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Committee: House Education
House Labor & Public Employment

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Malayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2074 RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the department of education to determine alternative routes to certification for school principals and vice-principals. Repeals the department of education's authority to waive certain teacher certification and school-level experience requirements for vice-principal candidates on a case-by-case basis.

Department's Position: The development and selection of school leaders start with considering future anticipated/unanticipated vacancies. This bill will move forward the Department's options to create alternative pathways for certification and also meet the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. While the Department is in strong support of this bill, until such time as the new alternative routes are established, the Department of Education (DOE) should retain the flexibility to certify other well-qualified candidates on a case-by-case basis. The DOE recommends the following language be added on page 2, line 19 after the words "certification pursuant to chapter 91," provided that the department may on a case-by-case basis waive certification requirements until such time as the alternative routes to certification are established.



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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO provides the following comments on H.B. 2074.

Any effort to establish alternative routes to certification must ensure that the programs align with the Profile of the Effective School Leader. This document sets the standards for principals and vice-principals in the department.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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