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Location: CR 211 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0466, SD1 RELATING TO A SCHOOL FACILITIES AGENCY.

Purpose of Bill: Amends Act 72, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, to require that the school facilities agency complies with the Hawaii Public Procurement Code. Authorizes the school facilities agency to have additional powers and duties. Specifies additional uses for the school facilities special fund. Provides the executive director of the school facilities agency with authority relating to capital improvement projects for the school facilities agency. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) respectfully offers comments on SB 0466, SD1.

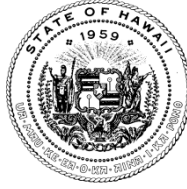
The Department appreciates the legislature's commitment to addressing the needs of Hawaii's K-12 public school students. This measure further clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the School Facilities Agency. The Department looks forward to working with the School Facilities Agency and its Executive Director in determining how to best address the facilities needs for the Department's students and teachers.

Thank you for the 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.

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S.B. 466, S.D. 1
RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AGENCY

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) Highways Division **supports the intent** of this bill and appreciates the amendments in S.D. 1.

The DOT is the Administration's lead for setting up the School Facilities Agency (SFA) and we appreciate the legislature's commitment to addressing the needs of the students of Hawaii.

S.B. 466, S.D. 1 provides further clarification of the SFA and its role and responsibilities. We have been working with the Department of Education (DOE), specifically with the Assistant Superintendent Randall Tanaka, to ensure that the SFA and the DOE operate seamlessly to improve DOE facilities and provide Hawaii students and teachers the learning environments they deserve. However, we prefer the language in S.B. 808, S.D. 1 with the addition of proposed amendments to Section 10 of Act 72 SLH 2020 included in S.B. 466.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.