed in H.B. 2598, H.D.1.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.