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**Time:** 02:00 PM

**Location:** 309 Via Videoconference

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 0144, SD2 RELATING TO A SCHOOL SUPPLY SUBSIDY PILOT PROGRAM.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes and makes an appropriation for a 1-year school supply subsidy pilot program at Naalehu elementary school. Takes effect 7/1/2050. Sunsets 1/1/2023. (SD2)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 144 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Department's Board of Education-approved budget. The Department acknowledges the negative impact that financial and geographic challenges have on student achievement and overall student success. The pilot program findings and recommendations will be reported by the Department prior to the convening of the 2023 regular session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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