

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3685

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2345
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2345, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the efficiency of school facility maintenance.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the School Facilities Authority to establish geographically based capital improvement project districts within the Department of Education;
- (2) Requires the School Facilities Authority to assign staff to each geographically based capital improvement project district;
- (3) Transfers from the Department of Education to the School Facilities Authority the authority and related positions and moneys to address deferred maintenance; and
- (4) Appropriates moneys to establish the geographically based capital improvement project districts.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Education and United Public Workers.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, School Facilities Authority, and Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee finds that, under the current Department of Education structure, school capital improvement projects across the State are generally centrally administered. Your Committee further finds that establishing a more localized and responsive approach to managing capital improvement projects will help to establish more regional oversight and management closer to the affected facilities. Your Committee further finds that this approach will improve response times, strengthen coordination with school communities, and enhance accountability for project execution.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the establishment of capital improvement project districts shall be related to the purpose of management of capital improvement projects, instead of deferred maintenance;
- (2) Prohibiting the School Facilities Authority from using general funds for its operations and management; and
- (3) Transferring capital improvement project functions from the Department of Education to the School Facilities Authority.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2345, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2345, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

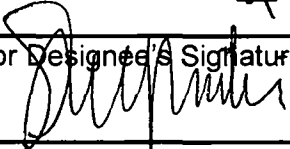


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
H02045, HD1, SD1	EDU; WAM	4/6/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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