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**Committee:** House Finance

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 0161(HSCR 1144) RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Repeals salary ranges for teachers in the department of education.

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education supports S.B. 0161 (HSCR 1144), which repeals statutory provisions establishing salary ranges for teachers that are no longer applicable. The salary range table is outdated and does not reflect the current bargaining unit negotiated salary ranges. Pursuant to Section 89-9 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, teacher salary schedules are negotiated.

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 161

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RELATING TO EDUCATION

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 161 is to repeal the statutory provision relating to teacher salary ranges.

Pursuant to Section 89-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, teacher salary schedules are negotiated. As a result, the salary range table contained in Section 302A-622, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is outdated and does not reflect the current bargaining unit negotiated salary ranges.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports repeal of Section 302A-622 as it removes any ambiguity between this section and the provisions of Chapter 89 and reinforces the current law and practice that teacher salary schedules are negotiated during the collective bargaining process.