

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 30 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2550
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2550, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the School Facilities Authority to establish a school modernization initiative through a capital improvement project planning database for school facilities statewide.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the School Facilities Authority; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that construction is historically expensive in Hawaii and the construction industry has faced challenges related to the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The amount of money the State spends on school-related construction and the reasons for such spending need to be informed and justified. Your Committee believes that the school modernization initiative proposed by this measure will help to



make informed decisions on spending that are data-based and help to prioritize capital improvement projects for school facilities throughout the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have appropriated funds for the School Facilities Authority to establish the school modernization initiative;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2550, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2550, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



