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**Date:** 03/09/2020  
**Time:** 02:45 PM  
**Location:** 229  
**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 007 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDED CHAPTERS 19 AND 89 OF TITLE 8, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 007. The Department is committed to ensuring that all public school students are educated in learning environments that are safe, caring, and positive. The Department recognizes the importance and value of the social and emotional well-being of our students and its impact on student success.

The Department continuously works to reduce bullying and cyberbullying by emphasizing the importance of a positive school climate and the effective implementation of an evidence-based social and emotional learning (SEL) program. Statewide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) training and technical assistance are provided to support schools in addressing, improving, and maintaining a positive school climate.

The Department also understands that student-employee harassment can have grave impacts on students' educational learning and achievement. The Department's Civil Rights Compliance Branch (CRCB) Complex Area Equity Specialists have been valuable in decreasing the time frame for completing such investigations.

In January of 2020, the Department implemented a new behavior management system in Infinite Campus (IC) to capture student behavior incidents and disciplinary actions. The Department reports data on subgroups when the subgroup is greater than ten (10) students. Data is not publicly reported for a subgroup with ten (10) or fewer students. This practice ensures that the personally identifiable information of each student is kept private, while also maintaining alignment with Hawaii's approved Hawaii Consolidated State Plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The CRCB utilizes a manual data collection system to keep track of all on-going protected class

investigations. Such data includes investigation type categorized by protected class, time frames of when complaints were received and the CRCB investigation phase was completed, and statistics regarding investigation totals by schools and complex.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 007.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. 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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

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FOR: SCR 7/SR 8 Requesting the Department of Education to Submit a Report to the Legislature on the Implementation of the Amended Chapters 19 and 89 of Title 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules

DATE: March 9, 2020

TIME: 2:45 P.M.

COMMITTEE: Committee on Education

ROOM: Conference Room 229

FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT OF THE INTENT of SCR 7/SR 8** which requests the Department of Education (DOE) to submit a report on the implementation of the amended Chapter 19 and the new Chapter 89 of Title 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules, specifically reporting on the number of bullying and cyberbullying incidents.

A collaborative working relationship with DOE has been developed which has allowed for the participation in training and other activities by both charter schools and the Commission. As such, the Commission defers to DOE on the specific reporting requirements and procedures requested by this resolution. The Commission is available to assist both DOE and public charter schools, as needed, to address bullying and cyberbullying incidents.

The Commission looks forward to collaborating with the committee, other interested stakeholders, and public charter schools in moving these initiatives forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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March 8, 2020

To: Senator Michelle Kidani Chair  
And members of the Committee on Education

**Testimony in Support of SCR 7/SR 8 Requesting the Department of Education to Submit a Report to the Legislature on the Implementation of the Amended Chapters 19 and 89 of Title 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules.**

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations supports Testimony in Support of SCR 7/SR 8 Requesting the Department of Education to Submit a Report to the Legislature on the Implementation of the Amended Chapters 19 and 89 of Title 8, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

For 9 out of the past 13 years, bullying has been one of the top concerns of the youth who participate in the annual Children and Youth Summit at the State Capitol each October. They tell us that teachers and other school staff do not respond effectively when they witness bullying or bullying is reported by students.

As one concerned grandparent told me, "We are teaching our granddaughter about the issue. Last year she reported 3 kids to teacher because they were taunting a home less girl...{My granddaughter said the teacher just told them not to do again...the kids got nothing out of it."

According to the Hawaii Youth Behavioral Risk Survey, Hawaii has a low rate of youth violence in almost every area except bullying. The number of youth who have stated that they were afraid to go to school or have missed school due to bullying is much higher than the national average. 22.6% of middle school students in Hawaii were cyber-bullied, 40% were bullied on school property, 23.1% seriously considered suicide, and 12.4% attempted suicide during past 12 months (Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2017)

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Judith F. Clark, MPH  
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 3/8/2020 11:54:51 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cyd L. Hoffeld	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I strongly support SCR7.**

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 11:42:54 AM

Testimony for EDU on 3/9/2020 2:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Field	Testifying for Hawaii Women's Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 4:28:13 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/9/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Elento	Individual	Comments	Yes

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of **SCR7 / SR8** --

To include the **Hawaii Civil Rights Commission** in the distribution of the indicated Report to Legislature because of the Commission's interest and/or jurisdiction of students discriminated against due to disability and sex/gender, as referenced in **HAR 8-89 (HRS 368-3, HRS 368D)**. HB2420 and SB2244 refer to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission's jurisdiction, which would include students.

Linda Elento, Constituent