

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 10, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2596

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2596 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR CONDITIONING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the learning environment for students by appropriating \$25,000,000 to the Department of Education for the installation of air-conditioning units in public school classrooms, including the design and construction of electrical upgrades, beginning with priority schools identified by the Department of Education.

The Department of Education, Hawaii State Teachers Association, United Public Workers, Hui for Excellence in Education, IMUAlliance, Witt Counseling Service, and three concerned individuals supported the measure.

Your Committee believes that in the future, the design of schools should take the natural environment of Hawaii into greater consideration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2596 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



