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S.B. 2540 - Relating To Education

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, HGEA/AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO provides the following comments regarding this bill.

The purposed of this bill is to amend or repeal various sections of chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes that:

1. Have already been accomplished and are no longer necessary to be codified in statutes;
2. Impede rather than assist the department of education in meeting its core mission;
3. Fall under the purview of the board of education, such as policy and programmatic decisions;
4. Are already mandated by federal law and do not require codification in state statutes; or
5. Are covered by another section of the statutes, administrative rules, or board of education policy.

The HGEA strongly recommends that the legislature insert language into this bill as a new section 60 that reads:

On or before July 1, 2012, any existing rule, ordinance, executive order or directive, or provision in a collective bargaining agreement that is not consistent with this Act shall be amended to assure that it includes language repealed by this Act.

Current sections 60 and 61 should be re-numbered.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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