



**Repair, Remodel, Restore Our Schools**

February 19, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

Chairwoman Luke & Finance Committee Members:

HB 2598 – Relating to Hawaii 3R's

We support this measure to facilitate the administrative transfer of taxpayer contributions from the state DOE to Hawaii 3R's. Those taxpayer contributions will be put to work on behalf of the state DOE in addressing its repair and maintenance backlog at Hawaii's public schools.

Hawaii 3R's works closely with the state DOE to ensure that all projects meet the standards of the DOE and at completion, are accepted by the DOE. You will find few, if any, state projects where volunteers work alongside of professional contractors to complete R&M projects in Hawaii's public schools.

Over the past 13 years, Hawaii 3R's has achieved a credible and effective track record that has helped the organization to both meet its mission and help the state DOE with the repair and maintenance backlog:

- Since 2001, Hawaii 3R's has helped the state to realize a savings of over \$43.0 million.
- With every state dollar invested in Hawaii 3R's, \$12.00 of work has been completed.
- The estimated value of completed projects (by Hawaii 3R's) over the past decade is over \$46.5 million.

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**Date:** 02/21/2014

**Committee:** House Finance

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2598(hscr303-14) RELATING TO HAWAII 3R'S.

**Purpose of Bill:** Renames the Hawaii 3R's school repair and maintenance fund the Hawaii 3R's school improvement fund. Requires the transfer of moneys collected pursuant to section 235-102.5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any other moneys received in the form of grants and donations for school-level improvements and minor repairs and maintenance to the Hawaii 3R's school improvement fund.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education supports this bill. The Department of Education is a part of the Hawaii 3R's Board and reviews all project requests to insure that they are in accordance with our facilities' standards and specifications.

TESTIMONY FOR THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
H.B. 2598, RELATING TO HAWAII 3RS  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014  
1:00 P.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 308

By Ka'iulani de Silva

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Hawaiian Electric Company

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

My name is Ka'iulani de Silva and I am the Director of Education and Consumer Affairs for Hawaiian Electric Company ("Hawaiian Electric"). Hawaiian Electric supports the intent of House Bill 2598.

For more than a decade, Hawaii 3 R's, a Hawaii nonprofit organization, has provided the valuable service of bringing much needed improvements to the public schools by bringing private financing and human resources together to address the existing repair and maintenance backlog in those institutions. Hawaiian Electric has been an active supporter, providing volunteers and resources to partner with Hawaii 3R's in the repair and maintenance of schools on O'ahu.

We support the proposal to change the name of the fund to the Hawaii 3R's school improvement fund and proposal to transfer moneys to this fund as expressed in H.B. 2598.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.