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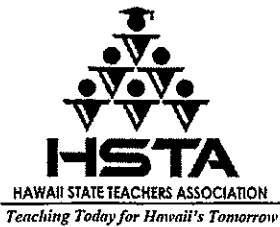
Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1171(SSCR62) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Provides that the single school calendar for all public schools does not apply to schools designated by BOE in furtherance of a plan to improve educational outcome in students.

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports this bill, which provides the Board of Education and Department of Education with the flexibility to develop school calendars that will help implement reform plans to improve educational outcome in students.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION**

RE: SB 1171 -- RELATING TO EDUCATION.

March 16, 2011

**WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association supports the intent of SB 1171.

We believe the Board of Education's authority to exempt certain public schools from the single school calendar should be related to reform plans. These exemptions are currently occurring in the Zones for School Innovation in Hawaii's Race to the Top application.

The actions for determining certain public school calendars to improve the educational outcomes in students should be represented through the collective bargaining process. Therefore, we support the intent of SB 1171.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.