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Committee: House Energy and
Environmental Protection

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2774,SD2,SSCR2846 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes a task force within the University of Hawaii to conduct an evaluation of the recycling options available to schools, including a summary feasibility report relating to the establishment of a school recycling program, the use of reverse vending machines, and the feasibility of providing recycling bins in schools throughout the State. Appropriates funds.
(SB2774,SD2)

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports SB 2774 including the amendments proposed in SD2, which further limits the scope of the task force. The Department appreciates the lead being taken by the University of Hawaii, College of Social Sciences and looks forward to participating as a member of the task force. The Department defers to the University of Hawaii, College of Social Sciences, as to the priority of this measure.
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.