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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0744 RELATING TO BOOSTER CLUBS.

Purpose of Bill: Requires school booster clubs to be audited by the department of education's internal audit office or department of accounting and general services on a regular basis. Requires the audited school booster club to reimburse the costs of the audit.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) has concerns with HB 744. The Department believes in audits to monitor and identify potentially improper expenditures.

While the Department believes in audits to monitor and identify potentially improper expenditures, however, to avoid any conflicts between the Department and these independent organizations, the responsibility of auditing them should be placed outside of the Department. The Department of the Attorney General's Tax and Charities Division already has the responsibility for regulating charitable organizations, professional solicitors, professional fundraising counsels and their activities in the State of Hawaii and could be the entity to perform this function.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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RELATING TO BOOSTER CLUBS.

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on H.B. 744 which requires school booster clubs to be audited by the department of education's (DOE) internal audit office or department of accounting and general services (DAGS) on a regular basis and requires the audited school booster club to reimburse the costs of the audit.

School booster clubs are not part of the DOE and are independent of any oversight by the DOE or DAGS. The Department of the Attorney General's Tax and Charities Division could perform this function since it already has the responsibility for regulating charitable organizations, professional solicitors, professional fundraising counsels and their activities in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter

