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Date: 02/22/2018
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: 308
Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 1882, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for laptop computers or tablets to be used by teachers and students for digital teaching and learning. (HB1882 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports the intent of HB 1882, HD1 and concurs with the importance of preparing our students for success in a globally competitive world through the use of digital teaching and learning.

The Department would like the committee to consider a funding model that would appropriate funds on an ongoing basis through the schools' annual budget, as long as it is not at the expense of the priorities the Department has submitted as part of its supplemental budget request. Ongoing funding will provide a sustainable method for schools to acquire and refresh digital devices on a cyclical basis so that teachers and students have access to devices that are current and supportable from a hardware and software perspective.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. 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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FOR:	HB 1882 HD1 Relating to Education
DATE:	February 22, 2018
TIME:	12:30 P.M.
COMMITTEE:	House Committee on Finance
ROOM:	Room 308
FROM:	Sione Thompson, Executive Director State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT THE INTENT of HB 1882 HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Education to ensure that students have fair access to technology in all public schools.

The Commission humbly requests the committee clarify this measure to ensure that the funds appropriated to the department allow for the provision of laptops and tablets to all public school students, including public charter school students. The Commission looks forward to collaborating with this committee, the DOE, and public charter schools in moving this legislation forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

HB-1882-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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February 21, 2018

**Written Testimony of TechNet
Presented for the Record to
House Finance Committee
February 21, 2018**

Chairperson Luke, Vice Chairperson Cullen and Members of the Finance Committee:

RE: HB 1882, Relating to Education

I on behalf of TechNet and our member companies, I write in **support** of **HB 1882**, which appropriates funds for laptop or tablet computers to be used by teachers and students for digital teaching and learning to ensure that students in public schools have fair access to technology.

TechNet is the bipartisan policy and political network of CEOs and senior executives that promotes the innovation economy. Our membership includes dynamic start-ups to the most iconic companies on the planet. I am pleased to have this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 1882.

HB1882 will help provide needed resources to ensure that Hawaii students can fulfill their potential and succeed in every avenue of life. Technology is an integral and essential component of 21st century learning. It has been demonstrated to engage students and promote academic success.

With global economic leadership at stake, education and workforce development are more critical than ever. TechNet's member companies rely on a strong pipeline of talent with the problem-solving, communication, collaboration, and computer literacy skills required in our global, interconnected and technology-driven economy.

Our companies have long collaborated with educators, policymakers and other stakeholders to promote the adoption of digital learning resources and technology integration because we believe it can fundamentally transform education, improve student outcomes and enable college and career readiness. ***It is for that reason that we believe HB 1882 is an important and critical investment for the State of Hawaii to make, especially when taking into account that the last dedicated funding for this effort was 5 years ago.***

House Bill 1882 ensures that Hawaii's school children are not missing out on the promise of digital learning content and tools. For these reasons, TechNet respectfully requests your support on the measure. I can be reached at lbennett@technet.org should have any questions regarding our support of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Bennett".

Executive Director

February 21, 2018

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: HB 1882 (Woodson) – Public Schools Access to Technology - Support

To Representative Luke,

On behalf of the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) - the nation's leading advocacy voice for the technology industry - I am writing in support of HB 1882 which would appropriate funds to integrate technology into public schools.

CompTIA is a non-profit trade association serving as the leading voice of the information technology industry – the driving force behind productivity growth and job creation, representing premier technology companies of all sizes. With approximately 2,000 member companies, 3,000 academic and training partners and more than two million IT certifications issued, CompTIA is dedicated to advancing industry growth through educational programs, market research, networking events, professional certifications and public policy advocacy.

HB 1882 is an important measure to prepare students for a globally competitive workforce. In 2013-2014 the Hawaii Legislature funded a pilot program that integrated laptop computers into eight schools. A study of the pilot program by the University of Hawaii at West Oahu found that teachers, students, and parents believed that classroom technology significantly enhanced the quality of public education in Hawaii.

Hawaii lags the nation in providing a 21st Century education that prepares students for work in a world dominated by technology and new media communication. Hawaii's future economy is largely predicated on the ability of its students to gain the necessary skills to compete in this increasingly innovative and technology-driven world. Today's education laws in Hawaii are geared toward a 20th Century economy and create significant barriers for schools looking to provide a more innovative education for their students. Hawaii must adapt quickly and break down barriers to fostering a 21st Century education.

For these reasons, CompTIA is pleased to support HB 1882. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 505-9053 or KHitt@comptia.org

Sincerely,



Kelly Hitt
Director, State Government Affairs - California and Hawaii
CompTIA (Computing Technology Industry Association)

Cc: House Finance Committee, Members

House Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 22, 2018
12:30 PM
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: Testimony on HB 1882 (In Support)

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

My name is Freddie E. Wheeler Jr., a recent graduate from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a master's degree in mechanical engineering. I am writing **in support** of this bill. Technology is an ever-increasing aspect of our daily lives, and this bill is making an investment in the students of Hawai'i to create the next generation of technologically savvy people.

A small concern I have with the bill as written is that there is no explicit mention of any professional development opportunities that will be provided by this bill to assist teachers in successfully integrating the technology into their classrooms and curriculums.

My hope is that, if this bill passes, children are exposed to technology and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) opportunities at an earlier age, inspiring the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs. This will be an investment in Hawai'i's future, creating the intellectual capital that can be used to advance various technology and engineering sectors of our state's economy.

Mahalo for considering my testimony,
Freddie E. Wheeler Jr.

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Re: Support of HB 1882

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and House Finance Committee Members,

My name is Brandon Young and I am a son of an English teacher at Aiea High School. My mother, Virginia Young, is the Department Chair of the English department and has taught at Aiea High School for 14 years now. I am writing this testimony in support of HB 1882 which would provide for funding for more technology in the classrooms in public education.

I would hope that you would take this testimony into consideration when deciding on whether or not to pass this bill or not. I want to thank you for taking the time to hear this measure and would ask you to support the measure. We need more access to technology in the classrooms in our public education system. The children in our public educational system whom access to technology in the classroom will have a greater opportunity to succeed in life. This will help them to want to attend higher education here in Hawaii. This will then lead to better citizens with high paying jobs and will help to shape the young leaders of our community of tomorrow. The access to technology may allow them to attend law school and to become a representative of this state one day. In the private sector, most children are provided with either a laptop or other portable computer devices. However, this is not the case in the public education sector. Many children live in economic situations where their parents can not afford to provide personal computers in the home. This means that the school is the only place where this child will have interaction with technology of any kind. I would ask you to support this measure that there will be more funding so that children can have have access to technology. I thank you again for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Brandon Young