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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023
2:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 562, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PERMITS**

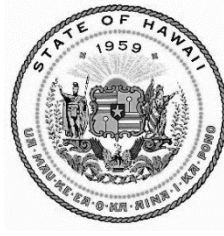
House Bill 562, House Draft 1 (HB 562 HD1) proposes to establish an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i, or School Facilities Authority. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) acknowledges the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department appreciates the House Committee on Water and Land's (WAL) recognition of our concerns with the exemptions from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, or School Facilities Authority and its potential unintended impact on the State's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The Department recommends the amendments added by WAL to HB 562 HD1, Page 1, lines 10-14, which reads "provided that no contract for repetitive construction projects shall be exempt from federal, state, or county floodplain management development standards or statutes, codes, ordinances, rules, or regulations with which compliance is required under the National Flood Insurance Program" be retained to protect the State of Hawai'i's participation in this valuable Federal program aimed to protect life and property from flooding.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB562 HD1
RELATING TO PERMITS

REPRESENTATIVE MARK NAKASHIMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

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The School Facilities Authority (SFA) **supports the intent** H.B. 562 HD1 which seeks to establish an exemption for repetitive construction projects for public school facilities under control of the Department of Education (DOE), University of Hawaii (UH), or School Facilities Authority.

As the SFA continues to work with the DOE and UH on effectuating the expansion of pre-kindergarten classrooms pursuant to Act 46 SLH2020 and Act 257 SLH2022, addressing permit issues for common and repetitive work will be of great importance in meeting the deadlines established by the Legislature. The SFA appreciates the Legislatures continued efforts to assist the SFA with tools to meet the needs of our Keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Location: 329 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Committee: House Consumer Protection
& Commerce

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0562, HD1 RELATING TO PERMITS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, or School Facilities Authority. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) offers comments on HB 562, HD1.

This measure would establish an exemption to the Department from county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects.

The Department appreciates the intent of this measure to streamline the permitting process for the Department. The permitting process coordinates the work with fire, water, electrical and other various county approvals. The Department would need to establish a process to coordinate the various work and plan for any liability issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this measures.