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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 3099 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program for grades kindergarten through twelve. Authorizes the department of education to contract with private providers to furnish out-of-school programs for grades kindergarten through twelve, conducted during after-school hours, on weekends, and during inter-sessions on the premises of the private providers. Specifies the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program revolving fund is to be administered by the department of education. Makes appropriations.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports SB 3099 to establish the Hawaii Three to Six program for grades kindergarten through twelfth grade and to identify funding opportunities for current and future Department of Education Out-of-School Time Programs, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Budget.

SB 3099 seeks to provide safe, structured learning experiences and accessible opportunities for all grades outside of the traditional school day through before-school, after-school, and intersession programs. By partnering with state agencies and community-based organizations, the Department remains committed to a vision of sustainable, quality after school programs that result in improved academic, social, emotional and physical outcomes for students and families in Hawaii.

This measure will also create the Hawaii Three to Six program revolving fund which will meet the needs of working families and prevent risky behaviors of our youth. The phased funding program would help to serve the needs of all students and their families between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. when students are at most risk of being unsupervised. The Department recognizes that providing quality school-based and school-linked after school programs offer great potential to improve outcomes for children and youth.

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