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Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Bill Title: SB 2070, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Exempts career and technical education goods and services purchases by the Department of Education from the State Procurement Code. Requires the Department of Education to acquire three verbal or written quotes for career and technical education purchases of no more than \$100,000. Requires awards of over \$2,500 for career and technical education purchases to comply with certain statutory provisions regarding offerors. Requires awards of over \$500,000 for career and technical education purchases to be approved by the Superintendent of Education. Repeals 7/1/2027. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) strongly supports SB 2070, SD1, HD1, which embodies the language that is contained in a Governor's administrative package bill, with an important clarifying amendment.

The Department requests clarifying that the three verbal or written quotes are for purchases that exceed \$100,000, rather than purchases "of no more than" (i.e., below) \$100,000.

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 will 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, SD1, HD1.



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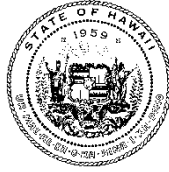
Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2070 SD1, HD1, which exempts career and technical education (CTE) goods and services purchases by the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) from the State Procurement Code.

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.

This measure 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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SENATE BILL 2070, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Chair Yamashita, Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 2070, SD1, HD1. The State Procurement Office (SPO) comments that the language and conditions in Section 2, page 7, lines 5 to 19, need some clarification, and provides the following comments and recommendations:

1. Comment: The language as written in Section 2, page 7, lines 5 to 11, relating to educational materials, is too general, and does not state that the procurement of such materials are to be specific, unique, and relevant to the career and technical education pathway programs. The omission of such clarifying language will increase the likelihood of confusion and inconsistencies in the procurement of these materials.

Recommendation: If this bill moves forward, the SPO recommends that Section 2, page 7, lines 5 to 11 of the bill be revised as agreed upon by the SPO and the Department of Education (DOE), and that clarifying language be added. (L) should as follows:

“(L) Educational equipment, materials, and related training for direct student instruction that are specific, unique, and relevant to the career and technical education pathway programs as defined in section 302A-101, such as anatomy tables, flight simulators, and welding simulators, purchased by the department of education; provided that.”

2. Comment: Section 2, page 7, line 13, states that the DOE shall acquire three verbal or written quotes for purchases of no more than \$100,000. The SPO received clarification from the DOE that the three verbal or written quotes are for purchases that exceed \$100,000, rather than purchases "of no more than" (i.e., below) \$100,000. The SPO supports this clarifying language.

The SPO further recommends that as a best practice to ensure transparency and accountability, verbal quotes should be followed up with written quotes to be kept in the agency's procurement records and that the DOE post awards over \$2,500 on a publicly accessible electronic system.

Recommendation: SPO recommends changing the language in Section 2, page 7, lines 13-14, to strike out "verbal or," revising the threshold, and adding language about compliance and publicly posting awards over \$2,500. The revised language should read as follows:

"(i) The department of educational shall acquire three written quotes for purchases that exceed \$100,000 made pursuant to this subparagraph."

"(ii) Awards over \$2,500 shall comply with section 103D-310 (c) and be posted on a publicly accessible electronic system;"

3. Comment: Section 2, page 7, lines 18-19, states that awards over \$500,000 shall be approved by the Superintendent of the DOE. The SPO recommends language to clarify that the approval is for the items in (L).

Recommendation: SPO recommends that (iii) read as follows:

"(iii) Awards over \$500,000 for educational equipment, materials, and related training as described in this subparagraph shall be approved by the superintendent of education; and"

Thank you.



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Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee, the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB 2070 SD1, HD1 which exempts career and technical education (CTE) goods and services purchases by the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) from the State Procurement Code. HD1 requires HIDOE to obtain three written or verbal quotes for CTE purchases of not more than \$100,000, requires awards over \$2,500 shall comply with section 103D-310 (c); and awards over \$500,000 to be approved by the superintendent of education.

The purpose of this Act is to add an exemption for specialized equipment and related tools 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 SD1, HD1 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 multiple levels to increase career awareness, connecting industry to the classroom experience. This approach is two-fold through our department initiatives and Good Jobs Hawai'i program with University of Hawai'i community colleges. Both our State Energy Office and our Creative Industries Division serve on the CTE Advisory boards for their respective sectors.

We see the value in providing Hawai'i students the up-to-date tools, equipment and simulated work environments which are necessary to build sector-specific skills, and thrive in future careers, without leaving home. Integrating the CTE pathways and university programs with workforce development training is critical to implementing this pipeline for curriculum-to-career, job ready training.

The department supports SB2070 SD1, HD1 and the work of all CTE and HI DOE teachers who are dedicated to preparing our students for careers in multiple sectors of our industries in the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.