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Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2421,SD2(hscr1048-14) 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. Appropriates funds to the department of education to establish the interagency working groups and for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the substance of 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 is also appreciative that there is an appropriation section in the bill for which the Department is asking that \$180,000 be appropriated to support the interagency working groups (to fund two positions). 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. We ask this Committee's favorable consideration of our request.

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



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TESTIMONY
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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
April 2, 2014

S.B. 2421, S.D. 2

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2421, S.D. 2.

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 S.B. 2421, S.D. 2 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.