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Committee: House Lower & Higher
Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0033 RELATING TO MAGNET SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes the Department of Education to establish magnet schools or convert existing public schools to magnet schools.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) embraces a diverse portfolio approach for school design and respectfully offers comments on HB 33.

The Department's strategic priorities are centered around school design based on a school/complex empowerment model. For this model, the Department has established school design indicators that we have been delivering training on for the past year.

Principals and complexes must be given time to work through the school design process which is a Board of Education (Board) priority. Further, it is already within the Board's purview to adopt policy to establish "Magnets" as a school model.

Current examples of unique models in progress within the Department include but are not limited to: academy design, early college design, project-based schools, lab schools, and dual language schools. The Department is currently working with Principals to document the unique instructional design of sixty schools this school year.

As a suggestion, if the Legislature is amenable, the Department would embrace surveying our complexes around a magnet design process as an informational next step.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 33.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice,

and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

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