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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
Ed!

04/20/2015 03:41 PM

Please respond to
Ann Lentz <dalentz0@gmail.com>

Apr 20, 2015

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It is staggering how little medically accurate FACTS kids get at home. Kids learn morals at home, but they go to school to learn facts and science. Yet for some reason when it comes to their own bodies, some people would prefer that teenagers be kept ignorant. Driven by ignorance, they look for information where they can find it, from popular culture, the internet, and hearsay and they are less likely to get facts that way. I want to live in a community that supports young people.

I support medically accurate sex education that will give kids the tools to make decisions for themselves, decisions that are more likely to stick. Minors can make decisions that will impact the rest of their lives, they need the best chance of making an informed decision.

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My own family has been clear to our child about sex education, and she is making excellent decisions for her own health and emotional well-being.

Donna Lum & Larry Abbott

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Chantal Weaver <spencecliffcorp@gmail.com>

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
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Subject Against Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy changes

Aloha,

I am a grandparent of a 7 year old who is currently in 2nd grade. **Sex Education Policy should remain abstinence- based & Opt -in. Further, any in-class Public School Sex Education before Grade 5 should be PROHIBITED!**

All the Glory be to Jesus Christ!!! Mahalo & aloha,

CHANTAL MOEARI WEAVER

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We have so many children giving birth, a large under educated population in our public schools, and sans education both the child and society at large suffers.

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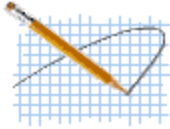
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Seattle, WA 98125-4578

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Warren Nakamura <simbatoby@icloud.com>

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<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Sex education changes

Dear BOE members,

Please do NOT make any changes to the current abstinence-based education curriculum in the school systems. Abstinence is the only proven way that can prevent pregnancies and STD's. Removing that from the curriculum denies our children the knowledge that this is the best option to protect them and future generations from the repercussions of teen pregnancies and harmful effects of STD's.

Sincerely,
Michele Nakamura
Mililani, Hi. 96789
Sent from my iPad

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"Brandie Calina" <lncalina@juno.com>

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Subject Sex Ed

As a concerned parent I oppose the changes being made in implementing comprehensive sex ed program. It has been expressed that our current sex ed program does not need to be changed and it should be up to the parents to deem the age appropriate time & information given based on their values & morals. This is not a school responsibility!

Mahalo

Brandie Calina

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Relating to Abstinence versus Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Submitted in **Opposition to**
Abandon Abstinence-Based Sex Ed to “Comprehensive Sexuality Education”
by Fern Mossman District 50 Kailua 96734

Dear Chairman Horner and Members of the Board of Education:

I am **OPPOSED** to any “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” (CSE) policy for Hawaii’s schools and would urge you to do the same. The truth is none of the CSE programs evaluated by Health and Human Services (HHS) lower either pregnancy or STI rates.

In written testimony Superintendent of Education, Kathryn Matayoshi, states: “As there are existing policies and resources in place to address this area, the department respectfully suggests that this measure is not necessary at this time.” She is referring to comprehensive sex education.

There is an attempt to get a policy change through the BOE since legislative efforts were stymied. Please do not succumb to sexualizing our keki. This “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” has not been vetted within the local community. Parents are standing here pleading with you to not allow these programs to be allowed into the lives of our innocent keki. Do not allow teaching children as young as 4-5 about masturbation, and that they have a right to choose their gender. Startling components of the "comprehensive" sex education programs for teens as young as 13 include lessons include:

Advocating showering together as a no risk activity.

Promoting methods for sexual stimulation.

Conducting sexual role-play on how to help a partner maintain an erection.

Describing how to eroticize condom use with a partner. Suggesting teens wear shades or a disguise when shopping for condoms so adults and parents won't recognize them.

How do these messages discourage casual sex, which we know can lead to pregnancy and STD's?

The underlying message is that if we only mandate comprehensive sex education that our problems with teen pregnancy rates and STD's will be over and yet, there is no evidence to support this claim. In fact the opposite is true as you can imagine by the content of these programs.

Advocates and proponents CSE are well funded and very good at messaging but the truth always has a way of showing itself. Recently the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) “mounted a full court press on African leaders to pressure them to change their positions on CSE for their countries. UNFPA had a \$1 billion dollar budget with which to pressure and influence delegates and yet Africa said no, calling it moral imperialism. Ugandan officials say that their abstinence programs won against the spread of AIDs, but condoms give a false sense of security.

The curricula are not based on health. Conversely, many of today’s “comprehensive sex education” curricula mirror the ‘FBI Molester Grooming Paradigm.”

This is dangerous and sets children up to be used and exploited. This is not something we should be doing to the children of Hawaii. We should never allow any sex education program into the schools without first knowing that it is highly successful in accomplishing what those who support it say it does. This has not been done.

Please do not change the abstinence policy for Hawaii’s sex education.



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I am a full-time sexual violence prevention educator on the island of Kaua'i. I spend hundreds of hours every year in the schools talking to students about consent, boundaries and healthy relationships. I believe that comprehensive sex education is a critical part of overall sexual health, which includes keeping our children safe from sexual abuse and empowering them to make healthy choices about respecting their own and other people's boundaries so as not to cross the line into sexual assault. Comprehensive sex education also helps victims to recognize when they have been assaulted so they can receive support services and begin the healing journey.

It has been my experience that many students do not receive the education they need at home to make the best choices about protecting themselves from pregnancy, STI's and sexual assault. This is information they need to receive at school so they can go on to graduate and become healthy, positive contributors to our communities.

Please take the time to also consider the multiple studies that have been done to prove that Abstinence Only curricula has failed to produce the intended results. In fact, studies have shown that teens who receive comprehensive sex ed wait longer to have sex than those who do not.

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Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy Changes

Dear Chairman Horner,

As a voter in the State of Hawaii, with a child in the public school system, I respectfully ask that Hawaii's Sex Education Policy remain abstinence-based and opt-in.

1) This is not a religious issue. A Zogby International Poll show that "9 out of 10 parents agree that being sexually abstinent is best for their child's health and future." A Rassmussen Report says that 80% of adults still believe that parents should be the first educator of their children with respect to sex. I am one of those parents!

2) I support the current BOE policy which states that students are to be instructed in abstinence because "abstention from sexual intercourse is the surest and most responsible way to prevent unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) such as HIV/AIDS, and consequent emotional distress." The policy further specifies that "programs shall help students remain abstinent, help currently sexually active students become abstinent, and provide youth with information on protective devices for the purposes of "preventing sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy." As a parent, I strongly agree that children should DELAY any sexual activity.

3) Any curriculum/programs approved by the BOE should include the following: (1) sustained results - proof of impact on teens' behavior for at least 12 months following their participation in the program, (2) based on the entire group of program participants and not just subgroups, and (3) statistically proven to be effective as in the case of sexual abstinence.

Hawaii has been down the "opt out" road already and the newly instated "opt in" policy hasn't been in place long enough to see results. Perhaps the DOE should review all of its current programs and eliminate any that give teens a false sense of security using "safe sex" messages since proponents of CSE are citing high teen pregnancy rates and escalating STDs among Hawaii's teenagers.

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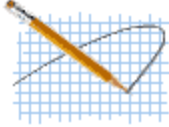
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Maria Gaspar-Oishi <gasparm@hawaii.edu>

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Subject Regarding Policy 103.5, relating to comprehensive sexual health education

To: Board of Education

From: Maria Gaspar-Oishi, MD

Re: Policy 103.5, Relating to Comprehensive Sexual Health Education

Position: **Strongly Support**

Dear Board of Education,

As an Obstetrician and Gynecologist, I am writing to express my support of comprehensive sexual health education in our public schools.

Lack of comprehensive sexual health education has resulted in poor health outcomes for Hawaii youth. Hawaii's teens rank lowest in the nation for condom use and for use of any type of birth control to prevent pregnancy during intercourse. Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country and costs Hawaii taxpayers around \$32 million per year. Those are just a few reasons why comprehensive sexual education has been supported by national organizations like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) as well as by Hawaii ACOG.

Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth **by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.**

Thank you for your consideration, Maria Gaspar-Oishi, MD

The views represented are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii of which I am a faculty member.

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Maria Aina Gaspar-Oishi, MD, FACOG

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Aloha Members of the Board of Education,

I am Dileep G. Bal, M.D., and I have been a physician active in the full-time practice of medicine and public health for over four decades in senior positions in Arizona, California, and Hawaii. I wish to emphasize that the following statements are solely my personal views. The content, however, reflects the current state of the science and state of the practice nationwide.

I understand that the Hawaii State Board of Education is reviewing Policy 103.5, which requires reproductive health education to be a part of the school system's curriculum, and Policy 103.8, which bans condoms in public schools.

I wish to unequivocally support Policy 103.5 and strongly oppose Policy 103.8. That is my considered opinion based upon the recommendations of public health authorities nationwide.

I also understand that your Student Achievement Committee last week agreed with me on Policy 103.5 and deferred rendering judgment on Policy 103.8. I am gratified by their first action and puzzled by their second action, because the mere availability of contraceptives, especially condoms, results in a reduction of teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates. That is a scientific and statistical fact.

I am concerned, and I must confess somewhat alarmed, that we are still debating this issue in the genesis of education policy in Hawaii, in the year of our Lord 2015. When I was Director of Health in Tucson, Arizona, in 1975, we debated this issue in a rather conservative state and came up with the only sensible solution. We collectively decided that we strongly discourage sexual activity among our school aged youth. However, in the event of our youth being sexually active (despite our collective disapproval for religious or other reasons), we would provide the necessary help from the public health and educational sectors to prevent teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. That is our job and we did it then and still do it now.

My main concern is that teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections are regrettably common in our islands, compared to national rates. This epidemic requires that Hawaii's health and

education authorities collaborate on stemming this serious health concern for our youth. To do less, in my humble opinion, would be tantamount to medical and educational malpractice.

I have been given to understand that notwithstanding the DOE Guidelines (wishy-washy and vague as they are), some middle and high schools are neglecting to implement them, as they are not mandated. Therefore the DOE has in my opinion somehow put the burden of responsibility on the local complex superintendents and principals, thereby contributing to our current crisis. Furthermore, one major factor for this benign neglect is coercion by parents with certain religious leanings. Some educators have decided that discretion is the better part of valor, and so have elected to use avoidance as a coping mechanism. I do not fault them, but wish the DOE provided clearer direction. Moreover, many teachers in Hawaii are not even trained in the DOE-approved curricula, and therefore need clear direction and the requisite training.

As a lifelong Episcopalian and Lay Eucharist Minister at All Saints Episcopal Church in Kapaa for the last ten years, I am very sensitive to the cultural and religious nuances to this and other issues. However, I have an abhorrence for the insertion of personal bias into governmental educational policy, especially when it is contrary to accepted medical practice and results in an epidemic of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections among our vulnerable youth. To knowingly injure our keiki, however unintentionally, is still very wrong at a fundamental and human level.

It is unconscionable for BOE members and others in a position of authority at the DOE to advance a policy that has universally been discredited by knowledgeable public health and education authorities. To reiterate, in my view this constitutes medical and educational malpractice, and in fact make you liable for lawsuits.

Finally, coming to the opt-in versus opt-out options, may I just say what is self-evident. Electing to go with the opt-in option is merely an obvious way of subverting such education from occurring.

If the Board of Education assures our population that every student in Hawaii will have unfettered access to appropriate instruction and medical assistance in these areas, we should soon see a plummeting of our teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates. Thus, we will all have an objective and quantitative measure of our collaborative success. Absent availability of appropriate instruction and medical advice and care – i.e., the current situation – Hawaii will continue to have these outrageous teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates.

My humble plea to the BOE is that they provide clear direction to the DOE consistent with national education and public health policy, so that every DOE complex is clear as to what they need to do, and then train the teachers to provide such education because it is now embedded as a requirement in their curriculum.

Mesdames et messieurs may I respectfully ask you, what don't we know and when didn't we know it?

Mahalo for your kokua in listening.

May God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dileep G. Bal, M.D.", with a horizontal line underneath.

Dileep G. Bal, M.D., M.S., M.P.H.

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Lois <leel004@yahoo.com>

04/20/2015 06:22 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
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cc

Subject NO change Sex Education policy

this is such a flawed prposal it is hard to know where to start;

- teenage pregnancy going down,
- STD cases go up when Sex Ed introduced,
- there is Physical evidence of the long term effect on the brain with sexual information and stimulation is exposed to pre-adolescents,
- maturity is delayed for wise choices"when sex education introduced
- sexual activity at an early age increases transmittable diseases, and produces higher rate of sterilization,
- it takes away from the teachers other responsibilities in the classroom.
- it is social engineering that is the basis of this bill.

How about we increase academics for the real world of self responsibility and self controll ..which by the way are MORE advantageous in the real world, than a quick fix self gratification that studies show come from sex education

STOP THIS BILL--PERIOD ! Kill it right here...right now!

Thank you for doing this correct stoppage.

Lois Lee

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"judy taggerty" <kjtagon19@gmail.com>

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To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

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Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy Changes

Dear Chairman Horner,

As a voter in the State of Hawaii, with a child in the public school system, I respectfully ask that Hawaii's Sex Education Policy remain abstinence-based and opt-in.

1) This is not a religious issue. A Zogby International Poll show that "9 out of 10 parents agree that being sexually abstinent is best for their child's health and future." A Rassmussen Report says that 80% of adults still believe that parents should be the first educator of their children with respect to sex. I am one of those parents!

2) I support the current BOE policy which states that students are to be instructed in abstinence because "abstention from sexual intercourse is the surest and most responsible way to prevent unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) such as HIV/AIDS, and consequent emotional distress." The policy further specifies that "programs shall help students remain abstinent, help currently sexually active students become abstinent, and provide youth with information on protective devices for the purposes of "preventing sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy." As a parent, I strongly agree that children should DELAY any sexual activity.

3) Any curriculum/programs approved by the BOE should include the following: (1) sustained results - proof of impact on teens' behavior for at least 12 months following their participation in the program, (2) based on the entire group of program participants and not just subgroups, and (3) statistically proven to be effective as in the case of sexual abstinence.

Hawaii has been down the "opt out" road already and the newly instated "opt in" policy hasn't been in place long enough to see results. Perhaps the DOE should review all of its current programs and eliminate any that give teens a false sense of security using "safe sex" messages since proponents of CSE are citing high teen pregnancy rates and escalating STDs among Hawaii's teenagers.

Sincerely,

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To: State of Hawaii Board of Education
Student Achievement Committee
April 21, 1:30pm Meeting

TESTIMONY ON POLICY 103.5 SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

As a concerned citizen, I want to express my full support of expanding sexual health education to our youth throughout the Hawaii State School System. Sexual health is an issue that concerns each of us, and it is important that our youth receive accurate, scientific information that supports their sexual health. Providing education through our school system will ensure that every child gets the needed information and that it becomes commonplace for youth to have access to sexual health education. It will help us not only prevent STDs and unplanned pregnancies, but it will decrease the number of unplanned pregnancies, which will cut costs to taxpayers of young people who often need TANF assistance after giving birth.

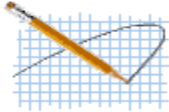
It is without reservations that I support expanded sexual health education in our public schools. Our community wants it and our youth deserve it.

Mahalo for your time and for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Collins', with a stylized, flowing script.

