



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2116, S.D. 2, RELATING TO INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY AGENCIES.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 **TIME:** 2:15 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 325

TESTIFIER(S): Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General, or
Jerrold G.H. Yashiro, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Karamatsu and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports the bill.

The stated purpose of this bill is to facilitate the process by which the Department of Education obtains approval for the State to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless a county agency and its officers, agents, and employees for public school purposes and functions on or in county facilities.

As written, the bill allows the Governor the discretion to delegate the authority to the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent for school functions or purposes using an indemnity provision approved by the Governor that streamlines the approval process while ensuring some balance over the breadth of the indemnification.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill as written.