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Before the  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
Friday, February 16, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. 933  
RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, 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 section 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 allow certain entities to have input into ETS's planning and operations and 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.

We recommend that the changes to subsection (b) be amended as follows:

"The information technology steering committee shall consist of eleven members, with ~~four~~ three members to be appointed by the senate president, ~~four~~ three members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one member to be appointed by the chief justice, ~~and~~ one member to be appointed by the governor, one member to be appointed by the superintendent of education, and one member to be appointed by the president of the University of Hawaii. The committee~~shall~~ may include representatives from executive

branch departments [~~7 including large user agencies such as the department of education and the University of Hawaii; the judiciary~~]; the legislature; and private individuals. The chief information officer shall serve as a member of the committee and the chair of the committee. [~~and shall ensure that the committee is evaluated periodically.~~] The committee shall select a committee member to serve as its vice-chair. [~~and shall ensure that the committee is evaluated periodically~~]. All members of the committee shall be considered ex officio members for the purpose of section 26-34. Each member shall hold office until the member resigns or the appointing authority appoints a successor. The chief information officer will notify the appointing authority immediately whenever a member resigns and shall make a request each July to each appointing authority confirm the appointments."

And we also recommend inserting the word "technology" on page 4, line 14, to read: "for the office of enterprise technology services...."

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



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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**Date:** 02/16/2021

**Time:** 03:05 PM

**Location:** CR 016 & Videoconference

**Committee:** Senate Government  
Operations

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 0933 RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
STEERING COMMITTEE.

**Purpose of Bill:** Preserves the continuity of the information technology steering committee by establishing four-year terms for its members without regard to the holdover limitations in section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Redefines the member composition of the committee by allowing the superintendent of education and the president of the University of Hawaii to each appoint one member. Requires the chief information officer to present the office of enterprise services annual report to the committee prior to submitting it to the legislature before the convening of each regular session.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 933 which enables the Superintendent of Education 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 other state departments and share information regarding technology matters that are unique to education, especially in a K-12 education setting.

The rapid shift to remote work and learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in technology departments and information technology leaders needing to deal with unexpected circumstances, legacy systems, and connecting and securing users who could work or learn from anywhere. The Committee and its members have a vital role as state departments continue with their technology and digital transformation efforts to meet the challenges of a rapidly

changing technology landscape.

The Department appreciates the consideration for representation on the Committee.

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

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. 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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THIRTY- FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 933, RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021                   **TIME:** 3:05 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016, Via Videoconference

**TESTIFIER(S):**     **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**  
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                            Deputy Attorney General, at 586-0618)

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Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to amend several portions of section 27-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Our comments address the amendments on page 3, lines 13-15, and page 4, line 14.

Page 3, lines 13-15, provides: “The information technology steering committee shall consist of eleven members [-] appointed for four-year terms without regard to the holdover provision in section 26-34.” The “holdover provision” of section 26-34, HRS, is in subsection (b), which provides: “Any member of a board or commission whose term has expired and who is not disqualified for membership under subsection (a) may continue in office as a holdover member until a successor is nominated and appointed; provided that a holdover member shall not hold office beyond the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the member’s term of office.”

As worded, the phrase “without regard to the holdover provision in section 26-34” is ambiguous. If the intent of this bill is to allow a member who is not disqualified under subsection (a) to continue as a holdover member beyond the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the member’s term in office, the bill, as worded, does not achieve this goal. This concern can be addressed by revising page 3, lines 13-15 to provide: “The information technology steering committee shall consist of

eleven members [;] who shall be appointed for four-year terms and may continue to hold office as holdover members beyond the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the member's term of office without regard to the holdover provision in section 26-34."

The amendment on page 4, line 14 provides: "present the annual report for the office of enterprise services. . . ." The correct name of the office is the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Page 4, line 14 should be amended to read: "present the annual report of the office of enterprise technology services. . . ."

If this bill is passed, we respectfully request the Committees to make the recommended amendments, as appropriate, consistent with the intent of the bill.

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February 16, 2021  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 16

RE: Testimony in support of SB 933, Relating to the Information Technology Steering Committee

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, 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 advocate for an accessible, accountable and responsive state government that leverages technology to help citizens, communities, and businesses throughout Hawai'i to thrive. We provide a consistent and persistent voice to keep modernization a top priority of state government.

I am a member of the IT Steering Committee and am grateful for your interest in promoting its success which contributes to the overall effectiveness of government services. THG supports SB 933 which preserves the continuity of the IT Steering Committee while expanding its composition. In addition to establishing terms for the committee members and more formally specifying the inclusion of certain representatives, it specifies that a member selected by the committee to serve as its Vice-Chair. This will ensure regularly scheduled meetings can be held through the availability of at least one of the chairs, and will increase transparency and accountability in the work of the committee.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it abundantly clear that inequities exist in residents' access to technology which inhibits access to government services. This impacts education and health outcomes along with economic opportunity for many, particularly for some of our most low-income and/or rural community members. Enhancing the effectiveness of the IT Steering Committee is an important step toward ensuring that the state's IT goals are met.

We believe that now is the time to commit to developing long-term vision, goals, and objectives to fast forward the economic and social recovery in a way that creates new opportunities well beyond the challenges we face today. We urge you to pass Senate Bill 933 and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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