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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0145, SD2 (SSCR811) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Clarifies the transfer of responsibility for repair and maintenance of equipment and fixtures in school facilities from the department of accounting and general services to the department of education. (SD2)

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports SB 145, SD2 (SSCR 811). The responsibility for construction and the repair and maintenance of facilities was transferred from the Department of Accounting and General Services to the DOE 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. The bill also clarifies that the DOE can determine whether donated equipment is obsolete, therefore making repair and maintenance of such equipment non-cost-effective.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.