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Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 309 Via Videoconference

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Resolution: HCR 0164 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS LEARNING LOSS CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HCR 164, which urges the Department to increase access to arts and cultural education in public schools to address learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department recognizes the importance of fine arts education for our students, how it supports their well-rounded education, and its impact on social and emotional learning.

Currently, fine arts education is offered in the secondary grade levels in various arts disciplines as an elective. In high school, two fine arts credits can be used towards graduation requirements. In elementary schools, arts education is delivered by elementary teachers and/or specialized arts teachers.

The Department is working on developing professional development learning opportunities for elementary teachers who may be responsible for teaching all subjects. The professional development will focus on building teacher capacity on art foundations, arts integration, and culturally responsive teaching to assist with their curriculum development that embraces and strengthens students' critical-thinking skills, creativity, character, appreciation of diversity, and social and emotional learning.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HCR 164.

HCR-164

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The school is responsible for Screwing the children and should be paying them Back for this Fake Covid 19 Crap that they were responsible for. they did not investigate this our they would have found out that the virous was Fake tha Shot is what is going to Kill or Injure you!!