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The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

and

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Kidani, Senator Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 2611 - Relating to Education


The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB 2611**. The 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.


The implementation of Act 206 – Relating to Restraints and Seclusion in Hawaii Public Schools requires school personnel to be properly trained in the use of physical restraints, non-violent crisis intervention, and how to develop and maintain a data base in order to document all incidents involving the use of restraints. HB 1814 will fund one full-time equivalent position (1.0 FTE) to provide training and data accountability to assist with the effective implementation of Sections 302A-1141, 302A-1141.3, and 302A-1141.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of the bill.

Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, requires an appropriation in order to be implemented. Our understanding is that the Department of Education (DOE) does not have the funds in its budget to carry out the requirements of Act 206. The passage of SB 2611 would provide the means necessary for DOE to properly train school personnel, and provide data accountability.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting SB 2611**.

Sincerely,


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