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Date: 03/20/2025

Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Resolution Title: HCR 0110 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FINANCES.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on HCR 110.

In collaboration with the Department's Office of Facilities and Operations, the Department's Internal Audit Office manages a well-established practice and process of reviewing the effectiveness of its internal control structure for the Capital Improvements Program. Routine evaluations are conducted on programs to ensure that sound program and financial management practices are in compliance with existing laws, rules, regulations and policies, and to mitigate risk. Fiscal accountability and timely execution of projects are very high priorities for the Department.

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

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Submitted on: 3/18/2025 11:21:50 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/20/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I SUPPORT this bill.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

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Submitted on: 3/19/2025 7:06:55 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/20/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candace Vizcarra	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this resolution that requests an audit investigation for transparency!!

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Submitted on: 3/19/2025 1:54:14 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/20/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel C. Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha House Committee on Education:

I strongly support this resolution. An audit will help DOE and the Legislature set priorities and guide corrections.

Mahalo,

Daniel C. Smith

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Submitted on: 3/19/2025 9:11:49 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/20/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Meehan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HCR110/HB106.

There is a significant amount of deferred repair and maintenance of property entrusted to the Department of Education. Funds are available to **review, prioritize and initiate** a program aimed at this deferred maintenance issue.

Safety - Several areas are paramount including unsafe school facilities putting children and teachers at risk. It is unreasonable to have funds to eliminate these unsafe conditions and not allocate appropriate resources to remedy the issue.

Funding - \$2 billion in unspent capital improvement program funds begs the question, "why are funds available to address known issues and nothing being done to start the project process"?

My professional background includes over 30 years of creating budgets, sourcing vendors, contractors and suppliers, securing approval, initiating work and managing programs and project throughout North America. It's time to have an Auditor dig into the issues outlined in HB106 and start repairing our Department of Education buildings here in Hawaii.

I urge you to support HCR110/HB106. Mahalo,

Ted Meehan