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Location: 211

Committee: Senate Judiciary
Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2271, SD1 RELATING TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Requires Department of Education school football programs to ensure that each non-new football and privately purchased football helmet and other safety equipment used in a football program is reconditioned and recertified at least once every two years. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 2271, SD1. The Department is reviewing this proposed measure and respectfully offers its comments and concerns.

The Department is responsible for the management of athletic equipment needed to participate in sports activities statewide (BOE Policy 305-1 Student Safety and Welfare). The Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design (OCID) also produces an annual memo reiterating the importance to inspect and maintain equipment and facilities. The Department is responsible for the maintenance, safety and condition of the athletic equipment purchased by the Department schools.

The Department is concerned with the language and implementation in the bill requiring the "recertification" and "reconditioning" of "other athletic equipment." There are numerous items of athletic equipment privately purchased by families for student-athletes across the state. The language stating: "other athletic equipment that meet the original performance standards for that equipment" is a concern. This language is not clear and insinuates that the Department is responsible for the condition of all equipment even though the student-athletes purchased and own the equipment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2271, SD1.

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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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaulana Costa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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We need to keep our keiki protected, for they are our future!!

Mahalo

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Comments:

On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 10:13 PM, Kaulana Costa <kcncs@yahoo.com> wrote:

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