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Title of Bill: SB 3092, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL
ENTERPRISES IN SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Classifies student interns engaging in commercial enterprises to be employees of the State for purposes of the State Tort Liability Act. Allows the department of education to use revenue generated from commercial enterprises. Effective 7/1/2050.
(HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 3092, SD1, HD1, relating to commercial enterprises in schools.

The Department supports opportunities for students to participate in commercial enterprises in their schools. Commercial enterprises provide students with the hands-on and real-world experiences that are critical to post-secondary and workforce success. The generated revenues support various programs within schools and ensure the sustainability of commercial enterprise efforts. SB 3092, SD1, HD1 will clarify that student interns are deemed employees of the State for potential liability issues that could arise in the course of running a commercial enterprise, thereby enabling more schools to offer students opportunities to participate in commercial enterprises.

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