

SB262

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Committee: Senate Education and Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0262 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes minimum qualifications for administrator and project managers of the department of education's facilities services branch.

Department's Position: The Department does not support S.B. 0262. It is not clear which position in the office of School Facilities and Support Services (OSFSS) is referenced.

A Facilities and Support Services Branch does not exist in current or proposed organizational charts. There is no Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services position in the Department. Organization names must be accurate to clarify the bill. The Department's building and construction trade positions are housed in the Facilities and Development Branch and the Facilities Maintenance Branch. The administrative positions for these two branches require a professional engineering or architectural degree and supervisory experience related to the specific functions of each branch. Project managers for maintenance and construction functions also provide civil service related functions and must meet the same qualifications applied to those in other state facilities and support agencies.

S.B. 0262 adds no additional qualifications to management positions in the Facilities Development Branch or in the Facilities Maintenance Branch.