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Senate Committee on Education

Monday, March 17, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

House Bill 1069, House Draft 1, Relating to Education

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and Members of the Committee:

The School Facilities Authority (SFA) offers **comments** on House Bill 1069, House Draft 1, which would add two voting members that represent the Department of Education (DOE) and the Board of Education (BOE) to the SFA Board.

SFA is committed to collaborating with the BOE and DOE and being accountable and responsive to the needs of students, educators, and the community. If BOE and DOE representation on the SFA Board strengthens these aspects as the measure states, we support such a governance change.

Sincerely,

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Date: 03/17/2025

Time: 03:00 PM

Location: CR 229 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Bill Title: HB 1069, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Adds two voting members that represent the Department of Education and Board of Education to the School Facilities Authority Board. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

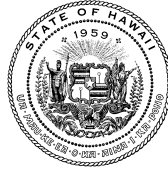
Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of HB 1069, HD 1.

This bill intends to add two voting members to represent the Department and the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) to the Hawaii School Facilities Authority Board (SFA Board). Although the Hawaii School Facilities Authority (SFA) is charged with the planning, development and construction of school facilities, the daily school operations and implementation of public school curriculum remain the exclusive mission of the Department. The Department's management of public school campuses involves strategic engagement with various state and complex area offices such as curriculum and instructional design, food services, transportation, procurement, and administrative support.

To meet these objectives, the Department must have an integral role in the oversight of and active involvement in the SFA's planning, development and construction of school facilities. Adding the Department representation to the SFA Board with two voting members from the Department and the BOE will ensure that the SFA's service to the Department is aligned with the Department's operational and strategic goals and objectives.

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



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Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education (Board) **strongly supports** House Bill 1069 HD1. We thank the Committee for hearing this Governor's administrative package bill.

The Board welcomes any effort to improve communication and collaboration across agencies, and appreciates the addition of the voices of the Board and Department to the School Facilities Authority (SFA) Board.

The inclusion of two designated, voting seats on the SFA board serves to formalize and strengthen the relationship with SFA's largest client – the Department of Education, which is overseen by the Board. This structure fosters accountability, enhances collaboration, and provides a consistent channel for strategic input and oversight.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Board.