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Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 1307 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING THE RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE ISLANDS OF KAUAI, MAUI, MOLOKAI, LANAI, AND HAWAII ISLAND.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for the department of education to determine the feasibility of combining the resources and organization of the department of accounting and general services with the department of education on the islands of Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Hawaii island.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE) supports SB 1307. Currently, Department of Accounting and General Services is tasked with facilities and support services for neighbor island state buildings, state libraries and schools. This bill seeks to determine the feasibility of the DOE assuming responsibility for neighbor island Schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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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TESTIMONY
BY
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION/GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1307
FEBRUARY 11, 2019, 3:20 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229, STATE CAPITOL

S.B.1307

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING THE RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE ISLANDS OF KAUAI, MAUI, MOLOKAI, LANAI, AND HAWAII ISLAND.

Chairs Kidani, Thielan, Vice Chairs Kim, Inouye and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on S.B. 1307. The Department of Accounting and General Services (“DAGS”) opposes S.B. 1307.

The purpose of S.B. 1307 is to make an appropriation for the Department of Education (“DOE”) to study the feasibility of combining the resources and organization of the DAGS Neighbor Island Districts (comprised of the Hawaii District Office, Maui District Office, and Kauai District Office) that services and maintains school buildings, with the DOE on the islands of Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Hawaii Island.

DAGS has concerns with appropriating funds to conduct a study that lacks clarity as to the expected benefits of consolidating resources in providing services and maintenance of schools on the neighbor islands. In fact, the removal of the school repair and maintenance program from

DAGS is not economically beneficial for the State as there will be operational inefficiencies with such a move. The DAGS District Offices operate as satellite offices of the DAGS Oahu operations that include the maintenance and repair of public buildings and libraries. The school and public building repair and maintenance programs provide for efficient and effective operations through the utilization of trade and professional (architects and engineers) staff to oversee **both** programs. As such, it is essential for DAGS to maintain the current organizational structure of the District Offices in providing services to schools, as well as the public libraries and other State agencies in DAGS-managed buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is inappropriate as an idea, and certainly inappropriate to spend \$500,000 on a FEASIBILITY study. Terrible wast of my taxpayer money,

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Testimony for EDU on 2/11/2019 3:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

\$500,000 for a feasibility study when some schools don't have upgraded facilities, educators pay is low and schools' resources are inequitable? The DOE must have someone who is in the system who can do this for less than \$500,000? Some people don't make that in a life time.