

Date of Hearing: 02/23/2010

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent

Title: HB No. 1854 (HSCR 12-10), Relating to Education

Purpose: Removes unnecessary restrictions on the use of food distribution program revolving funds. Allows the use of food distribution program revolving funds to support the administration and operation of the food distribution program pursuant to 7 Code of Federal Regulations section 250.15.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1854 (HSCR 12-10) which would align the use of funds in the Food Distribution Revolving Fund with the allowable costs in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Programs. Allowable costs are identified by the USDA Subchapter B-General Regulations and Policies-Food Distribution 7 CFR Ch. II §250.15, Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-87, and Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations §3016.22.

Given these times of fiscal austerity, unnecessarily restricting the use of these funds places a greater financial strain on Department funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.