STAND. COM. REP. NO. 213

Honolulu, Hawaii

FCb. 16

, 2006

RE:

S.B. No. 2309

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2309 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ELECTRICITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to pay for electricity usage.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Education (DOE).

Your Committee finds that pursuant to Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, monies in excess of \$23,000,000 were appropriated to fund electricity costs for fiscal year 2005-2006. However, the projected actual cost of electricity for fiscal year 2005-2006 far exceeds the appropriation, leaving a substantial shortfall based upon actual and anticipated electricity usage and the increased cost of kilowatts/hour. Your Committee further finds that on November 3, 2005, Impact Act funds were allocated to the DOE's electricity budget to reduce the shortfall, but a deficit still remains. The DOE currently anticipates that it will run out of funds to cover electricity costs by April 2006 if additional funds are not appropriated. Your Committee determines that an emergency appropriation is necessary to ensure the uninterrupted provision of electricity for the DOE.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Military Affairs that is attached to

this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2309 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education and Military Affairs,

NORMAN SAKAMOTO Chai

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Education and Military Affairs (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:		Date:			
53 2309	EDM, WARG			02/06/06		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is to:						
Pass, unamended (2312)	Pass, with a	amendments 11)		Hold Recommit (2310) (2313)		
Members		Ayes	Aye	s(WR)	Nays	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)						
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	·	V				
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		1				
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.						V
TSUTSUI, Shan S.		V				
HOGUE, Bob						~
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					14.4	
TOTAL		4				2
Recommendation:						
Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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^{*}Do <u>not</u> list more than one measure per Record of Votes.