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Written Comments



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Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill:SCR 169(sscr1067) / SR 126 (sscr1068)STRONGLY URGING<br/>HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SEEK AND OBTAIN<br/>ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AID TO THE STATE OF HAWAI'I FOR THE<br/>PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO MIGRANTS FROM<br/>THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION NATIONS.

## Purpose of Bill:

## **Department's Position:**

The Department is providing comments on this resolution.

Last year the Department of Education received a grant award from the US Department of the Interior made through the Governor's Office to assist with the cost of educating students from the countries covered under the Compact. The \$1.8 million award was used to benefit all students system-wide via a supplemental allocation of weighted student formula funds.

The Department is <u>very</u> appreciative of the support of the congressional delegation for their work to secure these additional resources for the school system.