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House Committee on Lower and Higher Education

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2:35 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309

House Bill 407, Relating to the Board of Education

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Perruso, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education ("Board") would like to provide comments on HB 407, which would grant the Board the authority to appoint complex area superintendents.

The Board agrees that the complex area superintendents play a vital role for their public school communities, and they are an integral component of the Department of Education's tri-level leadership structure. The Board currently has approval authority over any complex area superintendent appointments made by the Superintendent. The Board reviews the resume of the candidate and meets with the candidate before the appointment.

The Board would like to note, however, that it is unclear whether the intent of this measure is for the Board to directly oversee complex area superintendents. The Board respectfully requests for clarification.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Board.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Payne
Chairperson, Board of Education
Chairperson, 2019 Legislative Ad Hoc Committee