



**STATE OF HAWAII  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

10:01 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211

**Measure: Senate Bill 1388 S.D. 1, Relating to Education**

**Purpose of Measure:**

Adds two 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 Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education (Board) supports the intent of Senate Bill 1388 SD1, and prefers the language of the original draft of the bill. We thank the Committee for hearing this Governor's administrative package bill.

The Board welcomes any effort to improve communication and collaboration across agencies. We appreciate the addition of the voices of the Board and Department to the School Facilities Authority (SFA) Board, but respectfully request that they be included as voting members.

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.

We note that ex-officio members serve as voting members on other State boards, such as the Agribusiness Development Corporation and Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, pursuant to sections 163D-3 and 206M-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, respectively.

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



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**Department:** Education

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

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(SD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) provides comments supporting the intent of SB 1388, SD 1, but requesting that the two additional members be provided the same rights and privileges as other members including the right to vote.

As amended, 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, the 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 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. Based on the above, the Department respectfully requests that the bill be amended to read that as ex-officio members of the SFA's Board, these members will have exactly the same rights and privileges, as do all other members, including the right to vote.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony with comments on SB 1388, SD 1.