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The Honorable Rick Blangiardi
Mayor, City and County of Honolulu
530 S. King Street, Room 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Clarification to S.B. 2613, C.D. 1, Relating to Public School Land Transfers

Dear Mayor Blangiardi,

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) would like to provide clarification regarding S.B. 2613, C.D. 1, Relating to Public School Land Transfers, specifically the provisions relating to Kaimuki Middle School.

The bill includes the transfer of several parcels to the Department. Section 4 of the bill identifies the Tax Map Key No. (1) 3-2-059-002 as one of those parcels. This parcel includes both Kaimuki Middle School and City and County of Honolulu (City and County) Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilities, which include the Kilauea Gym, as follows:

I would like to reassure you that it is not the Department's intent to assume or acquire ownership of the entire parcel beyond the Kaimuki Middle School footprint. The Department intends to work with the City and County to carve out DPR facilities and land from the larger parcel, so that it would remain owned and operated by the City and County. Doing this is allowed under Section 2 (b) of the measure, which provides that the Department may elect to obtain "all or a portion of each parcel identified by this Act," and, where applicable, the parties may take the actions necessary to legally effect the conveyance of only those portions deemed appropriate.

The Department values its longstanding partnership with the City and County and remains committed to working collaboratively and being transparent to ensure that the intent and implementation of this measure are clearly understood and aligned. We welcome the opportunity to continue the conversation, address any concerns, and consider any recommendations the City and County may have with respect to the Kaimuki Middle School associated parcel.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jesse Souki, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, at 808-784-6180 or via email jesse.souki@k12.hi.us.

Sincerely,

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