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Department: Education

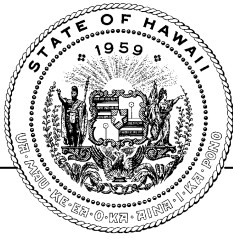
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Title of Bill: SB 0048(hscr935) RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Removes a representative from the department of education from the membership of the aerospace advisory committee. Amends section 205A-62, HRS, to remove the department of education from the list of state agencies with responsibilities relating to marine and coastal zone management.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports this bill to remove the Department from its involvement in the aerospace advisory committee. Furthermore, the Department supports its removal from the coordination of development of state agencies relating to marine and coastal affairs under HRS Part IV of chapter 205A.



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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES,
AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
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State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
SB 48
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) is the lead agency for implementing Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 205A, the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act. Among its duties, OP is required to develop and update a Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP), pursuant to HRS § 205A-62. As part of the ORMP, Policy and Working Groups were formed to foster collaboration between federal, state, and county agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public in managing Hawaii's coastal and marine resources.

OP would like to provide clarification on the provisions of Senate Bill 48. The intent of this bill is to remove the Department of Education (DOE) from the list of state agencies set forth in HRS § 205A-62(3) (c) with responsibilities to develop work plans related to the ORMP. The bill does not remove DOE from “responsibilities related to marine and coastal zone

management,” as originally stated in the bill’s description and in the Senate’s EDU/PSM committee report.

Notwithstanding the DOE's removal from the list of state agencies in HRS § 205A-62(3) (c), pursuant to HRS § 205A-4, all state and county agencies shall give full consideration to the objectives and policies described in HRS § 205A-2, and said objectives and policies shall be binding upon the actions of all agencies, within the scope of their authority.

Additionally, we believe that Department of Education is an invaluable asset for educational programs focused on environmental protection and marine preservation efforts. These programs are activities that the DOE is already involved in. These efforts would be more effective if they were done in coordination with other federal, state and county agencies within the Ocean Resource Management Plan consortium.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.