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Committee: Senate Education
Senate Labor, Culture and the Arts

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Interim Superintendent Keith Hayashi
Hawaii State Department of Education

Title of Bill: SB 3092 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES IN SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Deems student interns engaging in commercial enterprises to be employees of the State of Hawaii; allows the Department of Education to use revenue from commercial enterprises.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 3092 relating to commercial enterprises in schools.

The Department supports opportunities for students to participate in commercial enterprises in their schools. Commercial enterprises provide students with the hands-on and real-world experiences that are critical to post-secondary and workforce success. The generated revenues support various programs within schools and ensure the sustainability of commercial enterprise efforts. The restrictions on students as interns in schools pose challenges when implementing commercial enterprises. SB 3092 will remove those restrictions by deeming students to be employees of the State, thereby enabling more schools to offer students opportunities to participate in commercial enterprises.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3092.