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Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2238, HD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the safe keiki grant program to award funds to qualified DOE schools to purchase supplies for students to remain at school shelters for 48 hours in the event of an emergency. Appropriates funds. (HB2238 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) is in support of HB 2238, HD1 that establishes the Safe Keiki Grant Program to award funds to qualified HIDOE schools to purchase supplies for students to remain at school shelters for 48 hours in the event of an emergency. These emergency supplies would not only cover approximately 167K students but also the 40K school and support personnel.

Utilizing the optimum and recommended school item emergency supply list, it would cost approximately \$12 million (\$500 per classroom per day, times 12,000 classrooms) to purchase 48 hours worth of supplies for 256 schools. Paring down the list slightly could reduce this figure to \$7.2 million (\$300 per classroom per day, times 12,000 classrooms). Currently, HIDOE does not have the funds and, as such, receiving funding support from the Safe Keiki Grant Program would significantly contribute to HIDOE's efforts of ensuring schools are prepared. However, HIDOE would also require funding support in future years to replace the perishable supply items (i.e. food, water, etc) when shelf life has expired and possibly the need for constructing storage spaces for these supplies.

Also note, these calculations do not include Public Charter Schools.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Lemon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 20, 2018**To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair****Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair****Members of the House Committee on Finance****From: Jamie Lemon****Subject: Support of House Bill 2238, Relating to Emergency Preparedness**

Hello, My name is Jamie Lemon and I am currently a freshman at Kalaheo High School. I am strongly in support of HB 2238 which would encourage public schools to prepare for emergencies and provide them with funds to do so. The safety of the students in our schools should be a priority. Providing schools with the funds to purchase water, nonperishable food, and other necessary supplies would help to keep them safe in the event of a disaster.

In addition to giving schools the means to buy supplies, this bill would help to encourage schools to practice emergency drills on a regular basis, effectively communicate plans in the event of an emergency to parents and guardians of students, and present a detailed list of supplies, including water and nonperishable foods necessary for students to remain at a school shelter for forty-eight hours in the event of an emergency. This would help schools to be prepared for emergency situations which, in turn, would help protect student's safety. If members of a school practice emergency drills, then they would know

exactly what to do in the event of an actual emergency which could save their lives.

As was proven during the false missile alert, a lot of the people living here do not know what to do in the event of an emergency. It is vital that people are educated and learn what to do during an emergency so that they may increase their chances of survival. School should be a place that students can feel safe in and this bill would help them to do so. Since students spend a large portion of their day at school, there is more of a chance that when and if an emergency does strike, it would happen during school hours. This means that schools must be prepared and be capable of protecting the students and ensuring their safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I truly hope that you decide to support HB 2238 which would help to ensure students safety.

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Comments:

LATE TESTIMONY.. just saw this.. As an educator, I fully support that you will make appropriations to the schools. They will need this.