



STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Date:** 02/07/2019  
**Time:** 02:00 PM  
**Location:** 309  
**Committee:** House Lower & Higher  
Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 1524 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget Department of Education programs under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Lower and Higher Education.

**Department's Position:**

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Department of Education (Department) in support of House Bill 1524 that appropriates funds for the operating budget of the Department for Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2019-21.

We understand that this bill provides additional funds and positions and makes other adjustments to the Department's base budget, and that another bill (HB 1523) appropriates funding for the Department's base, which is comprised of appropriations authorized by Act 53/SLH 2018, the Supplemental Appropriations Act, plus collective bargaining increases less non-recurring expenditures.

A key part of our budget for FB 2019-21 involves trade-off/transfer adjustments to realign our base budget and make optimum use of current resources in alignment with strategic and operational priorities. While these trade-off/transfer adjustments are not requests for additional funding, many of these adjustments coincide with our requests for new Full-Time Equivalent positions that will be funded with realigned resources. As such, we respectfully ask for your consideration in keeping these adjustments proposed by this measure intact in order to implement these program efficiencies.

Our next decade of work will require operational, policy, financial, and community partnership support. As our budget makes its way through the legislative process, we look forward to working with the House Lower and Higher Education Committee on shaping the future for quality education for our students.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify and will be available to answer any questions.

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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

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Testimony for LHE on 2/7/2019 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: