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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0688 RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the committee on weights to submit a report to the legislature

detailing any changes to the funding formula within thirty days of the

change.

Department's Position:

The Department provides comments on SB 688.

This measure seeks to amend the duties of the Committee on Weights (Committee) contained in Chapter 302A-1303.5, Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS), by adding a requirement to submit a report to the legislature detailing any changes to the funding formula within thirty days of the change.

Per Chapter 302A-1303.6, HRS, it is the Board of Education (Board) that, once having received the Committee's recommendation, makes the decision whether to amend the formula.

The decision to change the formula is made by the Board in a public meeting that may be scheduled weeks or months following the conclusion of the Committee's work. If a report of the Board's final decision is determined to be required by the legislature, it may be preferable to include a requirement that the Department provide a report in Chapter 302A-1303.6, HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments 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.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:



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Davelyn Lokelani Han	Individual	Support	No

Comments: