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Location: 309
Committee: House Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2239, SD2 RELATING TO COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION FEES.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates moneys for the payment of SAT or ACT registration fees for public school students in the twelfth grade, and public charter school students in the eleventh or twelfth grade, who have not taken the SAT or ACT. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) agrees with the intent of the bill and recognizes the role and value for all students to have the opportunity to take a college admissions examination and is committed to providing access to our students.

The committee report acknowledges that the Department covers the cost of all eleventh grade students, including students in charter schools, to take a nationally-recognized college admissions test as part of the college and career readiness curriculum.

The Department would like to point out that the process for selectively identifying and providing students to take a college admissions test, outside of the identified statewide test administration day, is a three month process and not likely to generate results in time for college admissions for 12th grade students. The issue will be further constrained for the 2018-2019 school year as the Department is currently in a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for selecting a vendor for the next three year period. The Department will be unable to implement selective student testing for the fall of 2018.

We respectfully suggest that SB 2239 SD2 is not necessary at this time since the Department is already providing access to college admissions examinations in the eleventh grade for both public and charter school students. However, should the Legislature proceed with the passage of this measure, the Department requests funding to support its implementation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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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FOR: SB 2239 SD2 Relating to College Placement Exam Fees
DATE: March 12, 2018
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COMMITTEE: House Committee on Education
ROOM: Room 309
FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2239 SD2**, which provides funds to the Department of Education (DOE) for the payment of SAT or ACT standardized test examination fees for eleventh or twelfth grade students in public charter schools and public schools that have not taken the SAT or ACT.

There are approximately 220 public charter school students that would be eligible for this support if this funding was already available for this school year. The Commission appreciates the efforts of this committee in moving this measure forward and stands ready to collaborate with the DOE on providing this support.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

SB-2239-SD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe that more needs to be done to encourage public school students to apply to college. Please pass SB2239, SD2.

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Comments: