

Date of Hearing: March 27, 2008

Committees: Senate Human Services & Public
Housing and Agriculture &
Hawaiian Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: SCR 137, Requesting the convening of a task force to address the issue of sharing criminal background information between the federal and state government.

Purpose: To request the convening of a task force to address the issue of sharing criminal background information between the Federal and State government.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 137 to convene a task force to identify the legal and logistical impediments of sharing criminal background information of immigrants between the federal and state government. Although the Department already has access to state and federal criminal background information, the Department supports this resolution as it may provide critical criminal background information on immigrants who may pose a risk to the health, safety or well-being of children.