In January 2016, the Hawaii Department of Education began to solicit input that would impact development of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated State Plan. Public engagement occurred statewide through a variety of forums, culminating in a final plan presented to the Board of Education on June 20, 2017.

Statewide Meetings
The Hawaii Department of Education convened or participated in over 230 meetings to share information and gather feedback on ESSA, including meetings with:

- Governor | Legislative Leaders | HSTA
- School Leaders | Teacher Leader Work Group
- Native Hawaiian Education Advocates
- Charter Schools & Commission | Community Partners
- Teacher Education Coordinating Committee
- Hawaii State Student Council | HE`E Coalition

Public Comment
458 people participated in a public comment period to provide feedback on Hawaii’s ESSA Consolidated State Plan through an online survey between April 18 and May 18, 2017.

During the public comment period, there were:
- 7,989 views of the draft consolidated plan.
- 4,149 views of the executive summary of the plan.
- 1,350 views of the feedback page on the website.
- 186 plays of the ESSA video.
- 105 views of the public comment press release.

Board of Education
Between January 19, 2016 and June 6, 2017, the Board of Education heard 35 presentations on topics impacting ESSA and acted as a public forum, collecting 450 pieces testimony on these topics.

From January 2016 to June 2017, there were:
- 273 pieces of written testimony.
- 176 pieces of oral testimony.
- 22 general board meeting presentations.
- 13 committee presentations.

Plan Alignment
The Consolidated State Plan draft is aligned with Hawaii’s Blueprint for Public Education and the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, both created through unprecedented stakeholder engagement.

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