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Location: CR 016 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Government
Operations

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 0033, HD1 RELATING TO THE INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE.

Purpose of Bill: Amends the terms and composition of members of the information technology steering committee. Requires the chief information officer to present an annual report to the information technology steering committee for public comment prior to submitting the report to the governor and legislature. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 33, HD1, which enables the Superintendent of Education to appoint a member to the state's Information Technology Steering Committee (Committee).

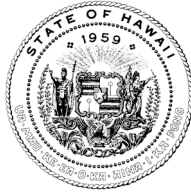
Representation on the Committee provides a valuable opportunity for the Department to build on its collaboration with other state departments and share information regarding technology matters that are unique to education, especially in a K-12 education setting.

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.



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Testimony of
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 SD1
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 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 technology strategic plan.

We respectfully request the following changes:

- a. The word "of" inserted after "end" on line 11, page 4.

The committee shall select a vice chair from 10 among its members. Each member shall hold office until 11 reappointed by its respective appointing authority at the end of 12 the member's term or until the member's successor is appointed."

- b. The word "technology" be inserted on line 15, page 4:

"(e) The chief information officer shall [~~submit~~] present an annual report for the office of enterprise technology services to the information technology steering committee for public comment prior to submitting the annual report

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

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Senate Committee on Government Operations
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 16 and Videoconference

RE: Testimony in support of HB 33 HD1,
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 modernizing government services. THG supports HB 33 HD1 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 is to serve as its Vice-Chair. This will ensure regularly scheduled meetings can be held through the availability of at least one of the Co-Chairs, and will increase collaboration, 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 House Bill 33 HD 1 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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To the Senate Committee on Government Operations

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Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 16 and Videoconference

3:00 PM

**Testimony in Support of HB 33 HD1
Relating to the Information Technology Steering Committee**

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Hawaii Data Collaborative, I am writing in support of HB 33 HD1 Relating to the Information Technology Steering Committee. The COVID-19 public health emergency has made clear the need for modernized, responsive State information technology (IT) systems.

This bill ensures that there will continue to be effective guidance in developing the long-term vision and goals for improving State IT infrastructure going forward. Shifting the process for selecting IT Steering Committee members and specifying the selection of a Vice Co-Chair will increase the effectiveness of the Committee, while insuring greater transparency and accountability.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Redding
Executive Director
Hawaii Data Collaborative

HB-33-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2021 8:28:11 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/16/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB33, HD1 as a means of improving the transparency, accountability and effectiveness of the State's Information Technology Steering Committee.

HB-33-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 12:17:44 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/16/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Burt Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB33 HD1 to enhance the effectiveness of the IT Steering Committee.