

SB730

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Committee: Senate Education and Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0730 RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes an affordable housing program and a second mortgage revolving fund for public school teachers. Appropriates funds for the repair and maintenance of teacher housing and for the second mortgage loans for public school teachers.

Department's Position: The Department **recommends the bill be amended** by placing the second mortgage loan program in the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and by expanding the program to include other professional school level staff. There are other ancillary professional services providers who provide direct services to students and who also need access to affordable housing. The Department of Education does not have staff with the training or expertise required to manage a second mortgage loan program.