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RE: Recommendation for Action B. Committee Action on the
Department of Education's proposed operating budget for 2019-
2021 fiscal biennium

Dear Chair Uemura and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) welcomes this opportunity to support the Department's proposed operating budget for 2019-2021, particularly in the area of programs and services that address the needs of students with disabilities.

Over the past four decades SEAC has taken a proactive role each legislative session to educate key legislators and policy-makers on resources needed to ensure that Hawaii public school students with IEPs are provided with a free and appropriate education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. We are often asked to provide additional information and justification for budget items (EDN 150 items and others). So while we understand the purpose of today's discussion is to talk broadly about the overall budget, SEAC would appreciate more specificity for the following program descriptions in order to adequately advocate for their optimal funding:

- Applied Behavioral Analysis Staffing
- Education Specialists for Special Education
- Federal Revenue Maximization Revolving Fund (Medicaid Claiming).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input. Should you have questions, we will be happy to provide answers or clarification.

Respectfully,


Martha Guinan
SEAC Chair


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