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Date: 03/27/2012

Committee: Senate Human Services

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 043

Purpose of Resolution: ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUSES THAT HAVE SMALLER STUDENT ENROLLMENTS TO BE USED FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS, SENIOR CENTERS, AND OTHER KUPUNA-RELATED PROGRAMS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS AND AVOID THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS.

Department's Position:

While the Department of Education appreciates the intent of this resolution , which is to put excess educational space on under-enrolled campuses to use by organizations providing services for kupuna, doing so will not preclude the closure of under-enrolled schools.

Use of facilities fees that nonprofit service providers and government agencies pay to DOE only reimburse DOE for out-of pocket expenses that DOE would not incur if there were no outside use of these facilities. Therefore bringing nonprofit or other government agencies onto an under-enrolled campus does not bring additional revenues to DOE that would offset the high cost of small schools.

Thank you for considering our comments.