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Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2393 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the department of education to create a comprehensive plan to establish alternative learning centers in each school complex area in the State. Requires the department of education to submit the plan to the legislature prior to the regular session of 2019.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SB 2393 and respectfully suggests amendments in the language to provide for the following:

- 1) A comprehensive needs assessment be conducted to determine the statewide need for essential alternative learning schools throughout Hawaii.
- 2) A cost analysis, including but not limited to anticipated budget, personnel, facility needs for each identified essential alternative learning school.
- 3) A projected implementation plan for identified essential alternative learning schools.
- 4) An appropriation of \$200K to allow the Department to contract for this project study.

Further, the Department proposes to submit an update report to the 2018-2019 Legislature and a final report to the 2019-2020 Legislature, accompanied by any budget requests or legislation, as necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2393.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. 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.