



STATE OF HAWAII
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Time: 10:30 AM

Location: 211

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 2679, HD1, SD1 RELATING THE TRANSFER OF LANDS.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the City and County of Honolulu to transfer to the Department of Education all property upon which a public elementary or intermediate school is situated. Gives the Department of Education power to acquire and hold title to real, personal, or mixed property for use for public educational purposes. Requires legislative approval prior to the sale or gift of lands to which the Department of Education holds title. Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2679, HD1, SD1. The Department was provided the authority to develop its assets to create twenty-first century schools through Act 155, Sessions Law of Hawaii 2013. In the Department's efforts to move projects forward for development, the Department regularly faces the issue of land ownership. Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony on this measure.

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.