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RE: Item IV. D. Update/Discussion on process and timeline for review
of Board's proposed 100 policy series

Dear Chair Lupenui and Members of the Committee,

One of SEAC's functions under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is "to advise the Department of Education in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities." Given that the Board of Education sets educational policy in Hawaii, SEAC holds that it is imperative to provide input to your members when policies and administrative rules affecting students with disabilities are discussed.

Accordingly, SEAC provided testimony to this committee on January 20, 2015 requesting an opportunity for an in-depth discussion of the following "100 series" proposed policies and consideration of SEAC's rationale for further changes to the proposed drafts:

101.6 - Comprehensive Student Support System

105.12 - Special Education and Related Services

105.13 - Inclusion.

Subsequently your Committee categorized the latter two proposed policies as only needing minor edits. SEAC continues to seek an opportunity to discuss these two policies in greater detail, and we would appreciate guidance from your members on the proper venue for that discussion.

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