

**Date:** 02/08/2010

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2314 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the department of education to increase fees charged for services provided by the office of school facilities and support services to cover at least 50% of the cost of those services. Exempts the school meals program from the increase in fees.

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education does not support this bill. The effect of the bill would be to require the Board of Education to amend its administrative rules for student transportation to eliminate the provision that now enables students who are eligible to receive free meals under the federal school breakfast and lunch programs to receive free bus transportation to and from school. The fare required to cover at least half the cost of the "regular" school bus service would be at least \$600 per year, payable by all students. The fare was recently increased to \$225 from \$120 per year for the 60% of students who pay to ride the school bus and is free for the 40% of students who ride for free.

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### Comments:

Support equity and social justice for public charter school children. Support our charter schools according to Federal Race to the Top guidelines for potential funding of \$75MIL. Support equity in funding for all public school children. Support a facilities allowance and allow growth. Lift the 'CAP'. Provide an equal amount per student for all "special needs" students in ALL public schools, charter schools and regular schools....Thank you..