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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1415, H.D. 2

March 1, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Room 308 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THREAT ASSESSMENT

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on House Bill (H.B.) No. 1415, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 1415, H.D. 2, amends Chapter 128A, HRS, by establishing a program within the Hawai'i State Fusion Center (HSFC) to train, establish, and operate threat assessment teams, including for educational institutions, for the purpose of addressing violence and threats of violence. This bill also appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 to HSFC for the threat assessment team.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Time: 11:00 AM

Location: 308 Via Videoconference

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1415, HD2 RELATING TO THREAT ASSESSMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes a program within the Hawaii state fusion center to train, establish, and operate threat assessment teams, including for educational institutions. Appropriates moneys. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD2)

Department's Position:

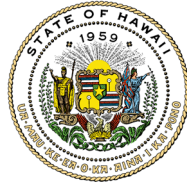
The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1415, HD2.

The development and establishment of a threat assessment program has been a priority of the Department's Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Branch. The branch has worked and coordinated closely with the State's Office of Homeland Security, Hawaii State Fusion Center, and other agencies in developing a threat assessment program that would prevent targeted violence in our schools. These partnerships have been invaluable. Developing and establishing a threat assessment program ensures the Department is meeting national school safety and security standards.

Defining and classifying threat into "risk classification" levels (e.g., low, medium, high) would help determine whether threats are either transient or substantive. The Department will utilize internal processes to determine these levels and the appropriate actions such as requesting law enforcement involvement. The Department requests that this measure provide it the flexibility to include any persons with pertinent training and experience that could contribute to the assessment of threats.

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

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1415, HD2
RELATED TO THREAT ASSESSMENT

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

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MARCH 1, 2022

Chair Representative Sylvia Luke and Vice Chair Representative Kyle T. Yamashita and members of the Finance Committee.

I am Patricia Kickland, Program Manager, Hawaii State Fusion Center. The HSFC **SUPPORTS** this Bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

HB1415, HD2 will help prevent violence statewide by providing assistance to agencies who want to develop threat assessment teams. These teams are meant to be multidisciplinary. Their members may include mental health professionals, educators, psychologists, health care providers, social workers, substance abuse counselors, disability service providers, and other individuals depending on the agency.

These threat assessment teams all have different information and perspectives that can help find solutions to manage threats through intervention that can ultimately help individuals and make our community safer. HB1415, HD2 will help HSFC provide training and coordination among agencies that are developing threat assessment teams. HB1415, HD2 also provides an organized, secure, and legal means for the teams to share information as they desire across disciplines. The ultimate goal is to prevent violence.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in SUPPORT of HB1415, HD2.

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