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House Committee on Education

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309

Measure: Senate Bill 1388 S.D. 2, Relating to Education

Purpose of Measure:

Adds 2 ex officio members that represent the Department of Education and the Board of Education to the School Facilities Authority Board. Effective 7/1/2050.

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education (Board) strongly supports Senate Bill 1388 SD2. 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.



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Department: Education

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Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) provides comments in support of SB 1388, SD 2, but requesting that the the two new members be added as full board members and not ex-officio members.

This bill intends to add two ex-officio members to represent the Department and the Hawaii State Board of Education (BOE) to the School Facilities Authority Board (SFA Board). Although the School Facilities Authority (SFA) is charged with the planning, development and construction of school facilities in support of the Department, daily school operations and implementation of public school curriculum remains the exclusive mission of the Department. The Department's management of public school campuses involves the 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 public school facilities. Adding 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 support on SB 1388, SD 2.

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Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee:

The School Facilities Authority (SFA) offers **comments** on Senate Bill 1388, SD2, 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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