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Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2817 RELATING TO EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

Purpose of Bill: Repeals certain Department of Education annual reporting requirements.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2817 and appreciates the reduction of reporting requirements which would allow Department staff and resources to be put towards other priorities.

For reporting pursuant to Section §302A-431, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Department supports the removal of the reporting requirements regarding the cost impacts of providing workers' compensation coverage for students. For the period of 1999-2020, the Department reported on two claims filed for students with a total cost impact to the State of \$614.31.

For reporting pursuant to Section §302A-1134, HRS, the Department supports the removal of the annual firearm reporting requirements. The Department appreciates no longer having to report to the Legislature the number of students excluded from school for a firearms incident, which has declined over the past four years, but will continue to provide annual notices of firearm incidents to students and their parents and/or legal guardians.

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

