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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1882 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for laptop or tablet computers to be used by teachers and students for digital teaching and learning to ensure that students in public schools have fair access to technology.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports the intent of HB 1882 and concurs with the importance of preparing our students for success in a globally competitive world through the use of digital teaching and learning.

The Department would like the committee to consider a funding model that would appropriate funds on an ongoing basis through the schools' annual budget, as long as it is not at the expense of the priorities the Department has submitted as part of its supplemental budget request. Ongoing funding will provide a sustainable method for schools to acquire and refresh digital devices on a cyclical basis so that teachers and students have access to devices that are current and supportable from a hardware and software perspective.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

February 6, 2018

The Honorable Justin Woodson, Chair
House Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 405
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: HB 1882 (Woodson) – Public Schools Access to Technology - Support

To Representative Woodson,

On behalf of the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) - the nation's leading advocacy voice for the technology industry - I am writing in support of HB 1882 which would appropriate funds to integrate technology into public schools.

CompTIA is a non-profit trade association serving as the leading voice of the information technology industry – the driving force behind productivity growth and job creation, representing premier technology companies of all sizes. With approximately 2,000 member companies, 3,000 academic and training partners and more than two million IT certifications issued, CompTIA is dedicated to advancing industry growth through educational programs, market research, networking events, professional certifications and public policy advocacy.

HB 1882 is an important measure to prepare students for a globally competitive workforce. In 2013-2014 the Hawaii Legislature funded a pilot program that integrated laptop computers into eight schools. A study of the pilot program by the University of Hawaii at West Oahu found that teachers, students, and parents believed that classroom technology significantly enhanced the quality of public education in Hawaii.

Hawaii lags the nation in providing a 21st Century education that prepares students for work in a world dominated by technology and new media communication. Hawaii's future economy is largely predicated on the ability of its students to gain the necessary skills to compete in this increasingly innovative and technology-driven world. Today's education laws in Hawaii are geared toward a 20th Century economy and create significant barriers for schools looking to provide a more innovative education for their students. Hawaii must adapt quickly and break down barriers to fostering a 21st Century education.

For these reasons, CompTIA is pleased to support HB 1882. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 505-9053 or KHitt@comptia.org

Sincerely,



Kelly Hitt
Director, State Government Affairs - California and Hawaii
CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association)

Cc: House Education Committee, Members

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Comments:

Fair access also means looking at the school's wiring and capabilities for internet access. It should also mean that ALL children will have equal access no matter where their school is located.

As a retired educator, who was in the DOE during the implementation of the 1 to 1 program in our school, it is important to note that technology and having the tools of technology is important. There is so much more that can be done now especially having access to information so readily. THEY ARE NOT however, the end all for every situation or experience. It is important to remember they are a tool like a pencil, book or other resource for learning. STEM is not anything without the A for the arts and literature to complete it. We do not know what kinds of jobs our keiki will have in the future. Some will say this means give them more technology and computer time, but we know from research that what is most important and those are people skills and an understanding of place and foundation in who they are. I would also caution and ask the question as to what happens to the data from all this technology? Are our keiki safe as well as their data? Individual learning does not mean stuck on a computer all day taking tests. For every dollar that is given to technology and computers, it would be my hope that the legislature would also give to the arts and to Hawai'i Place-based educational opportunities.

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Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

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**Written Testimony of TechNet
Presented for the Record to
House Committee on Education
February 7, 2018**

Chair Person Woodson and Members of the House Education Committee:

RE: HB 1882, Relating to Education

I on behalf of TechNet and our member companies, I write in **support** of **HB 1882**, which appropriates funds for laptop or tablet computers to be used by teachers and students for digital teaching and learning to ensure that students in public schools have fair access to technology.

TechNet is the bipartisan policy and political network of CEOs and senior executives that promotes the innovation economy. Our membership includes dynamic start-ups to the most iconic companies on the planet. I am pleased to have this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 1882.

HB1882 will help provide needed resources to ensure that Hawaii students can fulfill their potential and succeed in every avenue of life. Technology is an integral and essential component of 21st century learning. It has been demonstrated to engage students and promote academic success.

With global economic leadership at stake, education and workforce development are more critical than ever. TechNet's member companies rely on a strong pipeline of talent with the problem-solving, communication, collaboration, and computer literacy skills required in our global, interconnected and technology-driven economy.

Our companies have long collaborated with educators, policymakers and other stakeholders to promote the adoption of digital learning resources and technology integration because we believe it can fundamentally transform education, improve student outcomes and enable college and career readiness. ***It is for that reason that we believe HB 1882 is an important and critical investment for the State of Hawaii to make, especially when taking into account that the last dedicated funding for this effort was 5 years ago.***

House Bill 1882 ensures that Hawaii's school children are not missing out on the promise of digital learning content and tools. For these reasons, TechNet respectfully requests your support on the measure. I can be reached at lbennett@technet.org should have any questions regarding our support of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Bennett".

Executive Director