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**Committee:** House Housing  
House Health and Human Services

**Department:** Education

Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2039 RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires DOE to conduct a review of all school consolidation studies completed by the department within 10 years prior to the effective date of this Act to determine whether the findings and recommendations of the studies are still valid. Requires DOE, with the assistance of DHS, to review the feasibility of using the school facilities covered by the consolidation studies as sanctuary spaces for vulnerable populations. Requires a report to the legislature.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (DOE) is not the appropriate agency to carry out the purposes of this proposed legislation.

The DOE does not own any property and is allowed to use land only for the purposes of public education. If a property no longer serves any educational need, the property is to be returned to the legal owner.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

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