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**Title of Bill:** SB 0858 RELATING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes a five-year evidence-based physical-activity and nutritional-education pilot program within the A+ Program in Hawaii's public elementary schools. Makes appropriations.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) appreciates the intent of SB 858 to support enrichment activities for A+ Program participants involving physical activity and nutrition.

We are also appreciative of the fact that the bill recognizes additional general fund appropriations are needed to assist with the effective implementation of this measure as the Department would not have the means to do so under our budget appropriation.

Currently, such an evidence-based physical-activity and nutritional-education program is available to schools as an option to include as part of the A+ Program. However, this bill would mandate a program statewide in all schools that offer A+, the cost of which will initially be borne by the general fund and thereafter through revenues from participant fees.

With regard to funding and sustainability, the Department respectfully asks that the proposed mandatory pilot program be made voluntary and subject to the availability of adequate funding.

Last year, the Department estimated that it would require additional funding totaling \$210,000 annually for each year of the five-year pilot program. We are currently revisiting this estimate as part of our A+ Program administrative and operational cost analysis for school years 2015-2018.

Further, the Department would like to ensure that SB 858 would not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

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

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