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Senate Higher Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 162 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COORDINATE WITH HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN HAWAII AND TO PARTNER WITH DEBATE ORGANIZATIONS IN ORGANIZING EVENTS FOR STUDENTS TO DEBATE ON CURRENT ISSUES AFFECTING HAWAII AND THE NATION.

**Purpose of
Resolution:**

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) is unable to support SCR 162 which requests the Department to coordinate and organize speech and debate events for public and private school students attending high schools and college.

Given the state's precarious budgetary situation and potential federal funding reductions, the Department continues to responsibly manage and focus its resources on K-12 education to ensure that all public school students can reach their fullest potential and attain their aspirations in the 21st century.

Respectfully, although the Department encourages student participation in debate events, we lack the resources and capacity to organize and coordinate such events.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 162.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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By

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Chairs Kidani and Kahele and members of the committees:

SCR 162 notes that debates and debate events develop students skills in speaking and knowledge of public events, and requests the Hawai'i Department of Education work with other groups to organize debates on selected topics at the State Capitol.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) appreciates the benefits of student debate, but does not support the adoption of SCR 162 at this time due to the uncertainty of both the state and federal budget situations, which would require additional resources to implement and coordinate. The University defers to the Department of Education on these matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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