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**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 0179 RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.

**Purpose of Bill:** Transfers responsibility for school facilities repair and maintenance for air conditioning equipment and donated equipment and fixtures from the Department of Accounting and General Services to the Department of Education, consistent with Act 51, SLH 2004.

**Department's Position:** The Department strongly supports this bill.

The responsibility for construction and the repair and maintenance of facilities was transferred from the Department of Accounting and General Services to the Department of Education effective July 1, 2005 pursuant to the requirements of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. This bill amends two sections, Section 302A-1501 and Section 302A-1503, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which should have been amended by Act 51 but were overlooked. These sections transfer the responsibility regarding air conditioning and repair and maintenance of donated equipment and fixtures from the Department of Accounting and General Services to the Department of Education.

The Department recommends passage of this bill.