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Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2977, SD1(sscr2830) RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Creates a five-year pilot project through which the department of education will contract for the design, planning, and installation of fourth generation modular design buildings on Hawaii's public school campuses. Requires the department of education to report to the legislature. Makes an appropriation. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the content of this bill. Establishing a five-year pilot program would give the Department an opportunity to fully explore the benefits of modular design building systems as a way to alleviate various issues concerning enrollment and growth within our school facilities.

We also appreciate the support given to appropriate funds for this initiative (that are yet to be determined), as the Department's current budget would not be able to fund this measure.

We also look forward to changing the defective effective date of this bill to be effective on July 1, 2014, as originally proposed.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.