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**Committee:** Senate Education Senate  
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Resolution:** SB 2557 RELATING TO CONCUSSIONS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Expands the concussion educational program established under Act 197, SLH 2012, to include youth athletic activities for participants aged 4 to 18 and incorporate additional program requirements. Appropriates funds to develop and implement the educational program and to administer concussion testing to high school student athletes.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) recognizes the importance of concussion educational programs for youth and concussion testing for high school student athletes. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to work with our partners on this worthy program.

For this committee's information, the concussion awareness and management program has successfully been implemented in our Hawaii high school athletic programs.

However, the Department does have some concerns as to the possible resources necessary to fully operationalize its implementation in our public schools for ages 4-12.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2557.