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**Time:** 03:00 PM

**Location:** CR 229 & Videoconference

**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Bill Title:** GM 0586 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the School Facilities Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAN IWASE, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

**Purpose of Bill:**

**Department's Position:**

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department) supports the nomination of Jan Iwase to the School Facilities Authority (SFA) Board. Ms. Iwase brings over 40 years of experience in public education and a deep understanding of how facilities impact learning.

As principal of Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School, she led the campus through a \$33.2 million modernization project, providing valuable insight into how large-scale construction intersects with daily school operations. Her leadership ensured the project supported students, staff, and the broader school community.

She has also been a vocal advocate for thoughtful school design, emphasizing the importance of creating learning environments that are safe, functional, and conducive to student success.

Ms. Iwase continues to support education in Hawai'i as a lecturer, author, and mentor. Her commitment to student-centered leadership and her hands-on experience with facilities make her a strong addition to the SFA Board. We respectfully urge the Senate to confirm her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.