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Department: Education
Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2997 RELATING TO EDUCATION GRANTS.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the department of education to prepare a report identifying any unused federal funds.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB2997, yet respectfully requests an opportunity to address specific concerns in the bill.

The Department has made every effort to wisely spend all federal funding provided. As such, clarification of the statement about the underutilization of \$175,000,000 of federal funding per year is incorrect. The United States Department of Education (USDOE) has provided the Department an amendment called Tydings which allows the Department expend these federal funds over a 27 month period of time in order to appropriately spend the federal funding. The Department utilizes these funds through the tydings waiver to fully expend over 27 months.

The Department also makes every effort to fully expend all appropriated federal funds, which are provided by Congress as supplemental funds for our neediest students, and does not usually lapse any federal funding.

Education is a key investment in the state's economic development and an investment in its local employee base capacity for all Hawaii industries. All federal funds are expended to support an equitable high quality instructional system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony 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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