Richard Collins



LaVerne Bishop <lbishop@haleopio.org>

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject Support for Policy 103.5

I have worked with youth and families on Kaua'i for 39 years. Eleven of our sixteen schools are Title I, meaning 50 % or more students meet the federal income level for free and reduced lunch - they are poor. They are poorly educated as well and have little hope and more fear for their future. (Only 20% of youth entering Kaua'i Community College are prepared for college level courses.) If they only had a baby to love them.

If they only had a trusted, educated adult who could speak with them about reproductive health.

I was in the fourth grade in Ms. Eck(!)'s class learning penmanship and reproductive health, among other lessons. I remember going home and asking my mother how you get a baby, incredulous at what I'd learned. She whirled around and queried "what do you want to know for?"! I, of course, needed to confirm that what I'd learned was in fact true.

Were I to be in the fourth grade today, there would be no question about any of this. The world is a different place than my naive questioning evokes. There is so much information and misinformation from the pundits; but the lives of our children are not steeped in that culture, they are in the youth culture. They are growing up informing each other about all manner of things that families and schools should be talking about.

If families are talking, they can opt out of any educational opportunities. It's those that are not talking that we continue to marginalize by not offering reproductive health education, by requiring a signature to "opt in" when many parents are not functioning adults. They will be the grandparents of the children born to their children. And the poverty level of our students will continue.

I support Policy 103.5. Let's help get the United States back into the civilized world.

LaVerne Bishop
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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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Please respond to
Megan Powers <alohapowers@gmail.com>

Apr 20, 2015

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Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

Megan Powers
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Kristy Phillips <kikonmomo@gmail.com>

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Glenn Miyata <ghmiyata@gmail.com>

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject Planned Parenthood's Sex Education
Policy Changes

To Whom It May Concern,

I am strongly opposed to a comprehensive sex education program which teaches children about anal sex as opposed to abstinence. This would add to their emotional instability with peer pressure, and this could be the beginning of more infections.

I am also opposed to changing the policy to "Opt-out" as many parents are so busy, they won't even know their child is in the program. This is deceiving and unfair to those who do not want their child to be exposed to comprehensive sex education.

Sex education policy should remain abstinence-based and opt-in. Any in-class public school sex education before Grade 5 should be prohibited.

Please do not pass these two new proposals for the sake of our children's physical and emotional well being. Please do what is best for our keiki!!!

Sincerely,

Glenn H. Miyata

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Jo-Ann Adams <jmadamsesq@gmail.com>

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject In Support of Sexual Health Education

I support sexual health education. It is vital that we improve the health, safety and future of our school-aged children by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

I received some basic anatomy when I was in 5th grade in order to prepare me for menstruation. That was helpful.

It would have been even more helpful if there was some instruction about how a woman gets pregnant.

Because it was not offered in class, I learned it from a classmate. She did not have her facts straight. Luckily, I did not get pregnant during my adolescence due to lack of accurate knowledge.

I am old enough that the only "venereal diseases" discussed, when I got to college, were syphilis and gonorrhea. At that time, neither of these were common in the suburbs where I attended schools.

What influenced me greatly was when my older sister got pregnant at 17. She dropped out of college. Married the man who got her pregnant, who turned out to be a batterer. She got divorced. She raised her son on her own ... until husband #2, two more sons, another divorce....

She never got the shot at life that I got, because I was able to get my bachelor's degree and begin my career without the challenges of caring for an infant or a young child. The Hawaii Board of Education and Department of Education should be mortified at how many of the students in their care become pregnant or infected with sexually-transmitted diseases (STDs).

Thank you for your consideration,

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Jo-Ann M. Adams, Esq.

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Gil Barb <gilandbarb@earthlink.net>

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Please respond to
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Subject Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE)

TESTIMONY to Hawaii State Board of Education Tuesday, April 21, 2015 1:30 PM – Queen Liliuokalani Building Room 404

Relating to Abstinence versus Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Submitted in Opposition to

“Comprehensive Sexuality Education” Taking the Place of Abstinence-Based Sex Ed
submitted by Barbara J. Ferraro, Puna District, Big Island of Hawaii

Dear Chairman Horner and Members of the Board of Education:

I am OPPOSED to any “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” (CSE) policy for Hawaii’s schools and would urge you to do the same. The truth is none of the CSE programs evaluated by Health and Human Services (HHS) lower either pregnancy or STI rates. I may not be a mother or grandmother or even a great-grandmother of any keiki here in Hawaii, but I do have 14 great grandchildren in other states and I would not want them to be exposed to what has been proposed for the keiki here in Hawaii.

In written testimony Superintendent of Education, Kathryn Matayoshi, states: **“As there are existing policies and resources in place to address this area, the department respectfully suggests that this measure is not necessary at this time .”** She is referring to comprehensive sex education. It was also originally stated by the Hawaii BOE that this program be an opt-in program, which has since been changed back to opt-out, which is not what parents and residents of Hawaii were calling for.

There is an attempt to get a policy change through the BOE since legislative efforts were stymied and this is being spear headed by Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, among others. Please do not succumb to sexualizing our keiki. This “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” has not been vetted within the local community. Why don't you listen instead to the parents who are standing here pleading with you to not allow these programs into the lives of our innocent keiki? Do not allow teaching children as young as 4-5 about masturbation, and that they have a right to choose their gender. Startling components of the "comprehensive" sex education programs for teens as young as 13 include lessons such as:

Advocating showering together as a no risk activity.

Promoting methods for sexual stimulation.

Conducting sexual role-play on how to help a partner maintain an erection.

Describing how to eroticize condom use with a partner also suggesting teens wear shades or a disguise when shopping for condoms so adults and parents won't recognize them.

How do these messages discourage casual sex, which we know can lead to pregnancy and STD's? The answer is: They Don't!! The underlying message is that if we only mandate comprehensive sex education that our problems with teen pregnancy rates and STD's will be over and yet, there is no evidence to support this claim. In fact the opposite is true as you can imagine by the content of these programs.

The curricula are not based on health. Conversely, many of today's “comprehensive sex education” curricula mirror the ‘FBI Molester Grooming Paradigm.’ This is dangerous and sets children up to be used and exploited. This is not something we should be doing to the children of Hawaii or any other state. We should never allow any sex education program into the schools without first knowing that it is highly successful in accomplishing what those who support it say it does, todate this has not been done.

Please do not change the abstinence policy for Hawaii’s sex education, it is still the best solution to

preventing Aids, and also STD's. I will be encouraging many others to join me in opposing this proposed Sex Education curriculum and to also protest about the BOE should they decide they know better than parents about what children need to be taught regarding sex education.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Ferraro
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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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Apr 21, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
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There are ways to responsibly teach age appropriate information without censorship of knowledge that will harm our children in the long term. I believe in accurate information taught by educators rather than informal inaccurate information taught by questionable sources.

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Please support policy 103.5 to ensure that all students in Hawaii have access to the education they need.

Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

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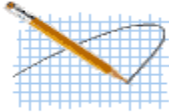
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Aloha Board of Directors,

My name is Lisa Ellen Smith, I live in Lihue, Hawaii. I am writing today in support of Policy 103.5. Attached is a document to remind us all of the facts about status of women in the state of Hawaii. It is imperative that we prepare our youth for the realities of life and providing sex education will improve their opportunities and outcomes.

I request that you please vote in favor of Policy 103.5

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Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Summary: The following report contains a compilation of statistics and information pertaining to the status of women in Hawaii. This data represents (1) voting; (2) women in office; (3) households; (4) violence against women; (5) education; (6) economics; (7) pay equity; (8) employment; (9) women's health, and more. Most of the information is adopted from the United States Census Bureau. Others are as noted.

Women and Voting in Hawaii

The Hawaii Office of Elections does not break down voter statistics according to gender and age.

- Across the nation women vote at a higher rate than men.
- In 2012 63.7% of registered women voters voted. 59.7% of registered male voters voted.*

* http://thedataweb.rm.census.gov/TheDataWeb_HotReport2/voting/voting.html

Women in Elective Office-2014*

- Congress: U.S. Senate: One of two seats held by a woman.
- U.S. House: Two of two seats held by women.
- State Legislature-Senate: Eight of twenty-five seats are held by women.
- State Legislature-House of Representatives: Sixteen of fifty-one seats are held by women.
- Percentage of women in office: 31.6%

* http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/fast_facts/resources/state_fact_sheets/HI.php

Relationship Status*

- 49.7% of population in Hawai'i is female
- Pertaining to females 15 years and over:
- Now married, (except separated) –49.7%
- Widowed-9.8%
- Divorced-10.3%
- Separated-1.5%
- Never married-28.8%

*information adopted from 2013 American Community Survey

http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_13_3YR_S0201&prodType=table

Households in Hawaii*

- Female householder, no husband present-57,241 families
- With related children under 18 years old-32,764 families
- With own children under 18 years old-23,808 families
- Under 6 years only-21,333 families
- Under 6 and 6-17 years old-4,294 families
- 6 to 17 years only- 14,496 families

Husband-Wife families

- With related children under 18 years old-106,290 families
- With own children under 18 years old-91,610 families
- Under 6 years only-19,793 families
- Under 6 and 6-17 years only- 50,484 families

Family Type

- Family households: 313,907
- Female householder: 97,726
- Nonfamily households: 141,431
- Female householder: 69,584
- Female householders living alone: 54,710

*information adopted from 2010 Census:

<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF>

Violence against Women*

Percentage of women who are victims of violence

Domestic violence counts September 17, 2013 in Hawaii:

- 575- victims served in one day.
- 217- residential needs met for housing.
- 358-assistance needs met which were not residential.
- 113-hotline phone calls answered
- 45-requests for services unable to be met, most of which were residential.

*words and information adopted from:

<http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2013/AllStateSummariesMerged.pdf>

Women and Education in Hawaii*

School enrollment for females in Hawaii

- Female 3 years and over enrolled in school: 168,222
- Enrolled in college or graduate school: 32.2%

Educational Attainment

- Female High School graduate or higher: 90.1%
- Female Bachelor's degree or higher: 31.5%
- Income in the past 12 months (In 2013 inflation-adjusted dollars)
- Median income - \$51,398
- Female householder, no husband present, family- 17.8%
- Median family income - \$78,501
- Married couple family- 74.4%
- Median earnings full-time, year-round workers: \$39,217

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2013 3-Year American Community Survey

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Women and Poverty in Hawaii*

- Percentage of families and people whose income in the past twelve months whose income is below the poverty level:
- Married couple families: 3.9%
- With related children under age 18: 4.4%
- With related children under 5 only: 2.6%
- Families with female householder, no husband present: 18.3%
- With related children under age 18: 28.1%
- With related children under the age of 5 only: 38.1%

*2013 American Community Survey:

http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_13_1YR_DP03&prodType=table

Pay Equity

Women and Minimum Wage in Hawaii*

- Approximately half of minimum wage workers in Hawaii are women.
- Minimum wage: \$7.25 p/h.

- On Jan 1, 2015 minimum wage rises to \$7.75; then \$8.50 on Jan 1st 2016; \$9.25 on Jan 1, 2017; and \$10.10 on Jan 1, 2018.*

*http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/women_and_the_minimum_wage_state_by_state_1_5_14.pdf

Equal Pay and the Wage Gap in Hawaii

- Female earnings: Hawaii ranks #7 in the United States*
- Female earnings: \$40,370
Male earnings: \$48,440.
- What a woman makes for every dollar a man makes: 83.3 cents. Wage gap: 16.7 cents.

*http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/wage_gap_tables_2013_final.pdf

- Wage gap for Latina Women in Hawaii*: Latina Earnings: \$34, 310.
Male earnings: \$52, 122.
- What a woman makes for every dollar a man makes: 65.8 cents. Wage gap: 34.2 cents.

*http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/the_wage_gap_by_state_for_latinas.pdf

- Wage gap for African American Women in Hawaii*: African American Women earnings: \$37,732.
Male earnings: \$52,122.
- What a woman makes for every dollar a man makes: 72.4 cents. Wage gap: 27.6 cents

*http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/the_wage_gap_by_state_for_african_american_women.pdf

Employment

Businesses Owned by Women in Hawaii*

Total businesses owned by women in Hawaii: 37,343

Businesses owned by women in Hawaii with paid or unpaid employees:

- White women-18,669
- Black/African American women-407
- Asian women-19,946
- Chinese women-4,878
- Filipino women-4,410
- Japanese women-9,265
- Korean women-1,316
- Vietnamese women-1,025
- Other Asian women-626

- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander women-4,234
- Native Hawaiian women-4,013
- Guamanian or Chamorro women-2
- Samoan women-222
- Other Pacific Islander women-123
- Hispanic women-2,327
- Mexican/Mexican American/American Chicano women-852
- Puerto Rican women-499
- Cuban women-46
- Other Hispanic, Latina or Spanish women-931
- Equally Hispanic and non-Hispanic women-10

* <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF>

- 31% of total businesses in Hawaii are owned by women*

*<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/15000.html>

Female Labor Force in Hawaii*

- Women: 73.4% in labor force; 68.6% employed; 5.0% unemployed
- With children under the age of six: 66.6% in labor force; 60.2% employed; 5.8% unemployed

*Information in this section adopted from employment status: 2013 American Community survey [chart]

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Women and Occupations in Hawaii*

Percentage of which is female:

- *Management, business, science and arts occupations*: 47.7% female

Median earnings: \$45,751-female / \$62,105-male

- *Management, business, science, and financial*: 45.6% female

Median earnings: \$50,105-female / \$66,105-male

- *Management occupations*: 39.7% female

Median earnings: \$50,559-female / \$67,995-Male

- *Business and Financial Operations Occupations*: 59.5% female

Median earnings-\$49,267-female / \$56,998-male

- *Computer, engineering, and science occupations: 28.0%:*

Median earnings- \$46,619-female / \$70,711-male

- *Computer and mathematical occupations: 26.3%: female*

Median earnings-\$56,998-female / \$70,662-male

- *Architecture and engineering occupations: 18.7% female*

Median earnings: \$42,194-female / \$70,837-male

- *Life, physical, and social science occupations: 47.4% female*

Median earnings: \$41,186-female / 70,394-male

- *Education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations: 60.5% female*

Median earnings: \$37,479-female / 42,101-male

- *Community and social services occupations: 66.2% female*

Median earnings: \$43,037-female/ \$40,538-male

- *Legal occupations: 46.9%: female*

Median earnings: \$60,073-female / \$84,350-male

- *Education, training, and library occupations: 69.4% female*

Median earnings: \$35,744-female / \$40,296-male

- *Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations: 34.2%:female*

Median earnings: \$16,532-female / \$31,227-male

- *Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations: 66.7%: female*

Median earnings: \$60,310-female / \$91,163-male

- *Health diagnosing and treating practitioners and other technical occupations: 64.8% female*

Median earnings: \$71,291-female / \$100,784-male

- *Health technologists and technicians: 72.1% female*

Median earnings: \$42,219-female / \$56,881-male

- *Service occupations: 47.7% female*

Median earnings: \$20,464-female / \$28,292-male

- *Healthcare support occupations: 80.2% female*

Median earnings: \$26,386- female / \$30,055-male

- *Protective service occupations: 15.8% female*

Median earnings: \$37,304-female / \$42,655-male

- *Firefighting and prevention, and other protective service workers including supervisors: 15.8% female*

