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S.B. 2593 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO offers the following comment with respect to S.B. 2593, which requires the Department of Education to establish a debit card system for purchases by teachers at each public school. This measure clarifies that purchases on the debit card are limited to classroom and curriculum.

There are already systems in place to provide teachers with essential classroom and instructional materials. Classroom and curriculum supplies are provided at each school to the extent that there are funds available. Every school currently operates under strict budgets. However, procedures also exist in situations when it is necessary to purchase special or additional supplies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to S.B. 2593.

Respectfully submitted,

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