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**Department:** Education

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Title of Resolution: HCR 0050, HD1 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REMEDY STATEWIDE SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION INEQUITIES FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN FROM LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES.

## **Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education supports HCR 50, HD 1, and its goal to establish a focused working group on student transportation needs.

The Department appreciates the emphasis on the importance of collaboration across multiple entities to solve the school bus driver shortage issue and maximize transportation options for public school students.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.