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Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0583 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Beginning with the 2019-2021 fiscal year, reduces the percentage from 6.5 per cent to 5.0 per cent of the total department of education's operating budget that can be expended for the department's administrative expenditures. Increases the per cent of appropriations for the total budget of the department that principals can expend from seventy per cent to seventy-five per cent.

Department's Position:

The Department provides comments on SB583, given that there is uncertain implications of the proposed change.

The Department fully supports maximizing the use of its limited resources to advance student achievement, and continues to focus efforts to increase school based funding while balancing support provided at the Complex and State levels. The Department and Board of Education have embraced an empowerment model in approaching the work.

Per the US Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics standards and reports indicate that Department's expenditures for general administration on a per pupil basis are among the lowest in the nation. Source: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/school-finances.html>

95% of the Department's expenditures in the last completed fiscal year were made by or on behalf of school level activities. The Department recently released Every Student Succeeds Act Per Pupil Expenditures (ESSA PPE) analysis and expenditures by school for fiscal year 2017-18 shows that 73% of expenditures for all means of finance were made directly by schools, with the balance having been paid from the complex or state level. However, when considering those expenditures made at the state or complex level that provide direct support for school activities (centralized expenditures), such as food services, utilities, student transportation, facilities, and special education, the amount expended by or on behalf of schools achieved 95%. Source: <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/DOE%20Forms/budget/PPEFactsheet.pdf>

Through the Committee on Weights (Committee), following statutory requirements, the Department has gone through open, deliberative, and public review of its entire budget during each of the ten previous

convenings of the Committee. During an in depth analysis of centralized expenditures, Principals and others that have served on the Committee have expressed the sentiment that they do not want funds shifted from the state or complex level to schools if doing so would saddle schools with additional administrative burden without enhancing student achievement. All previous Committee recommendations and related actions taken by the Board of Education are posted to the Department's website.

<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/SchoolDataAndReports/StateReports/Pages/Weighted-Student-Formula.aspx>.

The Department is committed to thoughtful and regular review of its budget, and in October 2018 initiated a Committee-like work group to specifically focus on the EDN150 Special Education program funds. The Special Education fiscal allocation work group is focused on reviewing all programs within EDN150, increasing transparency and predictability of special education funding supports, while taking lessons learned from the Committee process and implementation. The fiscal allocation work group is not only focusing on funding but is also working to ensure an accountability system that supports compliance with federal requirements and enhances equity and quality of services.

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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Feb. 6 , 2018

TO: Honorable Chair Kidani & EDU Committee Members

RE: SB 583 Relating to Education

Support for hearing on Feb. 8

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 583 to limit administration costs to 5 percent of the Dept. of Education's budget. In campaigning for the 2018 Con. Am., we discovered people skeptical of allocating more money to education as they thought it would go to administration not to classrooms. This would help to alleviate that fear.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel President



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Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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