

Date: 01/27/2010

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1852 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Repeals the school-level minor repair and maintenance account.

Department's Position: The Department supports this bill to repeal the school-level minor repair and maintenance account and reporting requirements.

Section 302A-1504, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the department of education to establish a school-level minor repair and maintenance account that does not exceed \$25,000 per school for use by each public school, and requires the department of education to make annual reports to the director of finance on the total amount of funds in the account that shall carry over to the next fiscal year. Section 302A-1504 is no longer necessary because the fund initially established by this section was transferred to the weighted student formula, pursuant to Act 51 (2004). The special fund established by section 302A-1504.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, receives funds from the income check-off on state income tax refunds pursuant to section 235-102.5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes. We recommend that the bill be amended to transfer certain provisions in section 302A-1504 to section 302A-1504.5 by adding the following at the end of section 302A-1504.5:

The department shall submit:

(1) A report to the director of finance, ninety days after the close of each fiscal year, which shall be prepared in the form prescribed by the director of finance and shall identify the total amount of funds in the

account that shall carry over to the next fiscal year; and

(2) A copy of this report to the legislature at least twenty days
prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature.

We urge you to support this bill.