Median earnings: \$18,425- female / \$35,106-male

- *Law enforcement workers including supervisors: 15.7% female*

Median earnings: \$65,991-female / \$61,433-male

- *Food preparation and serving related occupations: 48.1% female*

Median earnings: \$16,073-female / \$22,541-male

- *Building, grounds cleaning, and maintenance occupations: 39.7% female*

Median earnings: \$24,296-female / \$26,257-male

- *Personal care and service occupations: 65.9% female*

Median earnings: \$15,081-female / \$28,902-male

- *Sales and office occupations: 67.7% female*

Median earnings: \$26,146-female / \$30,995-male

- *Sales and related occupations: 63.4% female*

Median earnings: \$18,854-female / \$34,272-male

- *Office and administrative support occupations: 71.4% female*

Median earnings: \$30,962-female / \$27,488-male

- *Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations: 3.8% female*

Median earnings: \$25,083-female / \$41,688-male

- *Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations: 24.4% female*

Median earnings: \$19,676-female / \$27,369-male

- *Construction and extraction occupations: 2.0% female*

Median earnings: \$40,995-female / \$42,339-male

- *Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations: 3.1% female*

Median earnings: \$27,317-female / \$42,639-male

- *Production, transportation, and material moving occupations*: 22.3% female

Median earnings: \$22,117-female / \$33,580-male

- *Production occupations*: 29.6% women

Median earnings: \$19,535-female / \$45,155-male

- *Transportation occupations*: 20.7% female

Median earnings: \$26,222-female / \$32,169-male

- *Material moving occupations*: 12.8% female

Median earnings: \$25,467-female / \$27,123-male

*estimates by the American Community Survey 2013 for females in Hawaii ages 16 and over.

http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_13_1YR_S2401&prodType=table

Employment Status on Women *

- Females 16 years and over in Hawaii: 560,005
- In labor force: 330,876: 59.1%
- Civilian labor force: 325,849: 58.2%
- Employed: 307,006: 54.8%
- Own children under 6 years: 105,078
- All parents in family in labor force: 66,911: 63.7%
- Own children 6-17 years old: 184,296
- All parents in family in labor force: 132,367: 71.8%

*Information adopted from 2013 American Community Survey:

http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_13_1YR_DP03&prodType=table

Working Mothers in Hawaii

- Families with children: 124,453*
- Single parent families: 34,515
- Families in poverty: 15,866
- Working mothers with infants under age 1: 12,513
- Working mothers with children under age 6: 43,390
- Working mothers with children under age 6 only: 23,711
- Working mothers with children under age 6 and ages 6-17: 19,679

*Information in section adopted from Child Care Aware of America
http://www.naccrra.org/sites/default/files/default_site_pages/2012/full2012cca_state_factsheetbook.pdf

Means of Transportation to Work for Hawaii's Women

Average overall percentage/Average female percentage*

- Car, Truck, or Van -81% female: 81%
- Drove alone-67.6% female: 64.5%
- Carpooled: 13.5% female: 16.5%
- In 2 person carpool-9.8% female: 12.0%
- In 3 person carpool-2.2% female: 3.0%
- In a 4 or more person carpool- 1.5% female: 1.6%
- Workers per car, truck or van-1.10 female: 1.13
- Public transportation (excluding taxicab)-6.1% female: 7.5%
- Walked- 4.2%: female: 4.0%
- Bicycle- 1.3% female: 0.9%
- Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means- 2.9% female: 2.0%
- Worked at home-4.4% female: 4.6%

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Female Caregivers in Hawaii

- 59% of caregivers are women.*
- 53% of caregivers also work full or part time. **

*<http://states.aarp.org/i-heart-caregivers-launched-to-honor-caregivers/>
**<http://states.aarp.org/survey-looks-at-caregiving-experience-of-hawaii-adults/>

Female Veterans in Hawaii *

- Females 18-64 years old: 7,680
- Females 65 years and over: 1,476

*Adopted from 2000 census
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Women's Health in Hawaii*

- Percentage of women age 18 and older that have had a Pap test within the past three years: 79.4%
 - Percentage of women who smoke: 14.9%
 - Percentage of women age 40 and older have had a mammogram within the past two years: 77.2%
 - Women who diagnosed with diabetes: 6.8%
 - Women age 50 and older have ever had a sigmoidoscopy- (Colorectal Cancer Screening): 47.1%
 - Adult women who have had a cholesterol check within the past five years: 73%
 - Women who have not engaged in any leisure-time/physical activity in the past month: 21%
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- Women who are obese: 16.7%
 - Women in Hawaii who eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day: 26.9%
 - Women who have had five or more drinks of alcohol on at least one occasion during the past month: 6.9%
 - Women who have had a dental visit within the past year: 76.5%

Mental Health

- Average number of days in the past 30 in which women's mental health was "not good": 3.1 days. State ranking-3

Reproductive Health

- Chlamydia: 8.1%
- Maternal mortality rate: 4.7%
- State Ranking: #6

Chronic Conditions

- Percentage of women in Hawaii who have high blood pressure: 23.7%
- Women in Hawaii diagnosed with diabetes: 6.8%
- AIDS rate of females in Hawaii: 2.2 per 100,000.
- Women and arthritis in Hawaii: 22.4%

*words and information taken from 2007 data: <http://hrc07.nwlc.org/Reports/State-Report-Card.aspx?stateID=HAWAII>

Health Coverage for Women in Hawaii

- Percentage of non-elderly women uninsured (2013)-Hawaii 7.3% percent
- Percentage of non-elderly women uninsured, by race/ethnicity (2012)

Hawaii-6.9 percent all; White-6.3%; Black-7.3%; Latina-9.6%.

- Racial Disparity Ratios: percentage of non-elderly women uninsured, by race/ethnicity (2012): Hawaii- 6.9%; Black- 7.3%; Latina- 9.6%.
- Percentage of non-elderly women uninsured by income level (2012): Hawaii 12.7%; Rank #3; for women with incomes at <=138% federal poverty level. 9.6% for women with incomes at <= 400% Federal Poverty Level-Rank #3.
- Percentage of people uninsured mid-2014: Hawaii 6.9%; change in percentage of people uninsured, 2013 to 2014 %-0.2%.

Women's Access to Health Care in Hawaii

- Hawaii: Access to Care: Rank #11 Grade: B+
- Number of primary care physicians per 100,000 population (2012)-93.7.
- Percentage of women who had a routine health exam in the past two years (2012): 84.4%.
- Percentage of women who visited a dentist or dental clinic in the past year (2012): 72.2%.
- Percentage of adult women reporting one person as a personal doctor, by race/ethnicity-2012: All- 89% ; White-86%; Black- no stats; Latina- 90%.
- Percentage of women age 40+ who had a mammogram within the past two years, by race/ethnicity (age-adjusted 2012):
-All-76.5%; White-75.1%; Black n/a; Latina-75.6%; Asian-Pacific-Islander: 79%; American Indian/Alaska Native-no stat.
- Percentage of women ages 21-65 who had a pap test within past three years, by race/ethnicity (age-adjusted, 2012):
-All-80.3%; White-85%; Black- no percent; Latina-84.8%; Asian/Pacific Islander:75.9%; American Indian/Alaska Native-none.
- Number of women ages 13-44 in need of publicly funded contraceptive services and supplies, and percentage of need met by publicly funded family planning clinics (2012):70,970

- Percentage of need met: 31%.
- Percentage of women ages 15-44 living in a county without an abortion provider (2011) 0%.

Women's Health Outcomes

- Percentage of women reporting current asthma, by race/ethnicity (age, adjusted, 2012):
-All: 12.6%; White-10.6%; Latina-22%; Asian/Pacific Islander-10.6%
- Percentage of women reporting ever having been diagnosed with hypertension, by race/ethnicity (age, adjusted, 2011):
-All-26.8%; White 22.1%;Latina-30.8%; Asian/Pacific Islander:27.5%
- Percentage of women reporting ever having been diagnosed with diabetes, by race/ethnicity (age-adjusted, 2012):
- All 8.9%; White-4.8%; Latina-9.9%; Asian/Pacific Islander: 8.9%
- Percentage of Women Reporting Ever Having Been Diagnosed with High Cholesterol, by Race/Ethnicity (age, adjusted, 2011):
-All-29.6%; White-27.1%; Latina-33.9%; Asian-Pacific Islander-29.8%.

Sexually Transmitted Infections

- Rates of sexually transmitted infections, per 100,000 Women (2012):
- Chlamydia: 64.9
- Gonorrhea-43.6

Birth and Mortality

- Percentage of women reporting limitations due to physical/mental/emotional problems, by race/ethnicity (age-adjusted, 2012):
-All: 16.6%; White-21.4%; Latina-16.5%; Asian/Pacific Islander-12%
- Percentage of women reporting poor mental health on eight or more of the past 30 days, by race/ethnicity (age-adjusted, 2012):
-All-12.9%; White- 15.1%; Latina-20%; Asian/Pacific Islander:9.4%.
- Women's life expectancy at birth, in years (2010): 84.7
- Women's life expectancy at birth, in years: All: 83.7%
- Maternal Mortality Rate, per 100,000 Live Births (2003-2007): 15.1%/28

- Infant Mortality Rates, Overall and by Race/Ethnicity of Mother per 1,000 Live Births (2008-2010):
- All-5.9%; White-4.2%; Latina-6.1%; Asian/Pacific Islander: 6.5%.

Fertility:

- Women 15 to 50 who gave a birth in the last 12 months in Hawai'i: 20,518
- Unmarried women ages 15-50 who had a birth in the past 12 months in Hawai'i: 6,555
- A percentage of all women in Hawai'i who had a birth in the past 12 months: 31.9%

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Effects of New Health Care Law for Women in Hawaii*

Uninsured Women in Hawaii

- Approximately 41,000 women, over 9% of Hawaii women were uninsured.
- 9.5% of black women and 11.5% of Hispanic women were uninsured compared to 8.2% of white women.
- Women who are able to buy health insurance have to pay more for coverage than men do which is Gender Rating.
- All plans in Hawaii practice Gender Rating.

Access to Health Care

- 6,000 young Hawaiians have gained coverage thanks to the law.
- 14,000 children with preexisting conditions in Hawaii now have access to health care.
- 173,000 women in Hawaii no longer have a lifetime limit of their health coverage.

Access to Preventive Care

- An estimated 122,000 women in Hawaii received preventive services without a co-payment in 2011 and 2012. All new health plans must also cover certain women's preventive services with no co-payments.

Insurance Reforms

- \$357,000 people in Hawaii are seeing the effects of a federal requirement that insurance companies must also spend 80-85% of premiums of health care, instead of on administrative costs and profits. Insurance companies that have not met this standard are required to provide rebates to consumers, which totaled \$195,000 in Hawaii in 2011, with an average family rate of \$15.

New Benefits for women with Medicare Coverage

- More than 69,000 women with Medicare in Hawaii have received preventive services at no additional cost in 2011.

- In 2012, roughly 18,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Hawaii have saved an average of \$375 on prescription drugs as the new law has begun closing Medicare's prescription drug benefit.

More Benefits and Protections are on the way

- In 2014, the health insurance exchange will be up and running where women can shop and compare plans. Almost 12,000 women in Hawaii can access tax credits to help them purchase coverage through the exchange.
- Access to coverage through Medicaid: States have the option to extend Medicaid coverage to individuals earning less than about \$15,000 a year, and families earning less than about \$30,000 a year (133% of federal poverty line). The federal government will cover 100% of the cost of this eligibility expansion in the first three years, phasing down to 90% in subsequent years.
- 14,000 women in Hawaii will be newly covered because Hawaii has accepted federal money to expand Medicaid eligibility.
- When combined with other reforms in the ACA, this coverage expansion would reduce uninsured in Hawaii by nearly 50%.
- Accepting federal money and covering more people could save Hawaii \$101 million in uncompensated care costs over the next ten years.
- Covering more people through Medicaid will bring in almost 2.7 billion of federal funding into Hawaii helping to keep hospitals open and available in local communities.

Services Hawaii Women Need

- Starting in 2014 plans can no longer deny coverage to adults with pre-existing conditions. This means women will no longer be treated as a pre-existing condition and be denied insurance coverage for a history of pregnancy; having had a C-section; being a survivor of breast, or cervical cancer; or having received medical treatment for domestic or sexual violence.
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*words and information taken from: http://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/aca-factsheets/hawaii_healthstateprofiles.pdf



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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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04/20/2015 07:41 PM

Please respond to
Jessica Clabo <igbbe@yahoo.com>

Apr 21, 2015

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As a health care provider in the Koolauloa district I can attest to the vast deficit of knowledge within our population about their reproductive organs, sexually transmitted infections and disease and pregnancy. This had led to major life consequences, some of which our community carries for life. We have the highest incidence of chlamydia in the state with an approximately 14% rate, which is well above the national and state average. This is not something to be proud of. This is due directly to our schools denying our children education about the above topics, and instead focusing on abstinence. In a state where teen pregnancy is looked upon positively and welcomed culturally instead of seen as a terrible thing, we need to educate our children so they can protect themselves for STI/STDs as well as make their own decisions about birth control. We do not have the right to perpetuate pregnancy in our teens due our desire to keep them in the dark. Please be respectful of our children and help them attain the education they need by voting in favor of policy 103.5.

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Sincerely,

Lea Minton
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Tannya Kanei-Ibara <tannya.kanei@gmail.com>

04/20/2015 08:13 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Opposition to Comprehensive Sex Education

To: Hawaii Board of Education,

I'm writing to express my opposition to comprehensive sex education. Please keep sex education abstinence based and allow parents to opt-in. I have a daughter in Kindergarten and the thought of her beginning sex education at her age is appalling. Not only is it unnecessary, it's also very inappropriate. Policies like this have caused my husband and I to have very little faith in our public school's system curriculum. Please protect our children's innocence. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tannya Kanei-Ibara

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Sara Harris <saracharris@gmail.com>

04/20/2015 08:23 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject In Support of Policy 103.5

To: Board of Education

From: Sara Harris, MD

Re: Policy 103.5, Relating to Comprehensive Sexual Health Education

Position: Strongly Support

Dear Board of Education,

As a physician, I am writing to express my support of comprehensive sexual health education in our public schools.

Lack of comprehensive sexual health education has resulted in poor health outcomes for Hawaii youth. Hawaii's teens rank lowest in the nation for condom use and for use of any type of birth control to prevent pregnancy during intercourse. Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country and costs Hawaii taxpayers around \$32 million per year. Those are just a few reasons why comprehensive sexual education has been supported by national organizations like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) as well as by Hawaii ACOG.

It is so important for the children of Hawaii to get thorough and complete health education, including sexual health. Access to and knowledge of safe sex practices can only serve to benefit these students and our communities as a whole.

Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sara Harris, MD

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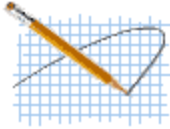
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William <wching12@hawaii.rr.com>

04/21/2015 08:38 AM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"

<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject No change to sex education policy

Board of Education members,
The intent of this letter is to urge you NOT TO CHANGE THE OPT-IN
comprehensive sex education to opt-out. Parents need to be given this CHOICE
as they are ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE for the training and education of their
minor children. Do not work against parental rights of our Keiki. Please
stand for RIGHTEOUSNESS.
Respecfully submitted,
William JKK & Patricia-Ann K Ching

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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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Apr 21, 2015

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"Karen DiCostanzo" <jrdico.g@gmail.com>

04/20/2015 11:40 PM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy Changes

Dear Chairman Horner,

As a voter in the State of Hawaii, with a child in the public school system, I respectfully ask that Hawaii's Sex Education Policy remain abstinence-based and opt-in.

1) This is not a religious issue. A Zogby International Poll show that "9 out of 10 parents agree that being sexually abstinent is best for their child's health and future." A Rassmussen Report says that 80% of adults still believe that parents should be the first educator of their children with respect to sex. I am one of those parents!

