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Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0589 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Removes operating and maintaining capital improvement and repair and maintenance programs for department and school facilities from the express responsibilities of the department of education.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) opposes this measure, however, is open to further discussion.

The Department has instituted several organizational changes which will help improve efficiencies and the effectiveness of providing repair and maintenance functions. We have reorganized and implemented new computer systems to provide for improved fiscal tracking, project management and transparency. A project tracking system will be available to all of the schools, the legislature and eventually the general public. This system includes fiscal information on expenditures and balances. We have established a new fiscal section and improved work flows.

We will work towards continuous improvement and greater transparency.

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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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 589**



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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Senate Bill No. 589 removes operating and maintaining capital improvement and repair and maintenance programs for department and school facilities from the express responsibilities of the Department of Education (DOE).

The Department of Budget and Finance has concerns that this measure will reduce the efficiency of maintaining schools and delay responsiveness in addressing school capacity, repairs and maintenance issues. Act 51, SLH 2004, was enacted to reduce bureaucracy and improve responsiveness and service delivery by making the DOE responsible for these functions.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.