

Measure Title: RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Report Title: Department of Education; Pupil Punishment; Physical Restraints; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds to provide training and track data on public school pupil punishment and use of restraints restrictions established by Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014. Requires report. Appropriates funds.

Companion: <u>HB1814</u>

Package: None

Current Referral: EDU/JDL, WAM

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Department: Education

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Title of Bill: SB 2611 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds to provide training and track data on public school pupil punishment and use of restraints restrictions established by Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014. Requires report. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports SB 2611 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities in our Executive Budget. Should this measure pass, funding will support the Department's implementation of Act. 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair Committee on Education State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 2611 - Relating to Education

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **strongly supports** SB 2611 that appropriates funds to train school personnel in the proper use of physical restraints as well as nonviolent crisis intervention and to develop and maintain a database to document all incidents involving the use of restraints.

SB 2611 will also fund one full-time equivalent position to oversee the provision of training and data collection, and to complete the reporting requirements outlined in Section 1 of the bill. This appropriation is vital to the implementation of Act 206 - Relating to Restraints and Seclusion in Hawaii Public Schools. There is currently no money in the Department of Education's budget for these activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully, Martha Chair

<u>SB2611</u>

Submitted on: 2/9/2016 Testimony for EDU/JDL on Feb 12, 2016 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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