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Committee: Senate Education; Senate Human Services and Public Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2162 RELATING TO THE AFTER-SCHOOL PLUS PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND.

Purpose of Bill: Limits the after-school plus program revolving fund revenues to participation fees and interest.

Department's Position: The Department strongly supports SB 2162 Relating to the After-School Plus Program Revolving Fund.

The purpose of this bill is to limit deposits into the revolving fund to only those funds that are collected as fees or charges for participation in the program and the interest earned on the revolving fund deposits. Currently the statute states that general funds are to be included in the revolving fund. The State Auditor has reported in the November 2006 Review of Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts report that this revolving fund does not meet all the criteria of a revolving fund because the fund receives general funds. With the proposed amendment the revolving fund will only contain fees or charges for participation in the program and interest earned on the deposits in the revolving fund. The A+ program will also continue to be supported by other funds, including general funds, and funds from the Department of Human Services for child care for eligible low income children, in addition to the participation charges and fees in the revolving fund.

The Department requests that the Committee act favorably on this bill.