

SB2120

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**Committee:** Senate Education and Housing

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 2120 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:** Among other considerations, the development and selection of school leaders start with considering organizational goals and identification of the talent needed to meet the goals. The Department of Education supports this bill to allow for alternative routes to certification for principals which meets the requirements of the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act of 2009 and supports the Department's reform efforts as outlined in its Race to the Top application. This will assist in the Department's efforts to move forward on the development of alternative pathways for certification.



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S.B. 2120 – 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.

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 on S.B. 2120.

Respectfully submitted,

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