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Committee: Senate Judiciary

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1045, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires a minor student's parent or legal guardian, rather than the student, to produce the required student records when transferring schools. Clarifies that emancipated minors may produce the required student records when transferring schools. Clarifies that the transfer process is the same whether a transfer is within the same complex area or to another complex area. Exempts students eligible for assistance provided under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 from producing required student records when transferring schools. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1045, HD 1, SD 1, which clarifies that a parent, legal guardian, or emancipated minor may produce the required student records when transferring schools.

Since minors, except for emancipated minors, do not have legal capacity independent of their parents, the Department views this bill as a housekeeping measure to clarify that a parent or legal guardian would be the appropriate person to provide a certificate of release for a minor student except in the case of those unaccompanied youth identified under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

