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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2484, S.D. 1

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11:05 a.m.
Room 211

RELATING TO EDUCATION

The Department of Budget and Finance offers comments on creation of the Education Research and Development Revolving Fund (ERDRF).

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 2484, S.D. 1, establishes the ERDRF in the Department of Education to support the research and development of innovative curriculum, instructional materials, and related technologies.

As a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of any revolving fund that does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.4, HRS. Revolving funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work, and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to S.B. No. 2484, S.D. 1, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed ERDRF would be self-sustaining or why the program cannot be implemented under the general fund appropriation process.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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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: SB 2484, SD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes in the department of education an education research and development revolving fund to support the research and development of innovative curriculum, instructional materials, and related technologies. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports SB 2484, SD1 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities as indicated in our Board of Education-approved budget. This education research and development revolving fund is needed to provide a funding mechanism to incentivize and support the research and development of innovative curriculum, instructional materials, and related technologies.

This measure aligns with Board of Education (BOE) Policy 102-11. It notes, in part, "Schools are encouraged to pilot or implement innovative projects relative to new curricula, new instructional or resource materials, new methodology, new instructional arrangements, or new facilities, with the aim of identifying practices which contribute to improved student learning and achievement and/or instruction."

Further, SB 2484, SD1 aligns with the Department's Promise Plan for student success – Hawaii, Equity, School Design, Empowerment and Innovation. It 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 this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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.