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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1853 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Disallows the sale of ice cream and candy by public schools in conformance to the State of Hawaii wellness guidelines.

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports this measure. The Hawaii Department of Education, School Food Authority nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold on school property, should comply with current USDA Dietary Guidelines. To align DOE Wellness standards to meet USDA authoritative guidelines for healthy food choices and nutrition education, foods of minimal nutritional value should not be sold in public schools.