

TESTIMONY FOR THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

S.B. 2425, RELATING TO HAWAII 3RS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014

9:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 211

By Ka'iulani de Silva

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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

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 Senate Bill 2425.

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 S.B. 2425.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.