2) I support the current BOE policy which states that students are to be instructed in abstinence because "abstention from sexual intercourse is the surest and most responsible way to prevent unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) such as HIV/AIDS, and consequent emotional distress." The policy further specifies that "programs shall help students remain abstinent, help currently sexually active students become abstinent, and provide youth with information on protective devices for the purposes of "preventing sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy." As a parent, I strongly agree that children should DELAY any sexual activity.

3) Any curriculum/programs approved by the BOE should include the following: (1) sustained results - proof of impact on teens' behavior for at least 12 months following their participation in the program, (2) based on the entire group of program participants and not just subgroups, and (3) statistically proven to be effective as in the case of sexual abstinence.

Hawaii has been down the "opt out" road already and the newly instated "opt in" policy hasn't been in place long enough to see results. Perhaps the DOE should review all of its current programs and eliminate any that give teens a false sense of security using "safe sex" messages since proponents of CSE are citing high teen pregnancy rates and escalating STDs among Hawaii's teenagers.

Sincerely,

Karen DiCostanzo
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MILILANI, HI 96789

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Tabitha Kukahiko <tabitha76kuka@gmail.com>

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject HB459

To the Board of Education,

I strongly urge you to Not change the policy & to continue to base the Sex Education curriculum on Abstinence. Put abstinence back into the curriculum. I am a concerned parent of three elementary aged children & one middle schooler. I believe that it is my right to have the choice to "opt out" of any curriculum I feel is inappropriate for my children, especially if it is on the topic of sex.

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my concern.

Sincerely,

Tabitha Kukahiko

(Registered voter & State Tax payer)

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**GAY LESBIAN
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**DEMOCRATIC
PARTY OF HAWAII**

TO: Hawaii State Board of Education

Donald Horner, Chairperson

Brian De Lima, Vice Chairperson

Members: Keith Amemiya, Amy Asselbaye, Nancy Budd, Grant Chun, Patricia Halagao, Danson Honda, Jim Williams, Cheryl Ka'uhane Lupenui

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Building, 1390 Miller Street, Room 404, Honolulu

IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED POLICY 103.5

Policy 103.5 gives all public school students an opportunity to receive comprehensive sexual health education. Currently, Hawaii's teens rank lowest in the nation for any type of birth control to prevent pregnancy during intercourse. Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country. These statistics should be an embarrassment to the Board of Education and the Department of Education.

As children approach puberty and in their early teens, students get sex education – whether it is from a class or from talking story with friends.

The purpose of this policy is to provide comprehensive sex education, grounded in peer-reviewed science and age appropriate. Medically-accurate sex education is quite literally an investment in our children's future.

Hawaii residents support sexual health education. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of participants said it was important to include sexual health education in their curriculum.¹ The majority of participants didn't feel that parents provided sufficient information. A majority also believed that sexual health education should begin in middle school, with topics such as anatomy, puberty, and sexual abuse in elementary school.

While parents are children's primary sex educators, most parents feel that they need support.

Ideally, sexual health education would be taught each year from kindergarten through 12th grade. Hawaii's youth deserve and need the best, most effective health education. Policy 103.5 will ensure that students have the information and tools they need to make healthy, safe and responsible decisions.

Very truly yours,

Jo-Ann M. Adams
Legislative Liaison

¹ 2012 survey conducted by SMS Research



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**American Congress of Obstetricians and
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District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section
Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, FACOG, Chair
94-235 Hanawai Circle, #1B
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797



Tuesday - April 21, 2015
1:30 PM

To: Hawaii State Board of Education

From: Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, FACOG, Chair
Greigh Hirata, MD, FACOG, Vice-Chair
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section

Re: **Policy 103.5, Comprehensive Sexual Health
Education**

Position: **Strongly support Comprehensive Sexual Health
Education**

Dear Board of Education Members:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section strongly supports the inclusion of comprehensive, medically accurate, age appropriate sexuality education as an integral part of health education in schools. Sexuality education should encourage young people to delay becoming sexually active and, if sexually active, to use contraception and barrier protection to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. These two goals are essential in all sexuality education programs.

Many parents talk with their adolescent children about risks and responsibilities of sexual activity, but one-third to one-half of all females aged 15-19 years report never having talked with a parent about birth

control, sexually transmitted infections, or how to say no to sex (Martinez, Educating teenagers about sex in the United States. NCHS Data Brief No. 44, 2010). Approximately 56% of teens aged 12-19 years wish they were getting more information about abstinence and birth control or protection (National campaign to prevent teen pregnancy. America's adults and teens sound off about teen pregnancy. Washington DC: NCPTP; 2007).

Parents and other adults overwhelmingly support school programs that teach both abstinence and other methods of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

Nationwide, the content of school-based education varies widely. Most well-designed studies of abstinence-only education have shown no effect on teen sexual behavior. But many comprehensive programs that support both abstinence and use of condoms and contraceptives have delayed initiation of sex, decreased the number of sexual partners, and increased condom or contraceptive use.

In Hawaii, lack of comprehensive sexual health education has resulted in poor health outcomes for Hawaii youth. Hawaii's teens rank lowest in the nation for condom use and for use of any type of birth control to prevent pregnancy during intercourse. Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country, and the cost to Hawaii taxpayers is about \$32 million per year. (Family Planning Division, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health, University of Hawaii – JABSOM)

Hawaii ACOG strongly supports efforts to implement effective comprehensive sexuality education for adolescents, including the following:

1. Parental involvement in children's sexuality education.
2. Scientifically accurate information about sexuality, sexually transmitted infections, contraception and preventive health care.
3. Encouragement of abstinence from sexual intercourse as a healthy choice for adolescents, particularly young adolescents.
4. Efforts to increase effective use of contraceptives, including latex condoms and dual use of condoms with other effective contraceptive methods, by sexually active adolescents.

5. Ongoing rigorous evaluation of the effectiveness of a variety of forms of sexuality education in terms of their effects on sexual behavior and contraceptive use, as well as unintended pregnancy and abortion rates.

Mahalo for your support of this important preventive health issue to benefit Hawaii's youth.

Reference:

Guidelines for Adolescent Health Care, Second Edition, 2011
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists



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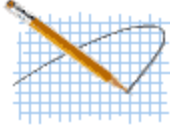
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Barbara Ferraro <hawaiidirector@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 06:37 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

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Subject Opposition to Comprehensive Sex
Education (CSE)



TESTIMONY to Hawaii
State Board of
Education Tuesday,
April 21, 2015 1:30 p.m.
– Queen Liliuokalani
Building Room 404

Relating to Abstinence
versus Comprehensive
Sexuality Education

Submitted in **Opposition**
to

“Comprehensive Sexuality
Education” Taking the
Place of Abstinence-Based
Sex Ed submitted by
Barbara J. Ferraro, State
Director for Concerned
Women for America
(CWA) of Hawaii,

Dear Chairman Horner
and Members of the Board
of Education:

As the State Director for

CWA of Hawaii, I am **OPPOSED** to any “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” (CSE) policy for Hawaii’s schools and would urge you to do the same. None of the **CSE** programs evaluated by Health and Human Services (HHS) lower either pregnancy or STI rates.

In written testimony referring to comprehensive sex education, Superintendent of Education, Kathryn Matayoshi, states: “As there are existing policies and resources in place to address this area, the department respectfully suggests that this measure is not necessary at this time.”

This is an attempt to get a policy change through the BOE since legislative efforts were stymied. Please do not succumb to sexualizing our keki. This “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” has not been vetted within the local community. Please listen to the parents who are pleading with you to not allow these programs into the lives of our innocent keki. Do not allow teaching children as young as 4-5 about masturbation and that they have a right to choose their gender.

Startling components of the "comprehensive" sex education programs for teens as young as 13 include lessons such as:

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Advocating showering together as a no risk activity.

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Promoting methods for sexual stimulation.

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Conducting sexual role-play on how to help a partner maintain an erection.

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Describing how to eroticize condom use with a partner. Suggesting teens wear shades or a disguise when shopping for condoms so adults and parents won't recognize them.

How do these messages discourage casual sex which we know can lead to pregnancy and STD's?

The underlying message is that if we only mandate comprehensive sex education that our

problems with teen pregnancy rates and STD's will be over. There is no evidence to support this claim. In fact the opposite is true as you can imagine by the content of these programs.

Advocates and proponents of CSE, such as Planned Parenthood and others, are well funded and very good at messaging but the truth always has a way of showing itself. Recently the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) "mounted a full court press on African leaders to pressure them to change their positions on CSE for their countries. UNFPA had a \$1 billion dollar budget with which to pressure and influence delegates and yet Africa said no, calling it moral imperialism. Ugandan officials say that their abstinence programs won against the spread of AIDs, but condoms give a false sense of security. We agree with Africa, abstinence is always the best choice.

We should never allow any sex education program into the schools without first knowing that it is highly successful in accomplishing what those who support it say it does. This has not been done.

Please do not change the
abstinence policy for
Hawaii's sex education.

Barbara J Ferraro

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Apr 21, 2015

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Sincerely,

Laura Stern
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Subject Against teaching The Proposed Sex
Education in Public Schools in Hawaii

Aloha,

I have 3 children and I am writing this letter to STOP the Sexual Education Curriculum proposed by PLANNED PARENTHOOD, the majority of the Senate, the House, and the Board of Education.

Specifically, I am against the following:

- 1) Removing the opt-in provision for sex Education in Hawaii
- 2) Mandating K-12 comprehensive sex education in schools
- 3) Removing the "age appropriate" provision and
- 4) Allowing principals to pass out condoms

Stop passing these laws that we, the people, don't want taught and shove down the throats of our children who also have fundamental human rights to NOT be exposed to these types of materials.

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Andrew Denny <ahdenny@gmail.com>

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cc
Subject Please support 103.5

Aloha Board,

Today is an important opportunity to improve the health, safety, and lifelong relationships for our keiki. Too often young men and women receive skewed sexual information through modern media and the internet. In order to combat the misinformation, we must increase medically sound education in our schools, and not allow the minority views of certain groups speak for the public.

Mahalo nui for your support.

Aloha,

Andrew Denny
Hanapepe, HI

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Subject Age appropriate sex education.
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Cc: Mahina_Anguary/WAIMEAH/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: Department of Education

See my letter to the DOE, as follows.

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Please feel free to contact me if I can be of service in any way.

Sincere aloha,

VIRGINIA BECK, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Waimea

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject TESTIMONY REGARDING
COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION

Distinguished Members of the Board of Education:

As a father and grandfather, I oppose proposed legislation regarding Comprehensive Sex Education for the following reasons:

1. CSE takes away parents rights to say what their children learn about sexuality.
2. CSE grooms children for abuse by breaking down natural inhibitions and teaching them they can consent to sexual acts at a very young age.
3. CSE is "sex positive" and teaches children have a right to pleasurable sex.
4. CSE is morally bankrupt. It is based on what a student feels he or she is "ready" for in the sexual realm, after instruction on how to have sex.
5. CSE curricula are highly guarded. Parents are not allowed to view the full curriculum and instructional materials in privacy.
6. CSE only pays lip service to abstinence; it encourages sexual activity.
7. CSE normalizes dangerous and perverse sex acts like sadomasochism.
8. Planned Parenthood—the nation's largest abortion chain—develops, promotes and profits from CSE.
9. CSE is being pushed on students as young as 11 years old in Hawaii.
10. CSE is totally unproven. There are no scientifically sound study that validate any claims made by promoters of CSE. Children are being used as guinea pigs.
11. CSE hinges on the belief that children are sexual from birth. Dr. Alfred Kinsey asserted that children are sexual from birth. His questionable research put children a risk. What is so disturbing is that nearly ALL of today's "comprehensive sex education" curricula are derived from the his fraudulent research. According to Dr. Judith Reisman, these so-called sex ed programs are doing to children, constructively, what pedophiles do to "groom" them for sex.
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"According to the FBI, child molesters: - Demonstrate sex acts to children. Offenders commonly use pornography to teach or give instructions to naïve children about how to masturbate, perform oral sex and/or engage in sexual intercourse. - Lower the sexual inhibitions of children. Some children naturally fear sexual activities. Some offenders show pictures of other children engaging in sexual activities to overcome these fears, indicating to their intended victims that it is all right to have sex with an adult because lots of other boys and girls do the same thing. - Desensitize children to sex. Offenders commonly show child pornography to their intended victims to expose them to sexual acts before they are naturally curious about such activities. - Sexually arouse children. Offenders commonly use pornographic images of other children to arouse victims, particularly those in adolescence. "...today's Kinseyan-based sex education – as promoted by the Obama adminisitation HHS – does much of what the FBI describes above. Graphic sexual images and explicit "values neutral" talk of sex and sexuality are rampant throughout classrooms across America, effectively desensitizing children and numbing their

natural inhibitions. These inhibitions help protect children from potential predators."

Please do not support this bill.

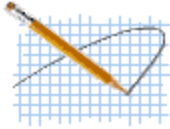
Respectfully,

Danny Melton Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (retired) Waipahu, HI 96797

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Subject Re: testimony concerning changes to
sex Ed policy

As a parent of two children in elementary school and one starting next year I am appalled at the proposed changes to the sex ed policy for the DOE here in Hawaii.

I feel abandoning the opt-in policy for sex education and getting rid of reasonable and abstinence-based sex education in favor of fringe and abnormal sex topics that should be taught in the home are a disservice to most if not all children.

Health best practices such as abstinence and monogamy are obviously the best physical and emotional health practices. Please continue with the current program.

With Aloha,

John Speed
Kailua Resident

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Sarah Turoa <tevaiaaturoa@hotmail.com>

04/21/2015 07:49 AM

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cc

Subject Against these proposed Sex Education
in Public Schools in Hawaii

Aloha Board of Education Members,

Please, for the sake of my 3 children and another one on the way, DO NOT PASS the following:

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I am writing this email because I am against the specific materials listed under 1 through 4 listed above.

Thank you for your time,

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Subject Comprehensive Sex Education
program

Good morning:

I AM OPPOSED TO THE CHANGES THAT THE DOE IS TRYING TO MAKE TO THE DOE POLICY THAT PRESENTLY ALLOWS PARENTS TO "OPT IN" TO THE comprehensive sex education program that are in our elementary schools.

I am not sure who in their right mind would think that the content of this program is appropriate for children of these age groups. I would like to believe that our educators within our state has the education and the street smarts to know the difference between what is education and what is garbage and currently the information that you want to shove down the throats of our innocent children is quite appalling. I am not sure why our DOE would lower themselves to these tactics and allow a lobbying group to rob our children of their innocence in this manner. The people and parents of the children of Hawai'i have always trusted our education system to provide a good education to our children who will need to become law abiding citizens that will be able to thrive and add to our economy. However, in providing this content to our little innocent children, you will be ensuring more unwanted pregnancies, more unwanted strains on our welfare system, more unwanted psychological issues causing confusion and hurting our children for a life time, possibly new and old sexually transmitted diseases within our state. None of the behavior of our past government heads and now our DOE is acting in the best interest of the majority of the people of Hawai'i.

If you pass this through without listening to the voices of the people, the outcome of this kind of "what is being called a new curriculum" will fall heavy upon your shoulders. Each of you allowing this garbage to penetrate the eyes of our innocent children, the minds of our innocent children and the ears of our innocent children will be on your conscious for your lifetime and those of your family as well. When our state is ruined and no longer the beautiful state that everyone wants to see and flock to because it is ridden with disease (we already have homelessness running rampant that can't be contained no matter what they do) you will be looked upon as though he created this mess. When the tourist stop coming and the economy plummets to the ground, it will be on your heads. Are you willing to take that risk? Do you feel that it is worth it for one group with an agenda to corrupt and hurt our beautiful state and people?

