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**Location:** 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 0147 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS THAT INCLUDE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

**Department's Position:**

The State of Hawaii Department of Education (Department) respectfully offers comments on HCR 147.

The Department currently requires all new playground equipment and safety surfacing to meet the 2010 American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design which addresses:

- An accessible path from buildings to the edge of the play area;
- An accessible path from the edge of the play area to the play equipment; and
- Safety surfacing that complies with the American Society Testing and Materials (ASTM) 1951, which is the standard specification for determining accessible playground surface systems under and around playground equipment.

The Department also provides inclusive playground designs with systems and components that allow all children of all abilities to play together in an engaging way.

The Department has 545 playground units throughout the State with plans to replace approximately 100 playground units due to age and condition. The Department also has plans to remove the 30 remaining non-compliant playground units.

Given that the information requested by this resolution is already available we believe this measure is not needed at this time.

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

**HCR-147**

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Comments:

In support.