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RE: HB 2510 - Relating to Housing Vouchers

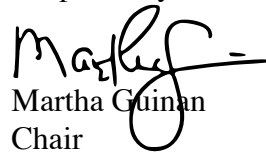
Dear Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports** HB 2510 that establishes a housing voucher program for full-time public school classroom teachers.

SEAC and others have supported additional incentives for special education teachers to help recruit and retain these critically needed personnel. Accordingly, SEAC offers a suggestion to this Committee that the housing vouchers, if funded, be given out with a priority for teachers filling shortage categories.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully,


Martha Guinan
Chair