

Honolulu, Hawaii  
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RE: S.B. No. 2186  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2186, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND TRANSFER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Direct the conveyance of certain lands used for public schools and owned by the counties of Kauai and Maui, the State, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Department of Education;
- (2) Require legislative approval prior to the sale, gift, or alienation of the fee simple title to lands owned by the Department of Education; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Education to effectuate the transfer of the lands and to effectively manage the real property.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Budget and Finance.



Your Committees find that the Department of Education has invested significant public funds on maintenance and capital improvement projects for new school facilities. The expenditure of these funds was done without regard to the underlying fee ownership of the real property.

Your Committees further find that non-unified ownership of the land under existing Department of Education schools and offices complicates redevelopment, especially when private investment is involved. Your Committees believe that consolidating the ownership of all land under existing public schools to be held by the Department of Education will provide the Department with the requisite flexibility to redevelop, reposition, and improve its assets in a timely and efficient manner.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2186, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2186, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Education and  
Water & Land,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair





