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

Title of Bill: HB 1070, HD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Provides that a public school shall not be required by the Department of Education to expend its own school funds to maintain any geographically disadvantageous land on or adjacent to its property. (HB1070 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 1070, HD1 and its overall concept.

Major grounds maintenance activities are not the responsibility of the school administration, however, additional funding is required to provide for the service. The Department notes that grounds maintenance of streams and rough terrain is beyond the capability of our maintenance crews. This type of maintenance activity would need to be contracted for and therefore requires an increase in our operating budget to allow for it.

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

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.