THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

MEASURES DEFERRED TO MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2008

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 225

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Friday, March 14, 2008)

HB 2521, HD2 Testimony

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

EDU, WAM

Requires 1 percent of general revenues accrued from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2014, to be deposited into the newly-created University of Hawaii Repair and Maintenance Special Account for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities. Expresses the Legislature's intent to authorize and appropriate, in each fiscal year of the fiscal period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2014, at least an additional \$50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities. Provides that, if the \$50,000,000 in bonds is not appropriated in a fiscal year, general excise tax revenues to make up the shortfall shall be automatically transferred to the special account. States that the appropriations of special account moneys and general obligation bond funds shall be in lump sums so that UH has the discretion to identify the repair and maintenance projects that should be funded.

Appropriates \$50,000,000 from the special account in fiscal year 2008-2009 for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities. Authorizes and appropriates \$50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the repair and maintenance of UH facilities. (HB2521 HD2)

HB 2978, HD1 Testimony

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

EDU, WAM

Establishes the funding formula task force to develop an equitable, consistent, and responsive funding formula for the distribution of fiscal resources throughout the UH system, with the assistance of an independent consultant. Makes a one-time appropriation of funds to supplement the base operational budgets of UH campuses that have demonstrated a significant increase in enrollment. (HB2978 HD1)

HB 2510, HD2 Testimony

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

ENE/EDU, WAM

Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to contract with the UH for

a study to modernize Hawaii's EIS process. (HB2510 HD2)

(The Committee on ENE will be holding public decision making on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in room 414 at 3:15 p.m.)

HB 935, HD2 Testimony

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.

AHW/EDU, WAM

Appropriates funds to pay for the increased costs of, and to attract federal funding for, statewide technical assistance provided to the aquaculture industry through the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Extension Service. (HB935 HD2)

(The Committee on AHW will be holding public decision making on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in room 224 at 2:45 p.m.)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-8585.