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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0733, SD2 (SSCR842) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Clarifies the law for determining school impact fees for financing new or expanding existing DOE schools or facilities. (SD2)

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports SB 733, SD2, as it clarifies how the department is to administer a system of collecting land and fees from developers of residential projects. The land and fees would be used to assist schools in growth regions of the state. The bill sets out the formula for calculating the amount of land a developer may need to supply. It also makes terminology more clear and makes sure that cost data used in the impact formulas are updated on a regular basis. The efforts to reorganize the bill should make it more easily understood and provide more assurance that the bill will be administered as intended.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.