

SCR188

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WRITTEN COMMENTS

Date: 04/08/2009

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 188, SD 1 (SSCR1140) REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP FORMED BY HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE USES OF STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND MONIES, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND MONIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP.

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Department's Position: The Department of Education supports SCR 188, SD1 (SSCR1140). The application and guidelines for the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds were issued by the US Department of Education on April 1, 2009, which was two days after the hearing in which the Committees on Education/Housing and Higher Education drafted amendments with details of the plans for use of the funds. This new information may require adjustments to the dollar amounts of the split between the University of Hawaii and the Department of Education, and adjustments to the amounts required for the Longitudinal Student Data System and the required assessments. After

the dollar adjustments, the Department's would recommend to the working group that the basic approach to the use of the funds remain as documented in SCR 188, SD1.