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Title of Bill: SB 1100 RELATING TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the department of education to set a standard for retention of student records of not less than one hundred years. Allows the department of education to partner with the Hawaii correctional industries program to establish a three-year student records modernization pilot project.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 1100.

Schools are required to maintain student records, such as transcripts, as evidence of activities, transactions, and decisions that show the existence and validity of student attendance. However, there is no uniform requirement for length of time that records must be stored. Additionally, schools store records in accordance with their available resources. As a result, some schools have records stored in boxes, taking up valuable space. This measure will also create greater efficiency for those who are requesting copies of student records as well as staff who process such requests. This bill seeks to authorize the Department to enter into a partnership with the Hawaii Correctional Industries program and to appropriate funds for purposes of modernizing student records management systems.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support SB 1100.