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**Date:** 03/20/2023

**Time:** 03:00 PM

**Location:** CR 229 & Videoconference

**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 1329, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the department of education to work with certain organizations to develop and implement an active shooter training program in all public schools under the jurisdiction of the department. Exempts public school students from participation in an active shooter training program of the department of education. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1329, HD1, and is committed to providing schools with a training program to effectively address an active shooter threat.

The majority of public schools in Hawaii are constructed in a distinct open-air setting. Due to their unique architectural design, Hawaii schools pose an array of security concerns for school administrators and law enforcement alike.

As a result of these concerns, the Department has collaborated with and will continue to work with local and federal law enforcement and its contracted active shooter training vendor. Due to the recent unprecedented increase in school shootings, the Department recognizes the need to enhance its commitment to provide a robust active threat training program.

The Department would like to note that should there be any circumstances where an employee's safety is in any way compromised, the Department does have existing processes in place to address these concerns and ensure the safety of all administrators, teachers, and staff at our schools.

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

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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FOR: HB 1329 HD1 Relating to Education  
DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:00 P.M.  
COMMITTEE: Committee on Education  
ROOM: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and members of the Committee:

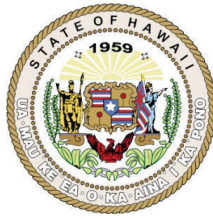
The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to offer **SUPPORT with comments on HB 1329** which requires the Department of Education to work with certain organizations to develop and implement an active shooter training program in all public schools under the jurisdiction of the department.

The Commission respectfully requests that the Committee consider including language to explicitly include public charter schools as charter schools are also public schools. We must ensure that all public schools have access to this vital active shooter training program that would be made available through this measure.

The Commission is available to work with this committee, the DOE, and our public charter schools in moving this legislation forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

JOSH GREEN  
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1329, HD. 1.  
RELATING TO EDUCATION  
Before the Senate Committee on Education  
Monday, March 20, 2023; 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 229, via Videoconference

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports this Bill.

This bill requires the Department of Education to work with certain organizations to develop and implement an active shooter training program in all public schools under the jurisdiction of the department.

The DLE supports increasing security and training in our schools and looks forward to working with DOE in this ongoing effort. While in the process of standing up our Department, the DLE has already engaged in conversations with DOE leadership regarding opportunities and options to increase the security of our schools and DOE staff. These efforts will continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

**HB-1329-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/17/2023 7:16:57 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/20/2023 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
cheryl B.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose.. I stand on my previous testimonies that research shows that these drills are not the answer. We live in Hawai`i, a unique place with communities when involved could provide alternative paths to these drills for our keiki (most schools already have them anyway). A law/bill like this is a bandaid on a gaping wound and away for people to assuage their "well, we did something, we made this bill" conscience. Since I know that you will proceed with this bill, at least give parents and educators a way to opt out.