I implore you to think really hard about the implications you making to the people of Hawai'i.

Cordially,

Doreen Braz

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
Ed!

04/21/2015 08:42 AM

Please respond to Chara Hoe <sorbate5@yahoo.com>

Apr 21, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
HI

Dear State Board of Education,

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Sincerely,

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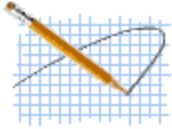
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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject Testimony about Policy 103.5

To Whom It May Concern:

As a concerned parent of what is going on in our public school systems, I am appalled at the contents of the sex education that is being forced upon our children! Children should be taught about the reproductive organs that are medically accurate, their function, and how a baby grows/develops, and abstinence. The school should NOT teach anything more! Schools should NOT teach anything about homosexuality, transgender, etc. The system should leave other topics of teaching to the parents. Our children do NOT belong to the government to indoctrinate and force information that I find offensive and damaging to their innocent minds. If families want to teach their children about sexuality, let them do it in their own homes. But, do NOT force it upon MY children! I will decide to speak to my children about sexual preferences as I see fit, when they are more mature enough to handle mature topics, and I will decide how much information to give to them.

I urge you to put great consideration in making your decision and do what is in the best interest of the children and their families.

Sincerely,
Raelene Shimokawa
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Subject I oppose changes to Hawaii BOE sex
education curriculum

Dear Chairman Horner,

To: Hawaii Board of Education

From: Mark Lindsay

I am writing to provide my testimony for the upcoming meeting on April 21, 2015 at 1:30pm at 1390 Miller St, Rm 404, with regard to sex education policy changes.

I am a concerned citizen and parent and secondary school teacher, resident of Hawaii for 15 years, with a 16 year old son and older daughter, both of whom have been schooled for many years in Hawaii. I have heard that the BOE is considering changing to a "comprehensive" sex education curriculum, and also changing back to an "opt out" policy for sex education. I am strongly opposed to both of these changes.

I do not want my children or any children exposed to detailed, explicit, and inappropriate information about sexual activities, such as is contained in "comprehensive" sex education. Such information carrying the endorsement of the schools, teachers, and government will inevitably lead children to think that it is ok to engage in such activities, and I hope we all agree that the leading and the activities are both not ok. Parents should be the ones to teach children about this, within the family structure. I do not trust any government entity to deal with this properly, no matter what their intentions might be. I have examined the so-called "Pono Choices" curriculum, and it has a substantial amount of objectionable and inappropriate material in it.

Sex education, even non-objectionable sex education, should be completely within the purview of parents; parents must have their authority respected for this. In order for this respect to be implemented in a serious way, parents must be able to say yes or no to their child's participation. This can only occur with an "opt-in" procedure. Not hearing from the parents in no way indicates that they are saying yes (or no) to anything.

Once again I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the Hawaii BOE sex education.

Sincerely,

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Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy Changes

Dear Chairman Horner,

I am a great grandmother of 8 and my children and grandchilldren and great grandchildren are all on the mainland but I would want them to have an advocate in this matter so I would fight for our kids of Hawaii, should the need arise. DO WHAT YOU KNOW WORKS AND IS THE "RIGHT THING TO DO". Abstinence IS the best method to avoid all the issues in this note. Thanks sincerely!

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Dear Chairman Horner,

I appeared before the BOE as part of a group of parents some 20 years ago when the Board was considering school based health clinics and condom distribution at those clinics. The BOE listened to is then, please listen again.

My three adult children attended Hawaii public schools. I now have custody of one of my grandchildren, a six year old girl who has suffered trauma: she is a student at MBTA. Due to her age, and the sensitivity of the matter you are discussing, though I would like to testify in person, my first responsibility is to her, and to her protection, so I will not be present at your meeting.

It was our group that developed the Hawaii Parent Handbook and the initial opt-out letter. It's worked for 20 years. I have heard of no parent, not a one, who wants the current BOE policy changed. Who does?

Planned Parenthood does. The group whose founder, Margaret Sanger, was a eugenicist. No friend of children was she. Nor are it's current members. Please remember that these folks get paid to do what they do. Their work is not volunteer, ours was. We did and still do care about children. We care about protecting them from the onslaught of sexual messages from those who get paid to deliver them, age appropriate or not.

I once was appointed by the then governor, John Waihe'e, to represent parents of public school children as a member of the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards. I would de facto like to be part of their representation once again. My experience with the BOE during my time as a Commissioner, found the members to be a fine group of people who truly cared for our children. My hope and prayer is that you members of the BOE are no different. Please keep things as they are, please protect our little ones.

Thank you for accepting my testimony.

Sincerely,

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As you are probably aware, we have many families whose languages are not English. There is definitely a barrier for many of these families to understand what is going on let alone for them to write a note/letter to the school for their child not to be a part of this program. Is this information being translated into the various majority of ethnic groups in Hawaii?

What happened to teaching our children reading, writing and arithmetics? Now, you are going to replace the responsibilities of the parents and teach them about the most complicated topics to ever face them as children.

Respectfully,

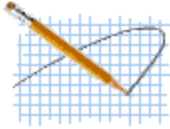
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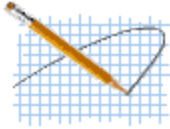
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"David Monroy" <dka.monroy@gmail.com>

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To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

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I am very unhappy with the policy changes being proposed by Planned Parenthood and hope you will make the right choice.

Sincerely,

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To "Chairman Don Horner"
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Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
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To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Keep Planned Parenthood Out of Our
Classrooms

Dear Chairman Horner,

I consider Planned Parenthood to be a vile and despicable organization. I do not want them or their ideologies anywhere near my child.

Are you members aware of just how shady their business policies are? There are multitudes of undercover videos taken of their agents engaged in totally loathsome discussions and advice giving. Just today I watched hidden camera video clips of a dozen or so of their agents advising pimps and sex traffickers to bring their 13- and 14-year-old sex slaves and prostitutes into the clinic for no-questions asked abortions! Yes, they are actually partnering with criminals! Disgusting. I am appalled that anyone would even begin to contemplate having this hideous organizations propaganda in our classrooms.

I encourage you to leave sex education to the parents where this kind of teaching belongs. Our children need no advice on this subject other than the most sound advice of remaining abstinent while they are going through their school years.

We would all be much better served with the DOE channeling their efforts toward improving our children's proficiencies in mathematics, science and English.

Sincerely,

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The desire for abstinence-based sex education is not a religious issue. A Zogby International Poll shows that "9 out of 10 parents agree that being sexually abstinent is best for their child's health and future." A Rassmussen Report says that 80% of adults still believe that parents should be the first educator of their children with respect to sex. I am one of those parents.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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"Lisa Poulos" <poulosmom@gmail.com>

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To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy Changes

Dear Chairman Horner,

April 20, 2015

Aloha Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion concerning the proposed changes to the sex education policy.

I do not support the changes cited in B.O.E. Policy 103.5 Exhibit A or C.

The suggested policy amendments state:

In order to help students make decisions that promote healthy behaviors, the Department of Education shall provide sexual health education to include age appropriate, medically accurate, health education that: (1) Includes education on abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease prevention to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including human immunodeficiency virus; (2) Helps students develop relationships and communication skills to form healthy relationships that are based on mutual respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion and intimidation; (3) Helps students develop skills in critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and stress management to make healthy decisions about sexuality and relationships; (4) Encourages student to communicate with their parents, guardians and other trusted adults about sexuality; and (5) informs students of available community resources.

"A student shall be excused from sexual health instruction only upon the prior written request of the student's parent or legal guardian. A student may not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty or other sanction if the student's parent or legal guardian makes such written request."

Points 3 - 5 have moved beyond the simple facts of sex education which Exhibit B provides, including pregnancy and disease prevention, to moral and ethical issues which should be taught by parents.

Who is to decide what "healthy decisions about sexuality and relationships" are? There are differing social, cultural and religious views concerning sexuality. Who decides whose preferences and beliefs are going to be taught? Critical thinking and decision making concerning sexuality are not basic biological facts, such as pregnancy and disease prevention, and should not be taught to all students as if they are. These are value laden subjects. Whose values will be taught and upon what basis will the decisions be made?

Point 4 sounds good on the outset, but then encourages children to communicate with "other trusted adults about sexuality". What gives the B.O.E. and educators the right to encourage children to speak to "other adults" about such sensitive issues as sexuality? What if the parents do not agree with these "other trusted adults?" How are the teachers to know? This is not the job of educators, and they may be usurping parents' values and morals.

Point 5 "informs students of available community resources." What kind of resources? Help regarding sexuality issues? Disease medications? Pregnancy counseling or abortions? All of these subjects should NEVER be presented to children without parental consent. Sadly, I do not believe most parents are aware that their children will be counseled concerning such potential life altering issues without their knowledge or approval.

Lastly, who decides when "age appropriate" is for sexual information? The idea that children as young as 5 or 6 should begin to be exposed to sexual information is ludicrous. And even for older children, simply because a child turns a certain age doesn't mean that they are emotionally prepared for sex ed. A "one size fits all" model is not in the child's best interest. Parents are the foremost judges as to whether the class would be age appropriate for their child.

I do not understand why you are attempting to change the sexual education programs from "opt-in" to "opt-out". It wasn't very long ago that the legislature decided that it was in the best interest of Hawaii's keiki and parents to "opt in". What has changed?

The best way to ensure each child is cared for to their specific needs and each family's values are honored is to continue the "opt-in" method. If the curriculum is easily accessible, which should not be a problem with today's technology, and a parent is encouraged to look it over before signing a waiver to allow their child to participate (opt-in), then the greatest goals would be met. More people would be accessing the information, encouraging greater parental involvement in making the best decisions in regards to their children's specific educational needs. What could be better for our keiki and our educational system than greater partnerships between schools and families?

In the best interest of our children, I ask that you do not amend Policy 103.5 or change the protocol from "opt-in" to "opt-out".

Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration,
Lisa Poulos

Sincerely,

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
Ed!

04/21/2015 09:45 AM

Please respond to
Dave Heilemann <dheilema@gmail.com>

Apr 21, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
HI

Dear State Board of Education,

All students in Hawaii deserve access to comprehensive and medically accurate sexual health education. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

All sexual health education should include information about abstinence, but it can't stop there. Students need to learn age-appropriate and medically accurate information about anatomy, puberty, sexually transmitted infections, and the full range of birth control methods. Additionally, all programs should include a focus on consent and healthy relationships.

Sexual health education has been proven time and time again as essential to help young people avoid unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, and delay the onset of sexual activity.

Please support policy 103.5 to ensure that all students in Hawaii have access to the education they need.

Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

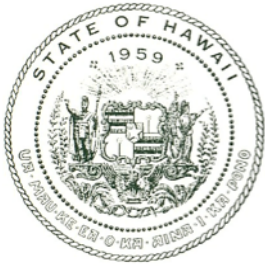
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April 21, 2015

To: Chair, Donald Horner
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Hawaii State Board of Education

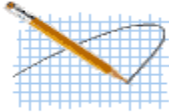
From: Cathy Betts
Executive Director
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support of Proposed Policy 103.5

The Commission supports sexual health education and opposes the condom ban. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Hawaii's youth have one of the lowest rates of condom use in the nation. Additionally, our youth experience high teen pregnancy rates and sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates. The 2013 Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey, compiled in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the DOE, found that 36% of teens in high school were having sex, 25% of those teens had multiple partners in the three months prior to the survey, and 54% of those teens did not use a condom. Even more startling, 18% reported never learning about AIDS or HIV infection in school. Finally, 24% used drugs or alcohol before their last sexual encounter. The CDC states that the solutions to these shocking realities are better health education, more comprehensive health services, more supportive policies, and more family involvement. The Commission supports policy 103.5 and respectfully requests that you support 103.5

I have worked with youth for over 15 years. As a former health educator, I witnessed the detrimental effects of little to no comprehensive health information being provided to students. Students deserve to have medically and scientifically accurate information provided to them, so that they can make the best decisions for themselves. Withholding crucial information on basic anatomy and physiology provides a great disservice to our young students. The Commission urges the Board of Education to support proposed policy 103.5. Thank you for your time.



Jacquelyn Skaf <jacquelyn.skaf@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 10:15 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject Policy 103.5 Hearing

Dear Board of Education,

As a parent and a former high school teacher I speak out strongly against the proposed measures in Policy 103.5. Our current Sex Edu program serves our students well and it should be left alone as is.

Please maintain Hawaii's sex education program with its current abstinence base.

Please maintain the "Opt - In" status for Pono Choices.

As a parent and teacher I know that children grow and learn best when they are given information according to their NEED. If a child needs more information and support about sex then a parent can enroll the child in a more detailed program. Please do not automatically enroll our children in this program.

It is not age appropriate.

It is not medically accurate.

It is not academically nor theoretically sound.

It does not have strong support from parents.

It does not have strong support from teachers.

Many thanks for your service to our state and our children.

Aloha,

Jacquelyn Skaf

Oahu Resident

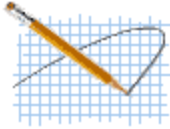
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"Les Forrest" <lforrest@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 10:40 AM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

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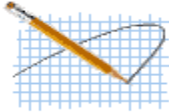
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Daniel Skaf <skafdaniel@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 10:42 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Policy 103.5 Hearing

Aloha Board of Education,

I am writing in opposition to the changes proposed to Hawaii's sex education for children. Honestly, I am astounded at the freedom in which some people feel they can expose children to complicated sexual concepts and behaviors. I urge you to stand strong against the pressure to allow this to happen in Hawaii. Please reject these changes and leave the current Abstinence Based program to remain in tact.

As a father of two little girls it sickens me to think they will be exposed to concepts and encouraged to experiment with sexual behaviors that will open the door to disease and social drama and emotional turmoil.

Please put a stop to this.

Many thanks,
Daniel Skaf
Oahu resident

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
Ed!

04/21/2015 10:43 AM

Please respond to
Kim Langley <kalangley@gmail.com>

Apr 21, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
HI

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The fact that schools are allowed to bring in Catholic Charities to teach their own form of sex education is horrible. My son came home from school and told me that condoms were not an effective form of birth control and did not lessen the transmission of sexually transmitted infections. Both of the statements were factually incorrect but were being taught as fact, with the support of the classroom instructor.

The effect of this type of sexual education can be seen in the high level of teen pregnancy in the high schools.

Sexual health education has been proven time and time again as essential to help young people avoid unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, and delay the onset of sexual activity.

Please support policy 103.5 to ensure that all students in Hawaii have access to the education they need.

Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

Kim Langley

Kahaluu, HI 96744

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"Bobbie Pang" <birthpang@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 10:50 AM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Bobbie Pang
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kava vale <kavava@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 10:51 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject Support for proposed Policy 103.5

Aloha,

My name is Kava Vale and I live in Kalaheo. I support sexual health education. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kava

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"Sandra Shimabukuro, Y"
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04/21/2015 11:00 AM

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4) I myself am a product of the public school system and support our public schools. But I also remember as a senior at Castle High School, i signed up for a popular course along with my friends but was appalled with what was taught. I was taught the many ways to be sexually intimate with a partner. I don't remember being taught abstinence although it may have been taught. But I do remember how the teacher made it all seemed like fun. What I am trying to say is that it brought more confusion to my young mind. At that time my parents did not teach us anything about sexual intimacy although I wish they did. I myself, I must confess, did not teach my own sons of abstinence and proper sexual intimacy. But I wish I did for it may have prevented an unexpected pregnancy with my then 17 y/o son's girlfriend.

