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**Committee:** House Judiciary & Hawaiian  
Affairs

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2064 RELATING TO LICENSING.

**Purpose of Bill:** Includes the prevention of activities within an applicant's premises and adjacent areas that are potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and neighborhood as a factor for determining whether a controlled substances registration is in the public interest.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2064.

The safety and security of students, staff, and school communities is of the highest priority for the Department. The Department believes the prevention of activities within an applicant's premises and adjacent areas that are potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and neighborhood would help ensure the safety of our school's faculty, staff, students, and campuses that are in close proximity to these activities.

The Department is concerned about the safety of school children. These establishments' activities may be important but should be located a safe distance away from schools. The traffic these types of establishments bring does not align with school safety and wellness support. School children and employees may experience conflict with loiterers, homeless, substance abusers, and potentially increased crime in the area. As always, the goal for the Department is to keep our students and staff safe and to provide an optimal learning environment.

The Department also defers to the Hawaii State Departments of Health and Law Enforcement for comments.

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