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**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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**Title of Bill:** HB 1127 RELATING TO THE STATE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

**Purpose of Bill:** Makes critical health or safety reasons the overriding priority among the criteria used to establish current and overall repair and maintenance requirements

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (DOE) supports the intent of this bill to amend HRS Section 36-35 to include provisions for health and safety as a principle criterion when prioritizing repair and maintenance of DOE facilities.

DOE currently uses this criterion to set its highest priorities for work to be done. This amendment is not necessary for the DOE to continue its current practice.