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Testimony of  
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To the House Committee on Education  
Representative Roy Takumi, Chair, Education Committee  
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair, Education Committee

SB 2540 SD2 - Relating to Education

Written Testimony Only

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2540 SD2. SB 2540 and SB 2543 amend Hawaii Revised Statutes section 302A for "housekeeping and other purposes." The Office of the Governor supports the intent of this bill in deleting provisions of HRS 302A that are already mandated by federal law and do not require codification in state statute or are policy and programmatic matters which are better suited to Board of Education or Department of Education policies. A streamlined HRS 302A provides clear legislative policy directions expressed in statute.

**Date:** 03/14/2012

**Committee:** House Education/House Labor & Public  
Employment

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2540,SD2(sscr2611) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Amends or repeals various provisions of chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for housekeeping and other purposes. (SD2)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education supports this bill. Deleting unnecessary, duplicative, or inconsistent provisions of Chapter 302A will promote transparency and accountability to the public, highlight legislative policy directions expressed in statute, and allow for a more efficient and effective use of the Department's resources.

The Senate has also passed several other measures that affect various sections being simultaneously amended by SB 2540,SD2 concerning student fees and cafeteria workers. In addition, the Department would like to clarify that with regard to school attendance, a student should attend the school which services the area where the student resides, not the "complex" within which the student resides.