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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
SB2070
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and Members of the Committee, the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB 2070, which exempts career and technical education (CTE) goods and services purchases by the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) from the State Procurement Code.

The purpose of this Act is to add an exemption for specialized equipment to the Hawai'i public procurement code for student instruction in career and technical education (CTE) programs within HIDOE.

The CTE work-based learning model frequently requires specialized equipment and software, the procurement of which has proven lengthy, delaying training of our students. SB2070 addresses the ability to procure the right technology in a timely manner which is crucial to hands-on classroom instruction on industry-specific equipment across multiple sectors of study.

The department is actively working with CTE on ways to build upon these pathways and increase career internships and job opportunities. Our Creative Industries serves on the CTE Cultural Arts, Media and Entertainment Industries Advisory Council and is working with fellow members and leadership to ensure alignment with industry needs.

We see the value in accelerating the ability for these resources getting into the classroom, providing Hawai'i students the ability to build skills, and thrive in future careers here at home. Integrating these pathways into the university programs and the workforce is also key to achieving an integrated pipeline for curriculum-to-career job ready training.

The department supports SB2070 and the work of all CTE and HI DOE teachers who are preparing our students for careers in multiple sectors of our emerging industry sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Date: 01/31/2024
Time: 03:00 PM
Location: CR 229 & Videoconference
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2070 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Exempts career and technical education goods and services purchases by the DOE from the State Procurement Code. Repeals 7/1/2027.

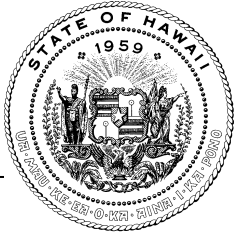
Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) strongly supports SB 2070 which is part of the Governor's administrative package.

This exemption will enable the Department to acquire Career and Technical Education (CTE) equipment and associated services in a timely manner. The ever-evolving landscape of technology and industry demands rapid adaptation in educational settings. The timely acquisition of CTE equipment will provide students with up-to-date skills and knowledge that align with industry standards.

This bill would allow the Department to be responsive to the fast-paced nature of technological advancements, ensuring that students receive the best possible education by being able to access the tools and training necessary for success in their chosen careers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2070.



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In SUPPORT of
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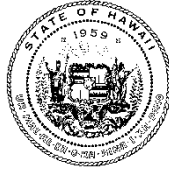
Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2070, which exempts career and technical education (CTE) goods and services purchases by the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) from the State Procurement Code.

HSEO serves as an Industry Representative on HIDOE's CTE Energy Pathway Advisory Council and Energy Pilot Project Team which provides a framework for incorporating career exploration into high school curricula. The Energy Pathway was developed with the support of industry, teachers, and administrative representatives and launched its pilot in the 2023-2024 school year with James Campbell High School, Kapolei High School, and Kealakehe High School. The Energy Pathway includes three Programs of Study – (1) Renewable Energy Technologies, (2) Alternative Fuels Technologies, and (3) Power Grid Technologies – each leading with a Foundations of Energy course in the first year followed by three subsequent courses. In addition, In 2022, HSEO in collaboration with HIDOE and the Maui Economic Development Board developed and published clean energy curricula and toolkits to train teachers in primarily Title I K-12 schools in Hawai'i. These publicly-available resources empower

teacher, student, and family participation in Hawai'i's transition to a decarbonized economy.

SB 2070 would enable HIDOE to upgrade its CTE programs and provide its students with workspaces that reflect current (and future) industry worksites by providing HIDOE the ability to timely procure tools and equipment that meet industry standards. This would better prepare Hawai'i's students for the current and emerging workforce regardless of where their school is located, enabling equity in access to CTE programs across the state. Students will be able to develop and practice the skills they need to succeed in their industry of study including the clean energy and skilled trades sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
EDUCATION
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SENATE BILL 2070
RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 2070. The State Procurement Office (SPO) opposes the additional language in Section 2, page 7, lines 1 to 6, and provides the following comments and recommendations:

Comments: The SPO and the Department of Education (DOE) met and agreed to language that is acceptable to both parties. The recommended language is similar to language in Senate Bill 3086 and companion House Bill 2397.

Recommendations: If this bill moves forward, the SPO recommends the following changes to SECTION 2, page 7, lines 1 to 6 of the bill, as follows:

“(L) Educational equipment, materials, and related training for direct student instruction ~~in that are specific and unique to the career and technical education pathway programs~~ as defined in section 302A-101, ~~[including supplies, implements, tools, machinery, electronic devices, or other goods]~~ such as anatomy tables, flight simulators, and welding simulators purchased by the department of education; and”

Additionally, the SPO recommends that the DOE have guardrails in place to ensure transparency and a standard process of checks and balances, in addition to the following:

1. Awarded vendors have to be compliant if award is greater than \$2,500.
2. Awards over \$2,500 must be posted on a publicly accessible electronic system.

Thank you.