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RE: Item VI. Discussion/committee action on the November 18, 2014  
General Business Meeting referral of the Policy Audit Permitted  
Interaction Group findings

Dear Chair De Lima and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State  
Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
(IDEA), discussed the ramifications of a number of the Policy Audit  
Permitted Interaction Group's proposed policies at our December 12,  
2014 meeting.

SEAC understands that your Committee is setting up a process to move  
forward on those policies relating to effective systems of support. We  
respectfully request an opportunity for an in-depth discussion of the  
following proposed policies and consideration of SEAC's rationale for  
further changes to the proposed drafts:

304.2 - Family and Community Engagement

305.2 - Use of Force

We also request that you consider adding to all "means" policies a  
Departmental office or position responsible for implementing the policy  
and reporting back to the Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Should you have any  
questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair