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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: S.B. 2527, S.D.1 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

Hearing: Thursday, February 23, 2012; 9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 2527, S.D.1 is to amend section 302A-1151.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require the Department of Education to consider allowing charter schools and pre-plus programs to occupy all or a portion of public school facilities the department is considering for closure; provided that the department may consider using the facilities for any other purpose the board of education deems appropriate; to require the Department of Education to identify unused public schools facilities for possible use by charter schools, early learning programs, or for any other purpose the board of education deems appropriate; and to repeal sections 302A-1506.5 and 302B-3.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this bill as it allows for expansion of the pre-plus program and early learning opportunities for four-year olds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

To: WAM Testimony
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Subject: Testimony for SB2527 on 2/23/2012 9:00:00 AM

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:11:31 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/23/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2527

Conference room: 211 Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No

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Comments: