

**LATE**

**Date:** 03/02/2011

**Committee:** House Finance

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 0337,HD1(hscr541) RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS

**Purpose of Bill:** Creates registration requirements and qualifications for athletic trainers in this State; provides exemptions; prescribes penalties. Effective July 1, 2020.

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 337, HD 1 (HSCR 541). Currently, the Department has 76 positions for athletic trainers in 43 high schools and the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support. The Department is the largest employer (48%) of athletic trainers in the State of Hawaii. It would benefit the most by having its employees registered to practice the art and science of athletic training. The health and safety of our student athletes are of utmost importance.