

# LATE TESTIMONY

**Date:** 02/10/2011

**Committee:** House Public Safety & Military  
Affairs

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 1502 Relating to the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds for 6 instructor positions for JROTC programs in high schools in the State.

**Department's Position:** The Department supports HB 1502 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2011-2013. Lahainaluna, Kapolei, and Mililani High Schools are currently on waiting lists for establishment of a Navy or Army JROTC Program. The application to host a program has been approved and all three schools are ready to accept a program when offered. Based on U.S. Code Title 10, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps., Section 2031, the institution is required to employ two retired military personnel whose pay is cost-shared between the institution and military service at 50%. JROTC Minimum Instructor Pay (MIP) for each instructor is \$46,000.00 per year (12-month contract). The total cost for six new positions is \$276,000.00. The Army is planning to exhaust its' waiting list to host a JROTC program nationally over the next five years. It plans to open 75 new programs in School Year 2011-2012. Approving this bill will ensure that each school will be able to establish a JROTC program as soon as the offer to host a program is made.

