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RE: SB 1311, SD 1 - Relating to Education

Dear Chair Tokuda 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 the intent** of SB 1311 SD 1 as amended.

The amendments made by the Committees on Education and Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health removed objectionable language that had the appearance of exempting school-based professionals and paraprofessionals from coming into compliance with Act 199. SEAC supported the passage of Act 199 and the licensing of behavior analysts for the practice of behavior analysis. Applied Behavioral Analysis is an evidence-based intervention for students with autism and other significant disabilities. When ABA is included in a student's Individualized Education Program, Act 199 requires that it be provided by individuals who are trained and licensed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important bill. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Martha Guinan
Chair