

Board of Education

February 8, 2024

FIC Testimony Susan A. Pcola-Davis

I. Discussion items

A. [Review of status of Department capital improvement projects](#)
January 11, 2024 Minutes state:

Does this memo answer all the questions from January 11?

Committee Chairperson Kuraya requested that information include

- a. Details listing a percentage or dollar amounts of how many are line items including identifying areas that the Board can assist with for advocacy.
- b. He asked for an update on what was accomplished during the summer when no students were on campus.
- c. The information does not address systemic issues relating to how this happened, and what is the short and long term solution.
- d. The information on early CIP lapsing projects of \$400 million does not convey the overall budget process which will lapse on June 30, 2024.

Does the memo answer all of these requests for information?

Committee Chairperson Kuraya requested a comprehensive report of facilities responsibilities answering the following:

(1) What are the CIP responsibilities; **NOT ANSWERED**

(2) How did the situation happen; **NOT ANSWERED; SAME REPORT OVER AND OVER, NO ANSWER.** Better question: Could it have been prevented with proper oversight?

(3) What are short term solutions; **BRIGHT LINE RULES**

a. What is the list of objective factors and how are they different than before?

b. When did the department “socialize” this new discipline and with who in the BOE and State Leg?

c. What makes you think that by identifying at-risk projects a lapse and/or reappropriation of funds will be granted?

(4) What are long term solutions? **NOT ANSWERED**

Committee Chairperson Kuraya also requested an analysis report that provides details in different formats;

- (1) Details on the phases of construction, contracts and design; NOT ANSWERED
- (2) Details on encumbrances, expended, spent; NOT ANSWERED
- (3) Detailed by schools so the general public can understand. NOT ANSWERED

Attachment A: List of 2023 construction. Was it all COMPLETED? Hope so or this report is fraudulent.

B. Update on status of schools' fire alarm systems

C. Update on Department actions and updates in response to the final report of the House of Representatives Lahaina wildfire interim working group.

Bill HB1837 relating to School Safety (Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 2:00 Worth watching)

BE PREPARED!!

Both Audrey and Heidi had not heard of or read the Final Report from the House "Schools Working Group."

Found here: [LAULIMA OR LAHAINA: Renewing Hearts, Homes, and Community \(hawaii.gov\)](https://www.hawaii.gov/laulima-or-lahaina-renewing-hearts-homes-and-community/)

When asked specific questions by Chair Woodson regarding the DOE testimony and the contents of the bill Audrey could not answer the questions.

D. Review of Strategic Plan Desired Outcome 3.1.2, "All systems to address school facility needs are responsive and able to meet all needs effectively, efficiently, and quickly," relating to overall real estate optimization