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Location: 211
Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 0318, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to convene a Staggered School Start Times Task Force to study and evaluate the issues and implications of instituting a staggered school start times program, including effects on school bus schedules. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (HB318 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 318, HD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Education approved budget. The Department respectfully offers the following comments.

A study would allow for the Department to examine the advantages and disadvantages of staggered school start times. These involve, but are not limited to, projected costs and cost-savings due to modified school bus schedules, as well as impacts on student learning and achievement, instructional time, and safety.

Findings around staggered school start time studies vary in national studies. Potential benefits include improved academic and extracurricular performance as well as better overall health for adolescents, while potential challenges include scheduling conflicts, detrimental effects to community traffic patterns, and limited system capacity to implement staggered start times. Notably, neighbor island communities have special considerations as do the Department's rural and remote schools.

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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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

RE: HB 318, HD1, SD1 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 318, HD1, SD1** relating to education.

HB 318, HD1, SD1 would require the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) to convene a Staggered School Start Times Task Force to study and evaluate the issues and implications of instituting a staggered school start times program, including effects on school bus schedules.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association looks forward to the opportunity to examine in-depth the issues and implications of implementing staggered school start times for Hawaii's public schools, especially taking into consideration the most recent research of students in secondary schools benefiting from a later start time. We look forward to seeing how this change will impact teachers, staff, students and their parents/guardians and understanding its feasibility.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** HB 318, HD1, SD1.

HB-318-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Testifying for Oahu County Democrats	Support	No

Comments: