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Committee: EDN

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SCR197, REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Purpose of Bill: Requesting The Office Of The Auditor To Conduct A Comprehensive Performance Audit Of The Department Of Education's Capital Improvement Program.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on SCR 197, SD 1, and supports efforts to promote transparency, accountability, and effective stewardship of public resources. The Department remains committed to working cooperatively with the Legislature and the Office of the Auditor.

In coordination with the Office of Facilities and Operations, the Internal Audit Office maintains an established, ongoing process to evaluate policies, procedures, and internal controls for its Capital Improvement Program. These reviews are intended to assess how projects are implemented and whether they conform to applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies, and sound financial management practices. The reviews are intended to identify risks that may delay implementation of the capital improvement projects or contribute to cost escalation, which could result in other unintended consequences. Fiscal accountability and timely project delivery remain high priorities for the Department.

The Department maintains project-level information necessary to support a performance audit and will work with the Office of the Auditor to provide relevant data within the scope of SCR 197, SD 1.

The Department appreciates the Legislature's continued interest in school facilities and is ready to coordinate with the Office of the Auditor to support a clearly scoped and constructive audit.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on SCR 197, SD 1.

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