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**PRESENTATION OF THE  
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

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10:08 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2051 SD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2051 SD1 relating to the Department of Education; Schools; Career Pathways, academies, or programs and commercial enterprises.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No.2051 SD1 and supports its passage.

Senate Bill No.2051 SD1 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it permits individual department of education schools and career pathways, academies, or programs operated within a department of education school, to engage in commercial enterprises, including the sale of goods produced by or for an individual school, career pathway, academy, or program..

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e believe a major role of education is to develop critical and creative thinkers who are knowledgeable about issues and able to evaluate and solve real-world problems. The curriculum also should emphasize cultural learning, the arts, career and trade skills, and physical education so that we may preserve our health and rich cultural history. A variety of learning strategies should be used, including group projects, cooperative learning, discussion, games and technological innovations.. (Platform of the DPH, P.6, Lines 310-314 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No.2051 SD1 permits individual department of education schools and career pathways, academies, or programs operated within a department of education school, to engage in commercial enterprises, including the sale of goods produced by or for an individual school, career pathway, academy, or program, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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