

**Date:** 01/28/2008

**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2665 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes and appropriates funds for the department of education real property and facilities use revolving fund.

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education does not support this bill. The Department's current operating budget includes a special fund for rental receipts for "Community Use of School Facilities" established per HRS 302A-1148. The receipts are expended to pay custodial services, replace custodial and janitorial supplies, and repair, maintain, and replace equipment used. In FY 2006-07, approximately \$686,000 was expended from this special fund.

The purpose of the proposed new revolving fund appears to partially duplicate the existing special fund. The Department does not anticipate that sufficient revenues would be generated from the revolving fund to pay the costs of operating department facilities.

The Department opposes the creation of a revolving fund for real property and facilities use.