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Committee: EDU/GVO

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SCR201, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING PROGRAM CONTRACTORS AND PREQUALIFIED SMALL CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE FUTURE SCHOOLS NOW PROGRAM.

Purpose of Bill: Requesting The Department Of Education To Reissue Requests For Proposals For The Job Order Contracting Program Contractors And Prequalified Small Contractors To Ensure The Continuity Of The Future Schools Now Program.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports SCR201, which recognizes the proven success and efficiency of the Job Order Contracting (JOC) program, also known as the Future Schools Now program, in addressing critical school facility repair and maintenance needs statewide. As outlined in the resolution, the JOC program has demonstrably reduced procurement timelines and costs compared to traditional methods, allowing for the rapid completion of essential repairs that previously took years. The substantial investment and the impressive volume of completed projects, totaling over \$435 million as of March 2026, underscore the program's effectiveness in tackling the state's substantial deferred maintenance, estimated to exceed \$1 billion.

The resolution accurately highlights the negative impacts of delays in school facility repairs, including adverse effects on student learning environments, teacher retention, and overall campus safety and functionality. The JOC program, by utilizing prequalified contractors, standardized pricing, and simplified work-order procedures, directly mitigates these delays. Furthermore, the program has been instrumental in fostering opportunities for local contractors and small businesses, thereby supporting the local construction workforce, a crucial aspect of our community's economic well-being.

We concur with the resolution's call to reissue Requests for Proposals for JOC program contractors and prequalified small contractors to ensure the continuity of the Future Schools Now program. The Department is actively engaged in the procurement process for replacement contracts, recognizing the need to initiate these efforts well in advance of existing contract expirations to maintain uninterrupted service. The resolution's request for the Department to initiate procurement for replacement contracts in 2026 aligns with our internal timelines and

strategic planning to avoid any disruption to ongoing repair and maintenance efforts.

The Department is committed to continuing the utilization of job order contracting and prequalified contractor programs as efficient procurement methods. These methods are vital for accelerating school repair, maintenance, and minor construction projects across the state. We also acknowledge and will fulfill the request to submit a comprehensive report to the Legislature by the specified deadline, detailing the status and outcomes of the Future Schools Now program, including key metrics such as the number of purchase orders, dollar values, and types of projects completed.

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

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Comments:

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