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**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 1082,SD1(sscr726) RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

**Purpose of Bill:** Deletes statutory language specifying considerations and provisions for contracting transportation of school children.

**Department's Position:**

The department supports Senate Bill 1082, SD1 (sscr726), we believe that such considerations and provisions should reside in the contract agreement itself, and not in statute.



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Monday, March 11, 2013  
2:00 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309

**Testimony of Don G. Horner, Chairperson**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1082 SD 1, Relating to Transportation of School Children**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. The Board of Education SUPPORTS SB 1082 SD 1.

In light of the escalating costs of student transportation in Hawaii, it was incumbent upon the Board of Education and the Department of Education to appropriately assess the situation. To that end, the Department engaged a leading student bus transportation consultant to take a comprehensive look at the current situation and develop a viable program of improvement for immediate action.

The amendments to the current law, as stated in SB 1082 SD 1, are a result of the consultant's recommendations contained in its November 2012, Student Bus Transportation Study Final Report. Accordingly, the Board supports this measure as we believe it will allow the Department to more effectively manage the contracting process which will in turn assist the Department in managing the provision of services and cost.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1082 SD 1.



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**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,  
ON SENATE BILL NO. 1082, SD1, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL  
CHILDREN**

**House Committee on Education  
March 11, 2013**

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

I am Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Senate Bill No. 1082, SD1, relating to transportation of school children. We appreciate reference in this bill to our Report No. 12-07, *Management Audit of the Department of Education's School Bus Transportation Services*, in which we found that ineffective and unsystematic management of student bus services has resulted in spiraling costs.

Our recommendations did not include amendments to the Department of Education's statutory provisions, but we appreciate the Legislature's initiative to improve the department's student bus service contracting process by way of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments. I am available for questions should you have any.