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Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2120, SD1 (HSCR834-10) 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, on a case-by-case basis, certain teacher certification and school-level experience requirements for vice-principal candidates. (SD1)

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports this bill, however, we ask that the language contained in the House version of this bill be included. Specifically, the Department asks that SECTION 2. (c) be amended as follows: (c) The department shall determine additional alternative routes to certification for both principals and vice-principals 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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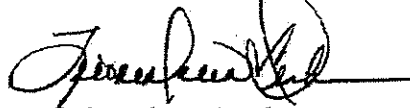
S.B. 2120 S.D.1 – RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPALS AND
VICE- PRINCIPALS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO provides the following comments on S.B. 2120 S.D.1.

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. The impact of establishing alternative routes to certification is negotiable with the HGEA as the exclusive representative.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. 2120 S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,


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