



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**  
S.B. NO. 832, RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BEFORE THE:**  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**DATE:** Friday, February 3, 2023                      **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 229

**TESTIFIER(S):** Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or  
Anne T. Horiuchi, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

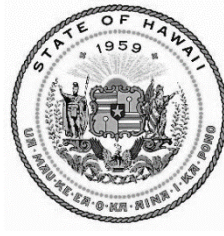
The Department of the Attorney General (Department) provides the following comments.

The bill: (1) authorizes the counties to transfer land to the School Facilities Authority (SFA), (2) exempts the SFA from taxes, authorizes State and county agencies to render services to the SFA upon request, (3) allows the SFA to adopt rules that supersede all other inconsistent ordinances and rules related to the zoning of land and construction thereon for the purposes of implementing chapter 302A, part VI, subpart C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and (4) establishes a deadline for the transfer of properties to the Department of Education from the City and County of Honolulu required by Act 272, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

The Department respectfully requests that the sentence on page 1, lines 5-10, be amended for clarity as follows:

Notwithstanding the provision of any law or charter to the contrary, any county, by resolution of its local governing body, without public auction, sealed bids, or public notice, may sell, lease for a term not exceeding sixty-five years, grant or convey to the authority any real property owned by [it] the county that the authority certifies to be necessary for [its] the authority's purposes.

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



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY**  
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February 02, 2023

**Testimony providing SUPPORT of SB832  
RELATING TO EDUCATION**

SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: 02/02/2023

Room Number 229

The School Facilities Authority (SFA) is in **support** of S.B. 826, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY.

The SFA is statutorily empowered to redevelop our schools into the 21st Century schools that our keiki deserve. This includes a variety of different opportunities such as vertical schools, teacher and workforce housing, and community services.

In looking at ways to find the maximum benefit for our keiki in our land assets, the SFA appreciates the Legislature's consideration of additional powers and authority to facilitate this. As we look to tackle additional issues such as teacher housing, we are finding that the majority of our schools are improperly zoned for such development.

The SFA also appreciates the Legislature's continued commitment to ensuring that title of lands that schools sit on transfers in a timely and efficient manner. Land control is an important component in being able to effectuate the work being asked of the SFA.

The SFA would also appreciate the consideration of an additional authority to allow us to partner with other State agencies to effectuate some of this work. Examples of State partners include the Department of Education, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.