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**Time:** 02:00 PM

**Location:** Via Videoconference

**Committee:** House Higher Education &  
Technology

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 0033 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.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 33 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.

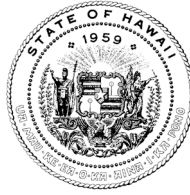
The rapid shift to remote work and learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in technology departments and information technology leaders needing to deal with unexpected circumstances, legacy systems, and connecting and securing users who could work or learn from anywhere. The Committee and its 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).

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Testimony of  
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Before the  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY  
Friday, February 5, 2021

HOUSE BILL NO. 33  
RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE.

Dear Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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.

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

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February 5, 2021  
House Committee on Higher Education and Technology  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309

RE: Testimony in support of HB 33, Relating to the Information Technology Steering Committee

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite, 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 HB 33 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 Co-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 House Bill 33 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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