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Department: Education

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Title of Bill: SB 2612, SD1 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes a reusable utensil pilot project in Department of Education schools on Molokai. Requires the Department of Education to report to the Legislature on the feasibility of statewide implementation. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 2612, SD1.

The Department will need to procure utensils for the duration of the pilot project to support approximately 1,000 students enrolled in Department schools on Moloka'i to explore the use of reusable utensils in and by school cafeterias for student meals.

The Department has confirmed with the Department of Health (DOH) that multi-use (reusable) utensils may be used and that they must be treated as any other food contact surface which must be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to use. The Department has also confirmed with the DOH that the feasible cleaning methods include the cafeteria's current manual ware-washing method, which uses the three-compartment sink for proper washing, rinsing, and sanitizing by the School Food Services Branch cafeteria staff. Further, the Department will continue to explore the feasibility of statewide implementation of a reusable utensil program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments supporting the intent of this measure.

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ON
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RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2612, S.D. 1: 1) establishes a reusable utensil pilot project in Department of Education (DOE) schools on Moloka'i that shall start on August 1, 2022, and end on June 30, 2023; 2) requires DOE to report to the Legislature on the feasibility of statewide implementation; and 3) appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds in FY 23 for the purposes of this measure.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Single use plastics are an abomination that present enormous risks to the health of our planet and ourselves. This is a baby step where a giant leap is needed, but it is better than nothing. I support SB2612