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Sincerely,

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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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04/21/2015 11:13 AM

Please respond to
Steve LaFleur <lafleurtour@gmail.com>

Apr 21, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
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Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

Steve LaFleur
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Makawao, HI 96768-9554

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Justin Kollar <justin.kollar@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 11:34 AM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Please support sexual health
education

Aloha,

My name is Justin Kollar and I live in Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii. I support sexual health education. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Every day I see young people in my community who are living with the consequences of decisions that were made without the necessary information and education. Helping young women and girls to be able to make smart life decisions is exactly what the mission of the DOE is and should be. Information and education is empowering and will lead to brighter futures for all the people in our beautiful island home.

Thank you for your consideration,

Justin F. Kollar, Esq.

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Naomi Manuel <naomi.manuel@gmail.com>

04/21/2015 11:44 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject I support an "Opt-Out" Policy for
sexual health education and support
comprehensive sex ed

I'm a parent, educator and compassionate about prevention of negative outcomes.

I support **Opt out** for sex ed and comprehensive sexual health education.

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DAVID Y. IGE
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April 21, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
P. O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawaii 96804

Dear Members of the Hawaii State Board of Education:

The Department of Health is in strong support of the Student Achievement Committee's recommendation concerning Board Policy 103.5 Sexual Health Education.

Data from the Hawaii 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) showed 9% of middle school students and 36% of Hawaii's high school students report ever having had sex with 25% of those high school students reporting they are currently sexually active.

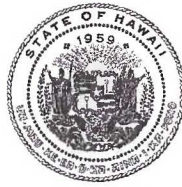
The proposed sexual health education policy considers the health risks, services, and needs that are unique to adolescents. This policy also recognizes that sexuality is a normal, positive, and lifelong aspect of health and well-being. It promotes healthy adolescent development and decision-making and encourages communication with parents and trusted adults.

A comprehensive sexual health education policy will provide students the life skills and knowledge needed to develop positive healthy relationships and engage in behaviors that optimize wellness and contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Danette Wong Tomiyasu".

DANETTE WONG TOMIYASU, M.B.A.
Deputy Director, Health Resources Administration



The Legislature

STATE CAPITOL
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SEN. JILL TOKUDA

April 21, 2015

Testimony before the Board of Education
General Business Meeting
April 21, 2015

Re: Agenda Item V.A., Discussion on Student Achievement Committee
recommendation concerning Board Policy 103.5 Sexual Health Education

Dear Chairperson Horner, Vice Chairperson De Lima and Members,

We, as members of the Legislature's Keiki Caucus, write in strong support
of your approval of Board Policy 103.5, Sexual Health Education, as
recommended by the Student Achievement Committee.

For many years, the Keiki Caucus has identified comprehensive sexual
health education as a priority and has introduced a number of bills to require
our public schools to offer sexual health education to its students to ensure
that they have the information they need to keep themselves healthy and
safe.

Subsequently, comprehensive sexual health education has emerged as the
top priority of youth attendees of the Annual Children and Youth Summit
for the past few years.

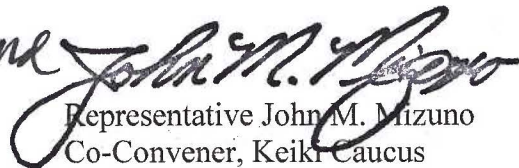
Currently, Hawaii's teens rank lowest in the nation for use of any type of
birth control to prevent pregnancy during intercourse. The consequences are
severe – Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country and costs
Hawaii taxpayers around \$32 million per year. The Keiki Caucus has
consistently found that comprehensive sexual health education is critical to
ensuring that our youth are healthy, safe and ready to learn and succeed.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Tyrell Ma'ae of Senator Chun Oakland's Office at 586-6130 or t.maae@capitol.hawaii.gov.

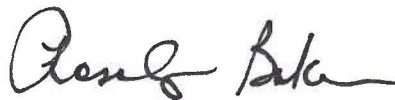
Me ke aloha pumehana,



Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Co-Convener, Keiki Caucus



Representative John M. Mizuno
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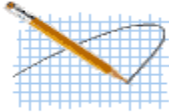


Senator Rosalyn Baker
Keiki Caucus Member



Representative Cindy Evans,
Keiki Caucus Member

cc: Keiki Caucus Members



davidpaperny@aol.com

04/21/2015 12:12 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject support for sexual health education

To BOE,

I have been **physician for teens** in Hawaii for over 35 years, and am acutely aware of the **need for comprehensive sex education** in schools. The consequences of leaving it up to parents are significant. Youth will absolutely not have the needed accurate information to protect themselves when older, and to safely engage in sexual activity when appropriate.

Sexuality in this millennium is not the same as it was 50 years ago, and children are exposed to sexuality in many different ways now. It is imperative that the schools offer accurate sex education on **all the major issues** affecting today's youth, and at a very early age.

Proposed policy 103.5 is an absolute necessity for the health and well-being of our children. **Opt-in will deny education** to those who need it the most. Opt-out protects parent's preferences, should they choose to take responsibility.

David Paperny MD FAAP FSAHM, Pediatrician
Adolescent Medicine Specialist, University of Hawaii School of Medicine
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Memo

To: STATE OF HAWAII BOARD OF EDUCATION
From: SJ MELENDREZ, PMO & VP Mililani Middle School, PTSO.
CC: DEPT OF EDUCATION
Date: April 21, 2015
Re: TESTIMONY, OPPOSITION TO BOE POLICY REVISION 2110 TO POLICY 103.5

Dear Honorable BOE Chair: Donald Horner & Vice Chairperson, Brian De Lima & Committee Members:

I am principal of my firm which are government consultants in the State of Hawaii and we believe in giving back to the communities of Hawaii. As such, not only being in business in Hawaii but I sit on non-profit boards in the State, providing leadership and mentoring.

Today I submit the below testimony for your review as the Vice President and strongly involved in our school system in the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) in central Oahu and I testify in opposition to the proposed changes by the BOE on Board Policy 2110, Abstinence Based Education and proposed changes to implement Policy 103.5 on Sexual Health Education.

In review of the attached proposed revisions and replacement of policy 2110 with 103.5 I see various areas which are unacceptable to the parents of the community. Of which some are:

1. Sex Education vs. Sexual Education.

- Sex Education is traditionally based upon health, reproduction, abstinence and family values.**
- Sexual Education appears to be based upon mainland themes which do not reflect the family values of Hawaii but appear to be generated from factions in the industry which have vested value in removing policy 2110 and replacing it with policy 103.5**

2. Sexual education outcomes.

- Based upon the US Center for Disease Controls, those states which has implemented a "sexual based education" curriculum has had negative results upon the health of the youth in the community (see attached SJM testimony to the State senate on HB459.**

3. Reflection:

- The students and the parents are requesting from the Board of Education and the Department of Education to provide for their students a quality education and academic experience, so that the students when they exit the public education system may be competitive in the world marketplace and be life-long learners.
- There is a move in society to remove the innocence from the students in the public school system under the theme of sexual education which has proven to not be in the best interests of the students and the youth.
- The implementation of Sexual education in other states has dramatically increased the infection of STD related diseases in the youth and caused other physical and emotional traumas which we do not want in Hawaii.
- Previous public testimony by State of Hawaii, Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi stated concerning HB459 on the same subject of Sexual Education that there was no need for the bill. So, in kind there should be no need to replace a proven BOE policy with another policy which has the potential impact to damage to the students of the public school system in Hawaii.

I with other parents in the public school system ask NOT to replace BOE policy 2110 on Abstinence Based Education with policy 103.5 on Sexual Health Education.

Thank you for your review of the above and attached.

For additional information or to ask questions, please contact the undersigned.

Best regards:

SJ Melendrez

Direct: 808.693.6301

Email: drsjmel@gmail.com

attachments

March 17, 2015

Dear Honorable Senator [Michelle N. Kidani](#), Chairperson, Committee on Education

Dear Honorable Senator [Josh Green](#), Chairperson, Committee on Health

Hawaii State Capitol, 415 Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

cc: Hawaii State Senators & Representatives of the respective Education and Health Committees.

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to HB459, HD 2

Thank you for your dedication to serving the people of Hawaii and for your dedication to serving with integrity. In review of bill HB 459 and the following is provided for your review in opposition to the bill for the following reasons:

1. This bill is unnecessary for the following:

- 1.1 Hawaii does not have a mandatory "sexuality" curriculum requirement.
- 1.2 Parents would prefer curriculum funding and hours be expended in academic education, not sexuality.
- 1.3 Bill states to implement in 2050 but research has revealed if bill passes date can be changed without further public input
- 1.4 The results of this type of education in other states has had negative effects, such as:

Published by the **Federal Center for Disease Control** the following is the resultant of teaching "Comprehensive Sexuality Education in the school systems

STATE	REPORTING PERIOD	AGE GROUP	SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE INCIDENTS
New Jersey	2007 - 2011	15-24 yrs	25.3 % increase, 23259 reported in 2011
Massachusetts	2005 - 2011	15-18 yrs	50 % increase in sexual activity
Oregon	2007 - 2011	14-24 yrs	37.6% increase, 10.305 reported in 2011
Hawaii	2007 - 2011	15-24 years	5% increase, without curriculum

- 1.5 From the above documentation, the instruction of Comp Sexuality reaching does not reduce the incidents of STD's, but actually increases the events.

2. Recommendations:

- 2.1 Sex education in Hawaii be provided by addressing:
 - Reproduction based education, focused on family values.
 - Based upon abstinence.
- 2.2. Age Appropriate
 - Taught to high school education students., as age appropriate only.

I have also attached my testimony in opposition which was issued to our House of Representatives. Thank you for your consideration and for your appropriate response to this legislation

SJ Melendrez, PMO

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Memo

To: STATE OF HAWAII LEGISLATURE
From SJ MELENDREZ, PMO & VP Mililani Middle School, PTSO.
CC: DEPT OF EDUCATION
Date: February 11, 2015
Re: TESTIMONY, OPPOSITION TO HB-459

Dear Honorable Chairs of bill HB 459, Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **opposition** to HB 459 concerning
Women's Legislative Caucus Package; Comprehensive Sex Education

I and my firm and speaking as a parent, are opposed to this legislation for the following:

1. This bill would allow sexuality education to children in **elementary schools** but the bill is geared for sexuality health of adolescents, and (2) *Includes education on abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease prevention to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including human immunodeficiency virus[.];*

Why would we allow the DOE to instruct elementary school children on this materials.
Therefore this education is inappropriate.

2. This bill assumption is **skewed:**

information, skills, and support they need to develop positive values, make healthy decisions, and respect the important role that sexuality plays throughout a person's life.

If the DOE wants to promote positive values and positive self-esteem, it should be teaching in schools family values, respect, morals and abstinence. This sex education does none of the above

3. **Other** states providing the curriculum:

Within the past few years, several states...

The resultants of other states providing similar curriculum has been counter productive to the students causing confusion in the students, having students pre-occupied with sex, rather than with academic education and causes in-fighting (if you like me, you will do...as we learned in comp sex educ class, if it is taught in class it must be ok...oh, this doesn't work, lets try this).

4. This curriculum may cause **intimidation** between students:

(3) Helps students develop relationships and communication skills to form healthy relationships that are based on mutual respect and affection and free from violence, coercion, and intimidation;

When children are exposed to this type of curriculum, they experiment and see how they can use it to their own self gratification by manipulating others to do what they want. This is destructive and is counterproductive and should not be introduced into our State's academics.

5. Opt out:

A student shall be excused from any part of the instruction provided pursuant to this section only upon the written request of the student's parent or legal guardian

I do not believe this legislation has merit to even allow it into our curriculum and the opt out option should not be used, the **opt-in option** should be exercised, if this legislation moves forward. Preference is that this curriculum should not move forward.

6 Perspective:

As a consultant and a leader in the community, I believe in giving back to the community, so I sit on the Board of Directors of certain non-profit organizations in the State.

One of which is Mililani Middle School of which I am honored to be the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Parent Teacher Student Organization. For this write-up, there has not been time to present this write up to the board, so I present this as a concerned parent as a consultant to state government.

As VP of the PTSO I spend significant time at the school and with parents in the execution of my duties of the Board. Mililani Middle School is the largest middle school in Hawaii, approx 1740 students and I have a student at the school. Ms. Chung our Principal is an excellent Executive, a true leader which manages the affairs of the school with integrity. I have dialogued with our State Senator, Ms. Kidani and State Representative Ms. Fukumoto Chang and they are very supportive of our school and our community.

What would be more appropriate from the legislature and what the parents are asking for, is **increased academic proficiency curriculum** in the schools, not sex education. Many parents think the DOE is pre-occupied with sex, the students and the parents are not.

Sex education is not required in the public school system in Hawaii. I have seen in discussion with various groups that the consensus is that the DOE appears to be pre-occupied with Sex, which may be monetary motivated from within and without.. This pre-occupation with sex from the DOE has filtered into the legislature appears to be an **unhealthy pre-occupation** which is reminiscent of the Woodstock (free-love) days.

I recommend this legislature not be moved forward. I am presenting to the student body on 2/11 at MMS on fundraising and will not be able to present my testimony in person at the 0830 hearing. Please accept this opposition memo into state record. For additional info or to ask questions, please contact me @ 808.693.6301, or at DrSJMel@gmail.com, thank you.

**Agenda Item V.A., Discussion on Student Achievement Committee recommendation concerning
Board Policy 103.5 Sexual Health Education**

General Business Meeting

April 21, 2015

The Student Achievement Committee (“Committee”) met on April 7, 2015 and took action on Board Policy 103.5, Sexual Health Education (“Policy 103.5”), recommending that the Board approve the policy as is, attached as **Exhibit A**. Policy 103.5 is designed to replace Board Policy 2110, Abstinence-Based Education attached as **Exhibit B**. A redline showing the differences between Policy 103.5 and Policy 2110 is attached as **Exhibit C**.

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Approved: 9/95

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April 21, 2015

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Dear Members of the Hawaii State Board of Education:

The Department of Health is in strong support of the Student Achievement Committee's recommendation concerning Board Policy 103.5 Sexual Health Education.

Data from the Hawaii 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) showed 9% of middle school students and 36% of Hawaii's high school students report ever having had sex with 25% of those high school students reporting they are currently sexually active.

The proposed sexual health education policy considers the health risks, services, and needs that are unique to adolescents. This policy also recognizes that sexuality is a normal, positive, and lifelong aspect of health and well-being. It promotes healthy adolescent development and decision-making and encourages communication with parents and trusted adults.

A comprehensive sexual health education policy will provide students the life skills and knowledge needed to develop positive healthy relationships and engage in behaviors that optimize wellness and contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Danette Wong Tomiyasu".

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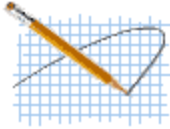
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Subject Strong Opposition to proposed
Comprehensive Sex Education
Program

Dear Board of Education Members,

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) program that is being proposed by Planned Parenthood and their supporters. I firmly believe that the material is offensive and inappropriate, as well as medically inaccurate in providing proper instruction for healthy childhood and adolescent development.

