

Date: Friday, February 10, 2012

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I strongly oppose SB 2535 which requires the Department of Education to devise four standardized bell schedules. Schools need to have flexibility in planning. They are given the authority to plan for the individual needs of schools and their students through Act 51. As a teacher I do know what works for my students. One schedule per school type or grade level being mandated by the Department of Education or legislators is just not going to work. I invite you to come to my classroom so you can observe our day.

My workday is my contract and I would like to make sure my rights are protected and HSTA be allowed to bargain as provided in the law.

This bill should not be passed. Let us continue to negotiate our contract.

Thank you.

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