



**STATE OF HAWAII
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
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House Committee on Finance

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
1:30 p.m.
Via Videoconference
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308

Senate Bill 76, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1, Relating to Education

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education ("Board") opposes SB76 SD2, which would require the Board to prioritize candidates for the superintendent of education position with certain minimum qualifications and establish a desired qualification.

The Board opposes proposed legislation that restricts its ability to hire and effectively manage and oversee the superintendent.

The Board respectfully disagrees with both the content and principle of this measure. This is essentially the Legislature dictating a management function over which the Board clearly has authority and responsibility as envisioned by the State Constitution. Further, requiring superintendent candidates to have at least ten years of experience in the Hawaii Department of Education ("Department") severely limits the candidate pool for a position that already has a difficult time recruiting strong candidates. This measure would have prevented the Board from hiring past superintendents who together have lead the Department for decades.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Payne".

Very truly yours,

Catherine Payne
Chairperson, Board of Education
Chairperson, 2021 Legislative Ad Hoc Committee

SB-76-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 1:32:53 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/7/2021 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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and understands that this is Hawai'i, NOT the continent. A deep understanding of this place and the intricacies of communication, experiences and people which are based on many interlocking traditions and cultures with a centering on Kanaka of this place is essential. We are NOT a western entity.

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Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please support SB76, why? One word: Kishimoto.

Thank you,

Andrea Quinn