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**Location:** 211

**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 2611 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds to provide training and track data on public school pupil punishment and use of restraints restrictions established by Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014. Requires report. Appropriates funds.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB2611 and is appreciative of the Legislature's consideration of an appropriation to support the Department's implementation of Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

If appropriated, the \$460,000 would be applied in fiscal year 2016-17 for:

- **\$300,000 for staff training, certification and recertification :**  
Support for statewide training of complex/school personnel and training materials. The Department will establish a cadre of trainers in each complex area. The proposed funding would allow for the trainer certification of approximately 31 educators and training of 300 participants. The four day training sessions would be held across the state during the school year.
- **\$75,000 for database development and maintenance :**  
Database infrastructure enhancements, reports, and periodic maintenance.
- **\$85,000 for personnel**  
Salary and an 1.0 FTE to assist with the implementation of Act 206.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: SB 2611 - Relating to Education**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB 2611**. The bill appropriates funds to provide training and track data on public school pupil punishment and use of restraints restrictions established by Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

The implementation of Act 206 – Relating to Restraints and Seclusion in Hawaii Public Schools requires school personnel to be properly trained in the use of physical restraints, non-violent crisis intervention, and how to develop and maintain a data base in order to document all incidents involving the use of restraints. HB 1814 will fund one full-time equivalent position (1.0 FTE) to provide training and data accountability to assist with the effective implementation of Sections 302A-1141, 302A-1141.3, and 302A-1141.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as outlined in SECTIONS 1 and 2 of the bill.

Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, requires an appropriation in order to be implemented. Our understanding is that the Department of Education (DOE) does not have the funds in its budget to carry out the requirements of Act 206. The passage of SB 2611 would provide the means necessary for DOE to properly train school personnel and provide data accountability.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting SB 2611**.

Sincerely,

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