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**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 1083(sscr783) RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

**Purpose of Bill:** Amends section 103-55(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make wage certification inapplicable to contracts to provide transportation services for school children.

**Department's Position:**

The department supports Senate Bill 1083 (sscr783), as we believe that making wage certification inapplicable to school bus contracts will help stimulate competition among school bus vendors.



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2:00 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309

**Testimony of Don G. Horner, Chairperson**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1083, Relating to Transportation of School Children**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. The Board of Education SUPPORTS SB 1083.

In light of the escalating costs of student transportation in Hawaii, it was incumbent upon the Board of Education and the Department of Education to appropriately assess the situation. To that end, the Department engaged a leading student bus transportation consultant to take a comprehensive look at the current situation and develop a viable program of improvement for immediate action.

The amendments to the current law, as stated in SB 1083, are a result of the consultant's recommendations contained in its November 2012, Student Bus Transportation Study Final Report. Accordingly, the Board supports this measure as we believe it will allow the Department to more effectively manage the contracting process which will in turn assist the Department in managing the provision of services and cost.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1083.