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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1343 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Clarifies that, because minors do not have legal capacity independent of their parents, a minor student's parent or legal guardian must produce the required student records when transferring schools. Clarifies that emancipated minors may also produce the required student records when transferring schools. Clarifies that the transfer process is the same whether a transfer is within the same complex area or to another complex area.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 1343, which clarifies that a parent, legal guardian, or emancipated minor may produce the required student records when transferring schools.

Since minors, except for emancipated minors, do not have legal capacity independent of their parents, the Department views this bill as a housekeeping measure to clarify that a parent or legal guardian would be the appropriate person to provide a certificate of release for a minor student.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1343.