



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO  
P.O. BOX 2360  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

**Date:** 02/07/2023

**Time:** 02:00 PM

**Location:** 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 1048 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes the Hawaii Educational Expenditure Trust Fund as a separate fund of the Department of Education for improving the education of, and supporting the programs benefiting, the students of the Hawaii public school system.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the passage of HB 1048.

This measure would provide the Department with an additional tool to accept, manage, and expend resources to support public education, beyond the traditional trust fund structure allowed under current law.

This measure would authorize the Department to establish the Hawaii Educational Expenditure Trust Fund. This would go beyond the Department's existing authority for trust funds by allowing for the deposit of State funds into the fund, the acceptance of non-monetary assets, and authorizing the hiring of an investment manager and a third party to oversee the administration and expenditure of funds.

The assets of the fund would be used to support public school students by allowing fund assets to be used for the support for Department operations, programs to support public school students, public school facilities, and for the benefit of public education.

The measure also requires the Superintendent to seek resources for deposit into the fund, publicize the fund, and develop plans, policies, and strategies for the fund.

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

**LATE**

**HB-1048**

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:27:55 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan-Nicholas: Luther	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1048 as there is no detailed specifications on what the specific categories that the expenditures trust funds are limited to only.

Investment managers for the trust funds should be a Hawaii established company only, and not of any company that is out-of-state, nor a foreign based company.

Moreover, the trust fund is specifying that the superintendent is the main individual who is in control of the allocation of the funds and the bill also only indicates the legislation can appropriate the numerous types of described types of funds that are obtained.

Therefore, as the public I oppose this HB1048 and request for amendments to be made for increased details per the above statements, as well as having the intent of the trust funds to be determined by public elected committee and not having the expenditure trust fund being only allocated by the superintendent or the legislative entity.