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House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Johanson, Vice Chair

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support of SB238 HD1, on instructional time, with suggested amendments.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

We like that the bill creates separate definitions for elementary and secondary students. We also appreciate the amendment made in HD1, clarifying the language on activities related to the General Learner Outcomes (GLO)s, which HE'E suggested in previous testimony.

We have an additional amendment for your consideration. In Section 1, subsection f (2), we recommend the following language in bold:

(2) Student learning time in secondary schools during which students are engaged in learning activities, including regularly scheduled instruction, project-based learning assignments, technology-assisted learning, and learning assessments within the curriculum, **and does not include lunch, recess or passing time** ; provided that for purposes of determining the adequacy of instructional time for secondary schools, "student instructional hours" may include activities related to general learner outcomes, such as:

- (A) Presentations by persons other than teachers;
- (B) Directed study;
- (C) Time spent in homeroom;
- (D) Student advisory time; and
- (E) Statewide performance assessments."

The language was included in the original law, but we believe it was deleted when the definition was divided into elementary and secondary definitions. For elementary schools, lunch, recess or passing time could be defined as student instructional time; however, for

secondary schools, it should not be included in the definition. Currently, the Department of Education is not including lunch, recess, or passing time in their calculation of student instructional time for secondary schools. Therefore, including the original language for secondary schools helps with clarity and assists the schools in determining what is and is not student instructional time for secondary schools. We strongly encourage you to make this correction to the bill.

We also recognize that the law allows a school to seek a waiver if they feel their instructional time strategy is meeting the academic needs of their students, upon approval of the Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership.

Sincerely,

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HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

Academy 21

After-School All-Stars Hawaii

Alliance for Place Based Learning

*Castle Complex Community Council

Center for Civic Education

Coalition for Children with Special Needs

*DOE Windward District

*Faith Action for Community Equity

Fresh Leadership LLC

Girl Scouts Hawaii

*Good Beginnings Alliance

Harold K.L. Castle Foundation

*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars

*Hawai'i Charter School Network

*Hawai'i Education Matters

*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

*Hawaii State PTSA

Hawai'i State Student Council

Hawai'i State Teachers Association

Hawai'i P-20

Hawai'i 3Rs

Head Start Collaboration Office

It's All About Kids

*INPEACE

Joint Venture Education Forum

Kamehameha Schools

*Kanu Hawai'i

Kupu A'e

*Leaders for the Next Generation

McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

*Our Public School

*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

*Parents and Children Together

*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

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