

SCR145

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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 145 Requesting the Board of Education and the Department of Education to Collaborate with Parent Organizations to Develop Statewide Policies for Family Engagement for Hawaii's Public Schools

Purpose of Resolution: Requests the Board of Education and the Department of Education to collaborate with parent organizations to develop statewide policies for family engagement for Hawaii's public schools.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 145. This resolution will promote collaboration and further partnership with parent organizations to create policies, strategies, and practices for parent engagement that will support learning and improve student achievement. The Department values the contributions of these organizations (e.g., Hawaii State Parent Teachers Association, Hawaii Education Matters) and has a history of working with them to encourage greater parent engagement, both at the state and school levels. The Board of Education has a Parent/Family Involvement Policy (#2403) that provides guidance for parent involvement, and will serve as a starting point for discussing the broader issues involved in parent engagement.