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Time: 10:00 AM

Location: 308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0260, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires DOE to develop and implement safety training for all cafeteria student helpers and ensure the student helpers receive the training prior to them volunteering. Requires DOE to provide personal protective equipment for all cafeteria student helpers prior to the student helpers volunteering. Requires all cafeteria student helpers to be directed and supervised by trained personnel at all times. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 260, HD1.

The Department understands the importance of safety in a cafeteria when serving food to others. Currently, the Office of Facilities and Operations, School Food Services Branch (SFSB) provides guidelines to schools around using student help in the cafeteria. These include: recommended duties, non-recommended duties, and duties for School Food Service Managers when overseeing students in the cafeteria. SFSB is currently reviewing these guidelines to see what improvements can be made including further developing safety training for schools.

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

HB-260-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

Although this bill doesn't define safety, and it should, my assumption would be safe food handling. Safe use if anything sharp, if that is appropriate would also be helpful.

Many children eat in the school cafeteria. Use of appropriate gloves, hairnets, no jewelry, masks, these are a few safety practices around food.

Then the actual practice of these and ensuring all are compliant.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry SUPPORT HB 260 RELATING TO EDUCATION. Training is important to keep each student safe, order in the cafeteria, and practice healthy environment.