

SB2579

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Committee: Senate Education and Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2579 Relating to Education

Purpose of Bill: Establishes an extended learning opportunities program within the department of education. Allows nonprofits and public-private partnerships to operate extended learning opportunities. Appropriates funds to establish the program.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2579 with concerns. It establishes an extended learning opportunity program within the Department. Non-profits and public-private partnerships will be able to provide extra-curricular activities at schools that contribute to the Department's General Learner Outcomes. This bill appropriates funds to establish the program. However it should be noted that the Department is now having difficulty in meeting basic educational program needs. Funding should not negatively affect the current Board of Education budget priorities. If additional funding is not appropriated the program cannot be implemented.