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Date: 02/10/2023

Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 325 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Judiciary & Hawaiian
Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1329, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the department of education to work with certain organizations to develop and implement an active shooter training program in all public schools under the jurisdiction of the department. Exempts public school students from participation in an active shooter training program of the department of education. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1329, HD1, and is committed to providing schools with a training program to effectively address an active shooter threat.

The majority of public schools in Hawaii are constructed in a distinct open-air setting. Due to their unique architectural design, Hawaii schools pose an array of security concerns for school administrators and law enforcement alike.

As a result of these concerns, the Department has collaborated with and will continue to work with local and federal law enforcement and its contracted active shooter training vendor. Due to the recent unprecedented increase in school shootings, the Department recognizes the need to enhance its commitment to provide a robust active threat training program.

The Department would like to note that should there be any circumstances where an employee's safety is in any way compromised, the Department does have existing processes in place to address these concerns and ensure the safety of all administrators, teachers, and staff at our schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

HB-1329-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 3:17:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

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Please look at the research for the viability of these active shooter drills. We are not the US continent and we need to look at paths that are ways of our islands. This is also making a law that is something that each community should decide.

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