There are many disordered components to the CSE program, for example, teaching that the "anus" is a sexual/reproductive organ, and giving the impression that sex with any gender is healthy and biologically-sound. This is nonsense! Children need to be instructed with material that is medically and biologically-accurate, age-appropriate, that assists them in proper/healthy development in mind, body and spirit... and this program clearly is maligned with what is healthy for Hawaii's children, ALL children deserve the very best in a quality education.

As adults it is our responsibility to provide children of all ages proper care, protection against violence and predators of all kinds, and to ensure healthy development so that children are equipped with the right information to make decisions with good judgment. This program distorts facts, encourages sexual curiosity, and molds young minds into believing that all forms of sexual activity are good... when they are in fact not. The program does not take into consideration the dangers that result in such behavior, for example the increased risk for various infectious diseases, emotional problems due to gender confusion, anxiety that results from unplanned pregnancy, and many other problems, that are too lengthy to report in this letter.

In addition, parents have the full authority to make decisions on behalf of their own children, and therefore must be the ones to opt their child into programs that they agree with, it should not be something that they opt their child out of, when many times parents are not receiving information from the schools in order to opt their children out... so unless the parent is given full knowledge, information/specifics about the content of any curriculum, program, or event that involves their child, the child must not be permitted to engage in it without their parent's full consent.

It is appalling to hear that the material is also being geared at children as young as 5 years old. The proponents of this CSE program are targeting children while they are still in Kindergarten... this is diabolical.

Hawaii is my home... I am Native Hawaiian; put simply, I care immensely for Hawaii's children and people. Many of my own nephews, nieces, family members and friends will be adversely affected by this type of education program. Please do not approve of

this here in our land! We care sincerely for our families and do not want this in Hawaii! Let us look at better methods/approaches that are 100% age-appropriate, medically and biologically-sound, and provide Hawaii's children with quality education programs that foster character, respect, decency, maturity and responsibility. Let us edify our youth to use good judgment when it comes to dating and mating. Let us be responsible in helping our youth become responsible for their decisions in life.

In my opinion, the abstinence-based approach helps children understand why it is healthier to abstain from sex rather than engage in promiscuous behavior. There are ways to teach what is appropriate and respectful, and I believe that children are looking to us to guide them in this way, even though our culture is highly sexualized... children still want to be taught what is right and good for them. It will help them in the long run.

Thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity to testify in STRONG Opposition to this program.

Malama pono,

Lisa Shorba

Hawaii Resident since 1967

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Subject Policy 103.5

Board of Education,

As a parent of children that attend public school, and a former assistant to School Psychologist and School Social Worker for the Windward District, I must express strong opposition to the proposed measures in Policy 103.5.

This policy is deceptive to parents as it will require an "opt- out" in place of the current "opt-in" parent signature, leaving parents unaware of possible unpermitted sexuality education enacted on their children without informed consent.

Please maintain the "Opt - In" status for Pono Choices.

The policy further imposes a curriculum that is theoretically unsound and abstract which is not age appropriate and not medically accurate. Teaching sexualization in a "how to" format to children will increase high risk behavior. The current abstinence based program must stay in place.

Thank you for your attention in safeguarding the education of our children.

Aloha,

Susan Halvorsen

Hawaii Kai resident

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Subject In Opposition to Sex Education Policy
Changes

Dear Chairman Horner and Board of Education Members,

I respectfully ask that Hawaii's Sex Education Policy remains abstinence-based and opt-in.

When making your decisions on these issues, I hope you have fully informed yourselves by having thoroughly reviewed the numerous books, instruction manuals, videos, and other graphic materials that will be used in the Comprehensive Sex Education classes in Hawaii's public schools.

Thank you.

Sharon Nagasako
Honolulu, HI

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Subject Testimony

Aloha BOE Chair and Board Members,

I support sex education in school that follows the current policies as set forth in the Hawaii Revised Statutes governing the parameters of sexual education in public schools. I support parent approved age appropriate curricula by grade levels, and an opt-in participation option policy as currently being implemented by the DOE. In order to safeguard our innocent children, we ask that DOE policy be amended to ascertain that prior to middle school, or before the age of puberty, that children are not exposed to any sex ed curriculum.

Planned Parenthood proposes to REMOVE the opt-in provision for statewide DOE sex education curriculum.

Parents must have the right to opt-in to sex education curricula due to numerous controversial issues the DOE has faced in the past. This opt-in procedure, policy, and practice will ensure that parents are properly informed, avoid controversy, and unnecessary burdens being placed on the BOE, DOE, and teachers. It completely circumvents the potential for litigation. (Example: Pono Choices promoted unsafe sex practices, one in particular that could result in death.) Information on sex education must be forthright and clear to everyone involved.

Planned Parenthood proposes comprehensive sex education for grades K-12.

Peer reviewed studies on the outcomes of comprehensive sex education as proposed by futureofsexed.org or Planned Parenthood demonstrate no decided benefits that are gained using this approach. Therefore, changing from abstinence based to comprehensive sex education should require a public hearing, notice to all parents, and accurate data regarding WHY and HOW the change brings proven benefits. (facts, data, analysis of both, researcher credentials, etc.) Any changes should detail WHAT will be included in the proposed curricula (videos, pamphlets, handouts, and who will be developing it), HOW DOE/BOE proposes to train teachers (including resources, funding, and opt out provisions for teachers), WHEN this will happen, WHO did the research to conclude that this change benefits everyone. (BOE, board members, HSTA, Planned Parenthood, etc.). Planned Parenthood's comprehensive sex education approach is under fire around the nation and we recommend that the BOE deny any proposals or requests by Planned Parenthood.

SUPPORTING NEWS REPORTS REGARDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD SEX EDUCATION CURRICULUMS:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (Nov 10, 2014)

Controversy in Northern California as parents began to learn the details about sex education presentations for freshman in the Acalanes Union High School. The sex education curriculum there drew the ire of local parents and for good reason.

<http://www.breitbart.com/california/2014/11/10/planned-parenthood-under-fire-in-sex-ed>

[-controversy-at-california-school/](#)

Planned Parenthood has stirred up controversy at Acalanes High School in Lafayette, California over the group's presence in the school's sex ed curriculum, drawing the ire of parents who are against the move.

"They are merely using the students and access to the students to gain future clientele for Planned Parenthood," said one parent who believes the group has a hidden agenda, [according to](#) local Fox affiliate KTVU. Camille Giglio cited her belief that Planned Parenthood is attempting to sexualize young students.

Robin Longchamps, who has a child enrolled in the school, objected to the use of Planned Parenthood to educate students, including her own. "I feel it is highly inappropriate for Acalanes with the district's approval to introduce Planned Parenthood to a 14-year-old," she said.

Planned Parenthood Distributes 'Genderbread Person' Sex-Ed Leaflet in Schools; Teaches Students They Can Be 'Genderqueer,' 'Genderless' 'Two-Spirit'

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/planned-parenthood-distributes-genderbread-person-sex-ed-leaflet-at-school-teaches-students-they-can-be-genderqueer-genderless-two-spirit-131115/>

Parents Alarmed By "Pleasure Activist" in High School Classroom

- See more at:

<http://www.pacificjustice.org/press-releases/parents-alarmed-by-pleasure-activist-in-high-school-classroom#sthash.iUaRju7h.dpuf>

The parents started asking more questions and learned that one of the sex ed instructors at Acalanes High School, when she is not working for Planned Parenthood, leads "pleasure workshops" demonstrating the use of sex toys for a sex toy porn shop in Berkeley called Good Vibrations. It is not yet clear what this instructor may have told students about the store's offerings.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/01/26/pleasure-activists-teaching-sex-ed-at-northern-california-high-school/>

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (Dec 21, 2014)

Two months ago, controversy erupted in Nevada where the school district fumbled its attempt to reform sex education so badly that a grassroots effort has now formed to protect parental rights.

Sex ed controversy prompts formation of new parents group

<http://www.wistv.com/story/27552261/sex-ed-controversy-prompts-formation-of-new-parents-group>

<http://eagnews.org/las-vegas-mother-starts-parents-group-to-counter-controversial-sex-ed-classes/>

OREGON (February - March 2015)

'Disturbing' taxpayer-funded conference teaches students to use meth to heighten sex

<http://eagnews.org/disturbing-taxpayer-funded-conference-teaches-students-to-use-meth-to-heighten-sex/>

DOE: Sex conference pamphlets 'not appropriate'

<http://koin.com/2015/02/17/doe-sex-conference-pamphlets-not-appropriate/>

Public School Porn, Parts I- IV (Oregon Parental Rights in Education)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxyOXkaTc8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WoRsG7pOUo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuPPHOy0k9Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Er0DiE4YJaw>

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (Nov 14, 2014)

Fifth-Grade Sex Ed Plan Horrifies Chicago Parents Who Say It's Obscene

<http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/2014/11/14/university-village/fifth-grade-sex-ed-plan-horrifies-chicago-parents-who-say-its-obscene>

At one point, parents could view materials intended for students. A binder labeled as the curriculum for students in fifth grade touted the benefits of female condoms for extending sex and increasing pleasure and encouraged using lubrication.

The chairwoman of the Local School Council, Angela Bryant, called the way the information was to be presented to students "appalling" and not age-appropriate.

<http://illinoisfamily.org/education/shocking-sex-ed-material-in-5th-grade/>

<http://eagnews.org/report-chicago-schools-teaching-safe-anal-sex-to-5th-graders/>

SHAWNEE, KANSAS (Jan 15, 2014)

Imagine If You Found a Sex-Ed Poster Asking This Provocative Question at Your Daughter's Middle School

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/01/15/imagine-if-you-found-a-sex-ed-poster-asking-this-provocative-question-at-your-daughters-middle-school/>

Sex Education Poster at Middle School Causes Controversy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCw0LxjdMdY>

Kansas lawmakers consider requiring parental consent for sex education (Feb 17, 2015)

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article10548158.html>

TEMPE, ARIZONA (November 27, 2014)

In Arizona, a Textbook Fuels a Broader Dispute Over Sex Education

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/28/us/in-arizona-a-textbook-fuels-a-broader-dispute-over-sex-education.html?_r=0

ALLEGED RAPES, FLAWED DATA, OFFICIAL WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD TIES BRING SCRUTINY TO TEMPE SEX-ED DECISION

<http://www.alliancedefendingfreedom.org/News/PRDetail/8764>

TENNESSEE (February 21, 2014)

SEXING UP YOUR KIDS: Here's What A School Has for Your 4th Grader

<http://clashdaily.com/2014/02/sexing-kids-heres-school-4th-grader/#>

<http://clashdaily.com/2014/02/leave-kids-alone-us-schools-teach-creepy-stuff-8yr-olds/>

<http://clashdaily.com/2014/02/blocked-facebook-blocks-sharing-4th-graders-sex-book-wi-sh-teachers-well/PZPmMp6X4ApQLkYQ.99>

ALABAMA (September 28, 2013)

Pornographic, sexually explicit materials were distributed to the audience as examples of literature which is being provided under Common Core as reading materials for high school students.

<http://www.auee.org/sexuality-standards.html>

MASSACHUSETTS

Ex-Fitchburg teacher pleads guilty to rape, gets 21/2 years (March 15, 2015)

http://www.bostonherald.com/news_opinion/local_coverage/2015/03/ex_fitchburg_teacher_pleads_guilty_to_rape_gets_21_2_years

MIDLAND, TEXAS

Both Sides Speak on Controversy Over Misd Sex Education Program

<http://www.newswest9.com/story/14318913/both-sides-speak-on-controversy-over-misd-sex-education-program>

<http://www.siecus.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&featureID=2231>

HOUSTON, TEXAS (November 2, 2014)

CFISD delays new sex-ed program for further review

http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/cypresscreek/news/cfisdelaysnewsexedprogramforfurtherreview/article_7cd46044-c1c2-5517-956e-47bdfb65603f.html

Sex Ed Bill Stirs Up Controversy

Read More at:

<http://www.keyetv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/sex-ed-bill-stirs-up-controversy-24484.shtml>

CONTROVERSY BREWING OVER CY FAIR ISD SEX ED PROGRAM

<http://abc13.com/archive/8839820/>

NORTH DAKOTA (January 25, 2013)

North Dakota boots Planned Parenthood sex ed program

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/north-dakota-boots-planned-parenthood-sex-ed-program/>

NEW YORK (October 23, 2011)

Parent furor at bawdy sex ed

<http://nypost.com/2011/10/23/parent-furor-at-bawdy-sex-ed/>

ONTARIO CANADA (March 14, 2015)

Parents in Thorncliffe Park protest new sex education curriculum

<http://www.cp24.com/news/parents-in-thorncliffe-park-protest-new-sex-education-curriculum-1.2280296>

Is it sex-ed -- or grooming? See what's really in Ontario's new curriculum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8lSUHx0F54>

Ontario sex-ed architect convicted on child porn charges: courtroom hears graphic details

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/kathleen-wynnes-former-top-education-bureaucrat-convicted-on-three-child-po>

A grade-by-grade breakdown of Kathleen Wynne's graphic new sex-ed program

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/a-grade-by-grade-breakdown-of-kathleen-wynnes-graphic-new-sex-ed-program>

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (RWANDA) (January 27, 2015)

Catholic Relief Services helped run explicit sex ed program pushing abortifacients, Planned Parenthood

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/catholic-relief-services-helped-run-explicit-sex-ed-program-pushing-abortif>

Thank you!

Andria Tupola

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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04/21/2015 01:44 PM

Please respond to
Lisa Freudenberger
<lisa_freudenberger@yahoo.com>

Apr 21, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
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Sincerely,

Lisa Freudenberger

HI 96814

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HAWAII STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

DISCUSSION ON BOARD POLICY 103.5, "SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION".

Person Testifying: JOAN KAMILA LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

To the Honorable Chairperson Horner and Members of the Board of Education:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) supports proposed Board of Education Policy 103.5, "Sexual Health Education"

The Hawaii State Teachers Association supports the continuance of sex education in our public schools. Although the subject matter may cause discomfort for some, we believe that the delivery of this important information, delivered by a professional educator, can help our students better understand themselves, their physiology and the impact of the actions they may take in their personal relationships. The potential for physical harm, emotional stress, and life changing outcomes is real and must be addressed despite our national desire not to talk about this issue.

The policy changes that are recommended speak to the aspiration that all our children put off this very adult set of actions until well beyond school age, even as they provide the kind of information needed that recognizes that our children may not do so.

In keeping with our organizational position, we speak in support of the policy change.



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04/21/2015 02:12 PM

Please respond to Aaron Isgar <velocipede@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

Aaron Isgar

Honolulu, HI

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Nolan Yogi <nyogi7@msn.com>

04/21/2015 02:34 PM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Objection to House Bill 459

Dear Sir or Madam:

I respectfully register the objection of my wife and I to the House Bill 459 which will remove the Opt In provision of the current Department of Education policy and provides a curriculum that exposes our children to certain portions of the sex education curriculum which we completely oppose. The education of our children prior to middle school or before the age of puberty is for their parents not government and certainly not an organization such as Planned Parenthood with vested interests in social experimentation at the cost of traditional family values and morals.

Please stop this excessive interference in our private lives.

Nolan and Dorothy Yogi, Kapolei, Hawaii

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*Let the parents parent
Let the teachers teach
and
Let the kids be kids*

Let the kids be kids. We support age appropriate sex education in school that recognizes a child's need to understand their developing bodies, learn about healthy physical and emotional relationships, and learn tolerance for others with diverse values and perspectives. We do not support programs of questionable effectiveness, that burden children with too much information before they are mentally and emotionally developed and prepared for such information, or which may instigate a curious exploration before they are ready. Let the kids be kids, and develop their knowledge age-appropriately.

