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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2941 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the Department of Education to establish and administer an ocean safety and stewardship education program for all fourth grade students.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 2941 as it aligns with its vision that ensures all of Hawaii's children are provided with opportunities that foster health, safety, education, school readiness, and success. Being in an island state, the Department recognizes the importance of ocean safety and stewardship education for all of Hawaii's keiki and respectfully offers comments.

In each of the last two years, the Department recommended the use of resources provided by Nā Kama Kai to all of its elementary schools. The Nā Kama Kai resources describe how students can be safe in the water as well as place-based cultural values related to the sea and stewardship.

The Department's school design strategy prioritizes a flexible and adaptive approach, empowering each school to make decisions about specific contexts and partnerships for developing high quality and relevant learning experiences based on the needs of their students' and the local community.

Given the Department's ongoing efforts to promote ocean safety and stewardship education and communicate available resources, the Department respectfully suggests that this measure is not necessary at this time.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2941.

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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Both the ocean and our students are worth it. Perhaps the students will find solutions to combat sea level rise in their lifetime.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
glenn pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To honorable chair and committed members.

I been a water safety educator for over 45 years, I was a team memembr of the formal Sea Grant - Learn To Swim program back in the mid-70 to early 80s where water safety education was part of the DOE program through a grant from Sea Grant (out of UH), as the grant fund exhausted many school has tried to continue this program through using school fund or PTA to fund this program.

Im not going to explain how important this program is but would like you notice that according to the CDC drowning is still a leading cause of death.

We have programs to pervent Fire, Bike Safety , Car-DUI , Vamping, Poision, Gun Safety,.....etc, But when it come to water safety it place on the back burners mostly because no one want CHAMPION it.....

Another point is that there many States and Country that have move forward and realize how important water safety education is, So why is it that our State of Hawaii which has been market as the leader in water sports - home of surfing - leader in Oean resucer technquies DON'T have a state wide education program for thier youth in water safety education ?

If you have any question please contact me at hoea96744@gmail.com

Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chays Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The way I see it, it is imperative that as an Island Nation, those who live here and get educated here have mandatory education on the oceans that surround us. It may boost better care for the ocean and organisms that inhabit it. Such education of the ocean may also increase ocean safety and decrease the amount of injury or death within our oceans and coasts.

Mahalo, Chays Souza