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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

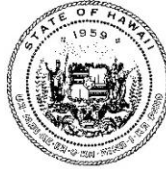
Title of Bill: HB 1746 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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 DOE appreciates the intent of this bill. The re-establishment of the working groups will provide a venue for all related agencies to address all issues, especially the repair and maintenance of public school facilities on the neighbor islands. In relation to this effort, the DOE previously sought to address some of these issues by hiring an outside auditing firm to explore what the specific issues are and to consult and provide feedback on those issues. The subsequent report confirmed the DOE's assumptions. The DOE fully supports this bill regarding the working group to address all related issues, and the funding for additional staffing on the neighbor islands.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Chair Takumi and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1746.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the provisions of SECTION 4 relating to the appropriation of funding for additional DAGS District Office staff positions as the additional funding puts our District Offices in a better position to adequately meet the needs of the service level agreement with the Department of Education (DOE) on the neighbor islands. DAGS supports SECTION 4 of H.B. 1746 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

DAGS also supports the provisions of SECTION 2 that requires 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 testify on this matter.