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**Date:** 03/03/2026

**Time:** 10:15 AM

**Location:** CR 016 & Videoconference

**Committee:** JDC

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB2611, SD1, RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Includes weekends and holidays as times where a reasonable warning or request to leave school premises is not required for a person to commit the offense of criminal trespass in the first degree. (SD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2611, SD 1, as it strengthens the safety and security of school communities for students and staff.

One of the Department's top priorities is to maintain a safe and secure learning and working environment for all students and staff. The bill eliminates the requirement for a specific warning or request to leave on weekends and school holidays, streamlining the ability of law enforcement to address unauthorized presence during these times.

Lastly, the bill aligns with broader efforts to combat increasing instances of harassment and violence against educational workers and sports officials in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to SB 2611, SD 1.

**SB-2611-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2026 10:15:00 AM

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Comments:

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