



STATE OF HAWAII
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Location: 229

Committee: Senate Education
Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health

Department: Education

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

Title of Resolution: SCR 069 URGING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HEALTH IMPACTS OF HEAVY BACKPACKS AND TO TAKE PROACTIVE MEASURES TO AVOID INJURY.

**Purpose of
Resolution:**

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 069, which urges educators and families to be knowledgeable about heavy backpacks' potential health impacts and how to proactively avoid injury.

Presently, scoliosis checks are performed when students first enter school, and again at 7th grade when they undergo physical exams conducted by a licensed Medical Doctor (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), Naturopathic Doctor (ND), Physician Assistant (P.A.), or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 069.

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
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: