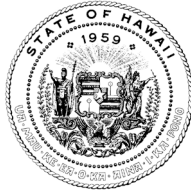


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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. 2837 SD1  
RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE.

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the committee:

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) supports this bill, which preserves the continuity of the Information Technology Steering Committee (ITSC) to properly administer 27-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, while redefining the composition of the committee.

In the best interest of serving the public, the membership of the ITSC was established to assist the Chief Information Officer in developing the state's information technology standards and policies. This measure allows members to continue in their roles without regard to term limits.

Continuity of ITSC members will ensure the development and implementation of the State information strategic plan. This bill also ensures that executive branch departments, including the department of education and the University of Hawaii, will participate in the development of strategic plans and policies for information technology.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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**Date:** 02/25/2020  
**Time:** 12:15 PM  
**Location:** 016  
**Committee:** Senate Judiciary

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 2837, SD1 RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE.

**Purpose of Bill:** Preserves the continuity of the information technology steering committee to properly administer section 27-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, while redefining the composition of the committee. (SD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2837, SD1 which enables the Superintendent to appoint a member to the state's Information Technology Steering Committee (Committee).

Representation on the Committee provides a valuable opportunity for the Department to build on its collaboration with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and other state departments. It also provides the Department with an opportunity to share information regarding technology matters that are unique to education, especially in a pre-K-12 education setting.

The Department appreciates the consideration for representation on the Committee.

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

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12:15 p.m.

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Conference Room 016 Hawai'i State Capitol

RE: Testimony in support of Senate Bill 2837, SD 1, relating to the Information Technology Steering Committee, with proposed amendments

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members:

My name is Christine Sakuda and I serve as the executive director of Transform Hawai'i Government (THG), a coalition of organizations and individuals who believe in improving government services and business practices through technology to ensure that policymakers, State employees, local residents and businesses have convenient and secure access to reliable information and data on demand.

I am a member of the IT Steering Committee and am grateful for your interest in its future success. As you know, the steering committee's kuleana is to, in part, serve the people of Hawai'i by fully leveraging the State's IT Strategic Plan. A strong and effective IT Steering Committee is essential to its success.

THG supports SB 2837, SD 1, which preserves the continuity of the IT Steering Committee while expanding its composition. Additionally, and importantly, we respectfully request:

1. Retaining number of members appointed by the House Speaker and Senate President at four each: this will ensure optimal level of industry and community engagement;
2. Designating the State Chief Information Officer as Co-Chair of the IT Steering Committee, with a member selected by the committee to serve as Co-Chair. This will ensure regularly scheduled meetings can be held through the availability of at least one of the Co-Chairs, and will increase transparency and accountability in the work of the committee;
3. Making clear that members may serve until they are either reappointed or their successor is appointed;
4. Removing language requiring the House Speaker and Senate President to remove one member each from the committee and; removing the requirement for the Superintendent and University President to appoint a member. The first part is contingent on the inclusion of the first suggested amendment, and the latter is unnecessary as it will automatically go into effect upon bill's passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support and amendment of this important bill.

Respectfully submitted,



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THE SENATE  
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020  
STATE OF HAWAII

**S.B. NO.** 2837  
S.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

SECTION 1. The legislature finds it to be in the best interest of the public to allow the members of the information technology steering committee to serve without regard to term limits because their institutional knowledge of the State's complex information systems would assist the chief information officer in developing the State's information technology standards and policies. In addition, the legislature finds it to be in the best interest of the public for the superintendent of education and president of the University of Hawaii to appoint representatives to the committee.

SECTION 2. Section 27-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) There is established an information technology steering committee to assist the chief information officer in developing the State's information technology standards and policies, including but not limited to:

1 (1) Assisting the chief information officer in developing and implementing the state  
2 information technology strategic plans;

3 (2) Assessing executive branch departments' progress in meeting the objectives defined  
4 in the state information technology strategic plans and identifying best practices for shared  
5 or consolidated services;

6 (3) Ensuring technology projects are selected based on their potential impact and risk to  
7 the State, as well as their strategic value;

8 (4) Ensuring that executive branch departments maintain sufficient tools to assess the  
9 value and benefits of technology initiatives;

10 (5) Assisting the chief information officer in developing state information technology  
11 standards and policies; and

12 (6) Clarifying the roles, responsibilities, and authority of the office of enterprise  
13 technology services, specifically as it relates to its statewide duties.

14 The information technology steering committee shall consist of  
15 eleven members~~[7]~~ appointed for four-year terms, without regard to  
16 section 26-34, with ~~[four]~~three members to be appointed by the  
17 senate president, ~~[four]~~ three members to be appointed by the speaker  
18 of the house of representatives, one member to be appointed by the  
19 chief justice, ~~[and]~~ one member to be appointed by the governor, one  
20 member to be appointed by the superintendent of education, and one  
21 member to be appointed by the president of the University of  
22 Hawaii, and ~~[shall]~~ may include representatives from executive branch  
23 departments~~[7 including large user agencies such as the department of~~  
24 ~~education and the University of Hawaii; the judiciary];~~ the  
25 legislature; and private individuals. The chief information officer  
26 shall serve as an ex officio member of the committee and as the co-  
27 chair of the committee with another member of the Information  
28 Technology Steering Committee to be selected by the committee members

1 to serve as co-chair. [and shall ensure that the committee is  
2 evaluated periodically]. Each member shall hold office until the  
3 member is reappointed or the member's successor is  
4 appointed. Because cumulative experience and continuity in office  
5 are essential to the proper administration of this part, it is  
6 declared to be in the public interest to continue members in office  
7 as long as efficiency is demonstrated."

8 SECTION 3. ~~The president of the senate and speaker of the house~~  
9 ~~of representatives shall each remove one member they appointed to the~~  
10 ~~committee. The superintendent of education and president of the~~  
11 ~~University of Hawaii shall each appoint a member to the committee.~~

12 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and  
13 stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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19 **Report Title:**

20 Information Technology Steering Committee  
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22 **Description:**

23 Preserves the continuity of the information technology steering  
24 committee to properly administer section 27-43, Hawaii Revised  
25 Statutes, while redefining the composition of the committee. (SD1)  
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