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**Committee:** House Finance

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 2074,HD1 RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires DOE to establish alternative routes to certification for principals and vice-principals. Allows DOE to, on a case-by-case basis, waive certification requirements until the alternative routes to certification are established. (HB2074 HD1)

**Department's Position:** Among other considerations, the development and selection of school leaders start with considering organizational goals and identification of the talent needed to meet the goals. The Department of Education supports this bill to allow for alternative routes to certification for principals which meets the requirements of the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act of 2009 and supports the Department's reform efforts as outlined in its Race to the Top application. This will assist in the Department's efforts to move forward on the development of alternative pathways for certification and to recruit leaders who have skills that fill a need in a district or school.



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H.B. 2074 H.D. 1 – RELATING TO CERTIFICATION  
OF PRINCIPALS AND VICE- PRINCIPALS

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the intent of H.B. 2074 H.D. 1 and the expressed intent of the Committees on Education and Labor & Public Employment reported in Standing Committee Report No. 36-10.

We reiterate that any effort to establish alternative routes to certification must ensure that the programs align with the Profile of the Effective School Leader. This document sets the standards for principals and vice-principals in the department.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leiomalama E. Desha', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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