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

Title of Bill: SB 2263 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Broadens the scope of profit-making activities pupils can engage in at schools to include commercial enterprises.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2263. This measure aims to provide better clarity and consistency to HRS 302A-420. The section currently references a range of statutory provisions, many of which have been repealed. This measure strikes the reference to the repealed section.

The measure also adds "commercial enterprise" to the types of pursuits that the Department may collect for the benefit of Hawaii public schools. This provides consistency with the implementation of HRS 302A-448.

Additionally, the measure aligns with the Department's Promise Plan for student success – Hawaii, Equity, School Design, Empowerment and Innovation. This measure will enhance the rigor and relevance of work-based learning throughout the P-20 continuum as students engage in comprehensive, real-world immersive experiences particularly in the areas of entrepreneurship and strategic commercial enterprise.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2263.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. 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.