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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
February 21, 2014
H.B. 1746, H.D. 1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 1746, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the provisions of SECTION 2 of this measure that requires the Department of Education (DOE) to convene an interagency working group to discuss and create a comprehensive plan for future Capital Improvement Program funded DOE school improvement projects, DOE school repair and maintenance projects, and any other relevant issues arising out of section 42 of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.



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HB 1746- RELATING TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the intent of H.B. 1746 H.D.1, with a proposed amendment to Section 3 of the bill, for our organization's formal participation in the inter-agency working group. H.B. 1746 creates two separate inter-agency working groups, composed of Legislators, the Superintendent of the Department of Education, and either the Director of Health or the Comptroller, depending on the working group, to discuss various issues pertaining to Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

As delineated in Section 3 of H.B. 1746 H.D.1, the second inter-agency working group shall create a comprehensive plan to address 1) transferring health aides from the department of health to the department of education; 2) training of department of education employees and agents relating to the administration of medication to students by the department of health; and 3) any other relevant issues arising out of section 42 of Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. As the aforementioned issues will have a direct impact on the employees we represent and since the proposed plan may affect collective bargaining or require consultation with the Union, we respectfully request Section 3 (b) be amended to include a representative from our organization, so that we may be a part of the discussion from the outset.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B.1746 H.D.1, with a proposed amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 02/21/2014

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1746,HD1(hscr67-14) RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes an interagency working group consisting of the chair of the senate committee on education, chair of the house of representatives committee on education, superintendent of education and comptroller, or their designees, and any other relevant parties. Establishes an interagency working group consisting of the chair of the senate committee on education, chair of the house of representatives committee on education, superintendent of education and director of health, or their designees, and any other relevant parties. Tasks both interagency working groups with discussing various issues relating to Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. Appropriates funds to the department of accounting and general services for additional positions on the islands of Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports this bill. The re-establishment of the working groups will provide a venue for all related agencies to address issues specified in this bill. The department, however, would like to request funding to support additional staff to assist with the new workload that would be associated with these working groups. As the implementing offices (OSFSS and OCISS) will not be able to divert current resources, having the ability to hire or contract persons that can carry all workload that will be generated from the separate working groups. The department proposes \$180,000 that would fund two positions from FY14-15. We will ask for continued funding for FY15-16 with the biennial budget request.

Thank you for your considerations and the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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