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Committee: JDC

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB3118, SD1, 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. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawai'i State Department of Education supports SB 3118 SD1.

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 ensures that Hawai'i's language is technically accurate and consistent with the standards followed by every other state and the DoDEA.

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



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Statement of
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3118 SD1

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

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, 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 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.