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Committee: House Education
House Labor & Public Employment

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0953 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Repeals the BOE's authority to set the salaries of the deputy superintendent, assistant superintendents, and complex area superintendents, and the cap on those salaries.

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports H.B. 953, which repeals the BOE's authority to set the salaries of the deputy superintendent, assistant superintendents, and complex area superintendents, and the cap on those salaries.

This bill will provide the flexibility needed to recruit the most qualified and experienced individuals for leadership positions within the Department of Education.

Currently, three out of fifteen complex area superintendents (CAS's) or 20 percent of our CAS's are acting, creating the effect of having acting principals which further adds to the instability of leadership. In addition, three of the five assistant superintendents are acting. Further, ninety-three principals and three educational officers have higher salaries than the deputy superintendent, assistant superintendents, and complex area superintendents.

To enhance the ability for the Superintendent to recruit and retain leadership, removing the cap on salaries for the deputy superintendent, assistant superintendents and complex area superintendents, is necessary.

Your support of this bill would be greatly appreciated.