



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Time: 10:00 AM

Location: 309 Via Videoconference

Committee: House Government Reform

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0913, SD2 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS MANAGEMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Requires persons who receive state funds and state financial assistance to donate unnecessary but functioning electronic devices, hardware, and televisions to nonprofit organizations that will refurbish and distribute them to eligible persons in the State. Sets reporting requirements for donating entities, nonprofit refurbishers, and the Department of Accounting and General Services. Sets administrative penalties for violations. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 913, SD2 requiring recipients of state funds and financial assistance to donate unnecessary but functional electronic devices, hardware, and televisions for refurbishment and distribution to eligible persons in the State.

Access to devices and technology resources for low-income families and other populations in need of access is a long-standing issue. The issue became more evident with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic which required the people of the state to work and learn remotely. The Department appreciates that this measure recognizes the need for access to technology resources by proposing a cost-efficient solution that is also sustainable and environmentally responsible.

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.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021, 10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 913, S.D. 2

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS MANAGEMENT.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Wildberger, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 913, S.D. 2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the intent to promote electronics stewardship and reduce electronic waste in the State by requiring all persons who receive state financial assistance to donate unnecessary but functioning electronic devices to nonprofit organizations that will refurbish and distribute them to eligible persons in the State. The DAGS would like to offer the following **comments**:

The setting of operational rules and monitoring requirements over private, non-profit and non-government organizations is not within the DAGS scope of authority. The Department of Health (DOH) or the Department of Human Services (DHS) are in a better position to determine which non-profits receive financial assistance since they operate programs that service this community niche.

In addition, there is an operational component that is unfunded to staff this program which includes moving equipment from offices to a staging area for pick up. The challenge

becomes logistics if the expectation is to centralize pick up. If interested non-profits coordinate their own pick up of unnecessary/functioning technology from departments, this may be a better solution for the State to reduce costs and for non-profits to acquire unnecessary/functioning electronic devices.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

SB-913-SD-2

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Testimony for GVR on 3/17/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Hidano	Department of Accounting and General Services	Comments	No

Comments:

I am available for comments.

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March 17, 2021
House Committee on Government Reform
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309 and Videoconference

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 913 SD2
Relating to Sustainable Electronics Management

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Wildberger, 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.

SB 913 SD2 requires persons who receive state funds and state financial assistance to donate unnecessary but functioning electronic devices, hardware, and televisions to nonprofit organizations that will refurbish and distribute them to eligible persons in the State. It sets reporting requirements for donating entities, nonprofit refurbishers, and the Department of Accounting and General Services.

We believe that this bill will facilitate and help accelerate access to digital services such as education, health, employment opportunities and community programs for Hawai'i's underserved communities. This bill is also consistent with the [State's Broadband Strategic Plan](#) and the [Hawai'i Information Technology Strategic Plan](#).

We urge you to pass Senate Bill 913 SD2 and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 913 SD2.

Respectfully submitted,



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