

# HB2510 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO HOUSING VOUCHERS.  
Report Title: Housing Vouchers; Classroom Teachers  
Description: Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to establish a housing voucher program for full-time classroom teachers employed by the Department of Education, including classroom teachers at public charter schools. (HB2510 HD1)

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**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 2510, HD1 RELATING TO HOUSING VOUCHERS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to establish a housing voucher program for full-time classroom teachers employed by the Department of Education, including classroom teachers at public charter schools. (HB2510 HD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education supports HB 2510, HD1. There is a need for affordable housing for teachers given the high cost of living in Hawaii.

However, it is important to note that since public charter school teachers are not employed by the Department of Education, the Department would not be able to verify the status of all public charter school teachers who apply for the voucher program. The Department recommends revising the language of proposed subsection (b) to include the Public Charter School Commission in the employment verification process.

We respectfully defer to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation as to the funding implications and appropriate implementation of this housing voucher program.

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In consideration of  
**H.B. 2510, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING VOUCHERS.**

HHFDC *supports the intent* of H.B. 2510, H.D. 1, but defers to the Department of Education on the extent of the demand for the proposed housing voucher program and the fiscal impact on the Department's operating budget with respect to funding for the vouchers and administration of the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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