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Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2238, HD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the safe keiki grant program to award funds to qualified DOE schools to purchase supplies for students to remain at school shelters for 48 hours in the event of an emergency. Appropriates funds. (HB2238 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) is in support of HB 2238, HD1, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOE approved budget. These emergency supplies would provide supplies to students, as well as school and support personnel.

Utilizing the optimum and recommended school item emergency supply list, it would cost approximately \$12 million (\$500 per classroom per day, times 12,000 classrooms) to purchase 48 hours worth of supplies for 256 schools. Paring down the list slightly could reduce this figure to \$7.2 million (\$300 per classroom per day, times 12,000 classrooms).

Notably, HIDOE would also require funding support in future years to replace the perishable supply items (i.e. food, water, etc) when shelf life has expired and possibly the need for constructing storage spaces for these supplies. Furthermore, these calculations do not include Public Charter Schools.

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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Serena Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of HB2238 because of the recent missile warning. Everyone was very unprepared and in panic. If this had happened during a school day, chaos would ensure. By practicing emergency drills on a regular basis we will be less worried during an emergency since we already know what to do. During fire drills we know that we must walk outside into the designated area and wait. Though we are still scared of the fire, we know what to do in the event of a fire. While having students know about the emergency is important, it is also important to let parents and guardians know too. Parents and guardians may be scared but since schools will be practicing drills daily, they will be more confident that their child will be safe. Further, students knowing the procedure is important but so is having the correct materials. Though cafeterias are already stocked with food for the week, not all students can get to the cafeteria during an emergency. More, students can get injured and without proper supplies in the classroom it can make the situation worse. Students should not be afraid of going to school in fears of an emergency. There are many emergencies that we cannot foresee or help, but schools can help by providing the necessary information. By passing HB2238, it allows students a sense of security and confidence in their schools.