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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Thursday, April 2, 2026  
2:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3118 SD1 HD2**

**RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN.**

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee,

The Military and Community Relations Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** this measure which updates Hawai'i law to be fully inclusive of related military components.

Since Hawai'i participates in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, SB3118 SD1 HD2 would amend Articles II and III of Section 311D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes to align state law with references to the United States Code in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

This measure is significant in that it not only references active duty servicemembers but also considers reserves and guard personnel. This comprehensive language secures Hawai'i's full compliance with the Interstate Compact and establishes a clear, consistent reference for local military families navigating enrollment, placement, and graduation of their children when moving between states.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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**Time:** 02:00 PM

**Location:** 325 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Committee:** JHA

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB3118, HD2, RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN.

**Purpose of Bill:** Updates references to the United States Code in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. (HD2)

**Department's Position:**

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department) supports SB 3118 SD1 HD2 which is part of the Department's administrative package.

The Interstate Compact is a historic agreement designed to remove barriers to educational success for military-connected students. Its effectiveness relies on uniformity across all jurisdictions. It is important to note that this Compact has been formally adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

Because Hawai'i is part of this total national commitment, it is critical that our state statute remains aligned with the national model. SB 3118 SD1 HD2 ensures that Hawai'i's language is technically accurate and consistent with the standards followed by every other state and the DoDEA. The Department respectfully requests for this measure to be approved in it's current form.

The Department appreciates the amendments to effectuate this bill upon approval and hopes this bill can be passed as is.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 3118 SD1 HD2.