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Testimony of DOUGLAS MURDOCK Chief Information Officer Enterprise Technology Services

Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

SENATE BILL NO. 2837 RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE.

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair English, 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 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 strategic plan. This bill also ensures that executive branch departments, including the department of education and the University of Hawaii, will participate in the development of strategic plans and policies for information technology.

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



STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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> Date: 02/04/2020 Time: 02:50 PM Location: 414

Committee: Senate Technology

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2837 RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING

COMMITTEE.

Purpose of Bill: Preserves the continuity of the Information Technology Steering

Committee to properly administer 27-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, while

redefining the composition of the committee.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2837 which enables the Superintendent 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 the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and other state departments. It also provides the Department with an opportunity to share information regarding technology matters that are unique to education, especially in a pre-K-12 education setting.

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.



February 4, 2020

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Technology Conference Room 414 Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in support of Senate Bill 2837, relating to the Information Technology Steering Committee, with proposed amendments

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Kalani English, 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 believe in improving government services and business practices through technology to ensure that policymakers, State employees, local residents and businesses have convenient and secure access to reliable information and data on demand.

I am a member of the IT Steering Committee and am grateful for your interest in its future success. As you know, the steering committee's kuleana is to, in part, serve the people of Hawai'i by fully leveraging the State's IT Strategic Plan. A strong and effective IT Steering Committee is essential to its success.

THG supports SB 2837 which preserves the continuity of the IT Steering Committee while expanding its composition. Additionally and importantly, we respectfully request consideration of three amendments:

First, retain the original number of members – four -- appointed by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House because we believe this approach would preserve the spirit and intent behind the original legislative framework.

Second, specifically include a representative of the University of Hawaii and the state Department of Education.

And third, establish a co-chair of the IT Steering Committee for continuity and ensure its ongoing effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support and amendment of this important bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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