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**Location:** 309 Via Videoconference

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 2127 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A MAINTENANCE BASE YARD.

**Purpose of Bill:** Provides an emergency appropriation for the department of education to build a new maintenance base yard.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2127 as it provides an emergency appropriation of general funds to the Department to secure a facility for a maintenance baseyard. The Department also appreciates the support of this bill as it is a part of the Governor's 2022 legislative package.

On June 4, 2021, the Hawaii State Department of Accounting and General Services requested that the Department vacate the existing baseyard located at 729 Kakoi Street in Honolulu. Since notified, the Department has been searching for another facility.

This appropriation will enable the Department to secure a maintenance baseyard that will allow for current services to be provided in a more modernized and efficient manner. The Department will have the opportunity to consolidate services and provide ample warehouse space for supplies for other departments.

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