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**Date:** 03/31/2010

**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 2486, HD2, SD1 (SSCR2806) Relating to Education

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes a minimum number of instructional days and hours per school year for kindergarten to grade twelve, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Directs the department of education to consider pick-up and drop-off times that optimize the department's transportation services while minimizing costs. Effective July 1, 2020. (SD1)

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education supports HB 2486, HD 2, SD 1, with its focus on the importance of teaching and learning. The priority now is to restore the furlough days for the remainder of this school year and next, before we consider increasing the number of instructional hours in the school year being proposed in this Bill. Consideration must be given to the cost and other resource implications associated with increasing the number of instructional hours in the school year. Additionally, successful implementation of standards-based education is correlated with the quality of teaching and learning rather than the quantity of instruction. Major cost implications are related to the terms and conditions of employment through collective bargaining, facilities use, and before and after school instructional supports for students. Although increasing the minimum number of instructional days and instructional hours for students may be provided through legislation, doing so will most likely require negotiations with various bargaining units regarding compensation.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to support bill #2486 and urge you to pass it. This way, something as disruptive as Hawaii's Furlough Fridays can never happen again. I hope this email makes a difference.

Aloha,

Jessica R. Perez-Mesa  
Kaneohe, HI