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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 158,SD1,SSCR3196 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PURSUE A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL ON MAUI AND TO CONSIDER A DESIGN-BUILD APPROACH FOR THE SCHOOL

Purpose of Resolution: Requesting the department of education to pursue a financing agreement for the construction of the new Kihei High School on Maui and to consider a design-build approach for the school

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports this resolution. An alternative method of financing is a possible option providing the DOE a method to continue work on this project. If the Legislature adopts this resolution and does not provide bond funding, the DOE will proceed with lease financing. The DOE will consider a design-build approach irrespective of the method of financing. Should lease financing be pursued, the DOE understands that (i) any such financing agreement requires the approval of the director of the Department of Budget & Finance and (ii) this resolution expresses the intent of the Legislature to fund the lease payments by appropriating funds for this purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.