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Date:

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0049,SD1(sscr148) RELATING TO EDUCATION

Purpose of Bill: Amends or repeals various provisions of Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for housekeeping and other purposes.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (DOE) **supports** this measure, and appreciates the efforts of the Senate Committee on Education to consider our earlier testimony. We have additional recommendations and proposed minor technical amendments:

1. Section 8: The DOE proposes to **retain** subsections (c) and (d) of Section 302A-605, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), instead of deletion, pertaining to alternative certification for principals and vice principals. The U.S. Department of Education has recently removed "high risk" status for certain areas of the Race To The Top federal competitive grant award. These statutory provisions are necessary for the Hawaii DOE to achieve and maintain the "Assurances" as outlined in the grant.

The DOE supports the **deletions** of the second line of subsection (a) and all of subsection (b) as such deletions are consistent with the Race To The Top alternative certification initiative, and will allow the DOE to establish certification requirements.

2. Section 25: The DOE desires to retain Section 302A-1103, instead of deletion. This section clarifies the roles and management responsibilities of school principals.

3. Section 13: The bill amends Section 302A-1154, HRS by changing the term "entering" to "attending"; we further request that subsection (b) of the Section 302A-1154, HRS be similarly amended to: "No child shall ~~be admitted to~~ attend any school for the first time in the State unless..." This section pertains to tuberculosis testing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.