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Two Bills Exemplify Spectrum of Solutions for State's Furlough Fridays

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The 2010 Legislative Session recently started, and a few bills that relate to education are already up for hearings. Given our terrible "Furlough Fridays" situation, the Legislature needs to act quickly yet there are many opinions on how we should act.

So I wanted to bring your attention to two bills on Monday's agenda that really exemplify the spectrum of opinions.

These are House Bill 2178, which increases accountability by allowing the Governor to appoint the Superintendent of Education, and Senate Bill 2437, which among other things would increase the state's general excise tax by 1%.

These are just two of a variety of measures coming up on Monday that you may want to consider submitting testimony for or against.

If you would like to attend the hearings, the Senate will hold a hearing at 1:15 pm in State Capitol rm. 225 and the House Education Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. in rm. 309.

If you can't make it for the hearings, you can always submit your opinion via e-mail to <mailto:EDNTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov> (for House bills) or <mailto:EDHTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov> (for Senate bills), just be sure to include your full name and address.

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