Let the teachers teach. School should be about teaching the knowledge and skills associated with academics, scholarship, and schools. It should be a place where teachers can teach the things they have been trained to teach, things that they have a passion for and wish to share with the next generations, things that have proven beneficial for generations. We can all agree that certain values should be taught in school, such as the importance of honesty, compassion, a work ethic, and civility towards others. School should not be an indoctrination zone or battleground for controversial values and untested programs where kids are the casualties. At a time of globalization, pinched budgets, and unremarkable test scores do we really need to commit more of the public, teachers', and kids' time and resources to an untested and potentially harmful experimental agenda? *Let the teachers teach and the kids learn what their parents sent them to school to learn.*

Let the parents parent. Parents are one of society's greatest resources. The state recognizes the value and importance of parents in many laws and protected privileges (such as the spousal privilege which is equal to an attorney-client or confessional privilege). At a bare minimum, parents provide the next generation of taxpayers whose taxes will pay our Medicare and Social Security benefits. More importantly, parents instill values in children better than any other institution; values that are necessary for a civil, productive, and beneficial society and community.

Any thriving, prospering society needs people willing to sacrifice of themselves and be parents. Why do parents accept this responsibility and make the sacrifices of parenting? Parents parent because of love. They love their children, they love sharing with their children the things they cherish and value, and they wish to protect their children from unnecessary pain. Parenting requires an enormous emotional, mental, and even monetary investment. If we over-burden, inhibit or harmfully restrict parents' abilities to express their love to their children, then we may find fewer willing to accept this necessary and challenging responsibility.

Let the parents parent; let the teachers teach; and let the kids be kids.

For more information contact Dave Lewis at bwd.northshore@gmail.com 808-778-8773



Paul Hurst <paul.hurst@byuh.edu>

04/21/2015 04:08 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Sexual Education

Aloha,

I am against increasing the amount of sex education in school. We need to focus on math and science so that our children will be able to compete in a global economy when they grow up, so THAT is where we need to add to the curriculum if anything is to be added.

The only change to sex education that makes sense would be to emphasize that condoms are NOT effective protection from most STD's. They are effective protection against pregnancy and HIV, and can reduce the spread of other diseases, but they are NOT adequate protection.

Thanks,

Paul Hurst, Oahu Resident

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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
Ed!

04/21/2015 04:13 PM

Please respond to
connie SIMON <808csimon@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

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ferris saydah <fer.ris@hawaiiintel.net>

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The more information and access to health professionals the fewer unplanned pregnancies and stds!
Quite simply true.
Mahalo!

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Mashiach_is_coming
<Mashiach_is_coming@yahoo.com>

04/21/2015 11:58 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject PLEASE NO TO PLANNED
PARENTHOOD SEX ED IN HAWAII
SCHOOLS

----- Original message -----

From: Mashiach_is_coming
Date: 04/22/2015 1:15 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Mima
Subject:

Dear BOE,

As a parent I speak out strongly against the proposed measures in Policy 103.5. Our current Sex Education program serves our students well and it should be left alone as is.

Please maintain Hawaii's sex education program with its current abstinence base.

Please maintain the "Opt - In" status for Pono Choices. Best of all remove Pono Choices and Common Core. Islam and LGBT do not get along at all.

As a parent I know that children grow and learn best when they are given information according to their NEED. If a child needs more information and support about sex then a parent can enroll the child in a more detailed program. Please do not automatically enroll our children in this program.

It is not age appropriate.
It is not medically accurate.
It is not academically nor theoretically sound.
It does not have strong support from parents.
It does not have strong support from teachers.

Many thanks for your service to our state and our children.

Aloha,
Karen

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04/22/2015 07:05 AM

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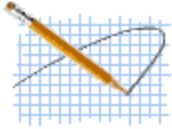
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Sincerely,

Barbara Best
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"Bernice Hamada"
<berniehamada@hawaii.rr.com>

04/22/2015 07:40 AM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy Changes

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Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest
<ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>
Sent by: Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest
<ppaction@ppvotestnorthwest.org>

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
Ed!

04/22/2015 01:05 PM

Please respond to
Jennifer Pliska <monkeygirlpliska@gmail.com>

Apr 22, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
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Jennifer Pliska

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From: [Kaiulani Martin](#)
Sent By: [Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest](#)
Reply To: [Kaiulani Martin](#)
To: boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: Please Support Comprehensive Sex Ed!
Date: 04/22/2015 10:37 PM

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From: marsha.schumacher
Reply To: mschum9613@aol.com
To: [Chairman Don Horner](#)
Subject: Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex Education Policy Changes
Date: 04/23/2015 06:50 AM

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From: [John Rooney](#)
Sent By: [Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest](#)
Reply To: [John Rooney](#)
To: boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: Please Support Comprehensive Sex Ed!
Date: 04/23/2015 08:39 AM

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Ewa Beach, HI 96706-3902

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April 21, 2015

Members of the Board of Education,

Aloha and mahalo nui for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Policy 103.5.

I am a Social Worker, a former foster parent, and a Christian. I have worked with youth and families for over 20 years and I am a strong believer that knowledge is power. While I agree that it is important for youth to receive the message that abstinence is the best way to avoid unplanned pregnancy and to avoid contracting STDs, I am just as convinced that if we do not provide them with **COMPREHENSIVE** sexual health education, they are at much higher risk for both.

You see, if you want to teach kids about math, you don't just teach addition and not teach subtraction, multiplication, or division. If you want to teach them about language arts, you don't just teach about nouns and not teach about verbs, pronouns, and adjectives. In the same token, you cannot teach sexual health education and teach abstinence and not teach about contraception, methods of preventing STDs, healthy decision-making and healthy relationships. While abstinence may be the safest option, it is often times not always the most realistic option. And for youth who choose not to be abstinent, I would hope we would want to prepare them by providing them with the education they need to make safe choices.

I also think it is imperative that sexual health education classes be opt-out. As you might imagine, not all parents are as involved as we might like them to be in the lives of their children. As long as sexual health education remains opt-in, there will always be a large number of children who do not receive this education because their parents were unaware and did not opt-in their children. There are also many parents, especially here in Hawaii, for whom English is a second language and who may not know they are required to opt their children into sexual health education. Some of them may not even be able to read or understand the opt-in form. Don't these children deserve the opportunity to receive sexual health education? And sadly, there are also a handful of children experience sexual abuse in their homes. Do you honestly think the parents of those children are going to opt their children in to receive sexual health education, where they may be taught that sexual abuse is not normal and not OK???

Those parents who do not want their children to receive comprehensive sexual health education have the option of opting their children out of sexual health education and educating them at home or elsewhere. But in my opinion, it makes much more sense for this small handful of parents to opt their children out of this important education than to ask the large majority to opt their children in. If parents truly want to provide this education to their children, more power to them. I can't say that this would be the preference for most children, but that is the right of those parents.

In closing, I think everyone in the room would agree that teaching abstinence is important. However, we must not be so blind as to think that not every kid is going to abstain from having sex and that's why it's imperative that we provide each child with the **whole** truth about sex and not just the "church-approved" version that many in the room would advocate for. Our Keiki deserve better than that and it is your responsibility as the Board of Education to ensure that the Keiki of Hawaii receive the most comprehensive education available and not be bullied into providing anything less than that.

Mahalo nui for your time and for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Policy 103.5.

Sincerely,

Jeremy White, BSW



"rita " <seeknfind@hawaii.rr.com>

04/28/2015 08:20 PM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject No to Comprehensive Sexuality
Education

To Chairman Don Horner and members of the BOE,

I continue to encourage all of you to vote against any type of Comprehensive Sex Education for our children.

I saw a comment that our children need more education and I agree, academic education. Basics that will really prepare our young for life; reading, writing, math to help them balance a check book, that is the responsibility of our public schools ... moral value are the responsibility of the family not the government.

According to a lecture by Dr. Judith Reisman, the technic s used in many public sex education programs mirror those used by child molesters & pedophiles.

So the idea of wanting to start this program in kindergarten is so perplexing, in which my response is NO! leave them alone and let our children be children.

At the very least for the rest, leave in the "Opt In" provision and the "Strong Emphases on Abstinence" and leave the moral value teaching to the families.

Again I urge you to not implement this program in our schools.

Respectfully,

Rita Kama-Kimura
Mililani, HI

?Psalm 118:24?

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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JoAnn Lepke <joann@nsautomation.com>

04/28/2015 02:37 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Please support sexual education

Aloha, my name is JoAnn Lepke and I live in Kula. I support sexual health education. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5. Kids and adults need information, to withhold it is just plain wrong. This is how third world countries manage to stay that way - lack of information and keeping their population in the dark.. Please don't encourage this type of environment with our population.

*Thank you for your consideration,
JoAnn Lepke*

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Jackie Rama <jackielynnrama@hotmail.com>

04/29/2015 09:01 AM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject HB 459

Dear Representative,

I am a mother of 3 children. I am gravely concerned about the curriculum in HB 459. Let us parents teach our children about sexuality--let the kids be kids. For those who say that some kids don't get the education at home, the harm done by teaching the graphic curriculum proposed for ALL children would be far greater than the lack of education to those children not getting the input at home. Furthermore, the "education" received on the streets is about equal in vulgarity to the proposed curriculum.

PLEASE do not let this bill pass. I and many other parents will pull our children out of public school if it goes through.

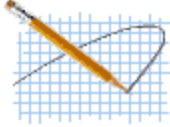
Respectfully,

Jackie Rama

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Ruth Brown <browninhawaii@yahoo.com>

04/29/2015 12:38 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Reference Policy 103.5

I strongly urge the BOE that the sex education policy should remain opt-in and abstinence-based to respect family values and responsibilities.

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Ruth Brown

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Dawn Yount <yount64@yahoo.com>

04/29/2015 05:55 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>

cc

Subject Policy 103.5

Aloha Dept. of Education,

I am a concerned parent and grandparent and I beg you to please, please, please keep the sex education curriculum in our schools as an opt-in and abstinence-based.

Mahalo, Dawn Yount

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Erica Rainhart <erica@hawaiiantel.net>

04/30/2015 10:23 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Support Sexual Health
Education/Oppose Condom Ban

Aloha BOE members,

The children I know are very intelligent, capable & RESPONSIVE to true information.

Providing them appropriate insight, teaches them a way to manage their life before outside, possibly dangerous forces cause undue circumstances, preventable by a healthier perspective of self awareness.

The pressures of 21st century holds difficulty enough, without having a pregnancy at 16 years old, or being a father sooner than the responsibility can be properly served, & the young family can thrive.

I had the good fortune to learn language of self awareness related to protecting the rights of my body, the simplicity of self respect applies positive outcomes in many fields, not just sex, yet having methods of manifesting personal choice is a basic lesson to enjoying one's life experience.

Please promote a no harm environment!

Please VOTE IN FAVOR OF proposed Policy 103.5, &
RESCIND proposed policy 103.8

SUPPORT Sexual Health Education!

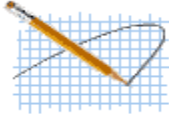
Writing for my young friends,

Sincerely,
Erica Rainhart
Kapaa

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Gretchen Gould
<gretchen.gould@stanfordalumni.org>

04/30/2015 11:21 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Re: Policy 103.5

> Dear Board of Education Members,

 Please stick to your guns and pass this!!!!

>

> I am delighted that you have a policy in front of you that would
> require teaching of basic sex education. No matter what families
> believe in, their children need the basic facts about sex and this is
> difficult for parents to do.

>

> If the kids are given the basics at school, that can provide a basis
> for discussion at home. It provides a good way to get started.
> Children should not be getting important information that will impact
> the rest of their lives from other kids or jokes or rumor.

>

> If school is the place for education, this is one of the most
> important real information that students can get. Please do not keep
> it from them.

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> Mahalo,
> Gretchen Gould
> Kaneohe

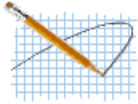
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Talalupelele Niutupuivaha
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05/01/2015 09:41 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Last Tuesday, we met with the Board of Education to testify about Planned Parenthood's desire to have Comprehensive Sexuality (Abnormal Sexual) Education in Public Schools. Many of you were shocked that we testified AGAINST: Mandating the curriculum and starting in Kindergarten. This was PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S TRUE DESIRE: in the legislative bill and this was their ultimate goal": MANDATE and diminish parental/child and teachers rights in the classroom. They did not know that they would lose. It was hard as a parent to contain my anger, especially to see Planned Parenthood now going to directly to the BOE after they had lost the fight. With the amount of money involved, they came directly to BOE. The two person that testified were from ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD, both paid to be there.

Parents do not want this curriculum.

don't think Board Members even understand the global effort to have CSE in every country by the United Nations, the International Planned Parenthood Federation and other groups under the UN. In the United States, you have three FEDERALLY FUNDED GROUPS that work with each other to get CSE either mandated or opt in/opt out in states: Planned Parenthood, Advocates for Youth and SEXUAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES (SEICUS).

<http://www.siecus.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=472> I called teacher after teacher, parent after parent, school administrator, etc... none of them where aware of HB 459. But TEACHERS WOULD BE MANDATED TO TEACH THE CURRICULUM whether it was opt in/ opt out. Their voices would not be heard. We tried to get as many teachers notified as we could. Parents thought this curriculum was too strong for children. Why do we need to abnormal sexual behavior of TRANSGENDERS, BI SEXUALS, PEDOPHILES (this is a sexual orientation under CSE not a crime) - have info to back this up also, FLUIDITY? Teenage life is already acquired. Teach students more they WILL DO MORE! In Farmington High School, with PONO CHOICES already being taught, a teenager stated, "Man, they are teaching us more ways to f***!" Hyper Sexualizing children does them no favors, it does not create academic success or individual success, The child begins to desire to satisfy his needs and urges immediately. As in other parts of the US, once CSE is in, it become stronger in its education, children/teachers become desensitized and what was once thought as being to offensive for younger grades,is now acceptable. This is the case in Oregon, Detroit, Washington, to name a few.

Please be careful as you read the proposal. It is written like every other state that has passed CSE. Written to sound healthy, medically accurate and age appropriate BUT it does not reflect this after it has been approved. I have overwhelming amount of news reports and information of parents and other BOEs that have stopped CSE from continuing. All written by Planned Parenthood, Advocates for Youth and SEICUS.

Here is SEICUS' definition of CSE. Reminder all this is still taught under CSE just shifted around if not allowed at lower grades.

Level 1 (Ages 5 to 8):

- Both girls and boys have body parts that feel good when touched.

- Vaginal intercourse occurs when a man and a woman place the penis inside the vagina.
- Human beings experience different kinds of loving.
- Most men and women are heterosexual, which means they will be attracted to and fall in love with someone of the other gender.
- Some men and women are homosexual, which means they will be attracted to and fall in love with someone of the same gender.
- Homosexuals are also known as gay men and lesbian women.
- Many people live in lifetime committed relationships, even though they may not be legally married.
- Touching and rubbing one's own genitals to feel good is called masturbation.
- Some boys and girls masturbate and others do not.
- Masturbation should be done in a private place.
- Adults often kiss, hug, touch and engage in other sexual behavior with one another to show caring and to share sexual pleasure.

Level 2 (Ages 9 to 12):

- Sexual intercourse provides pleasure.
- Sexual orientation refers to whether a person is heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual.
- A bisexual person is attracted to both men and women.
- Why a person has a particular sexual orientation is not now known.
- Homosexual, heterosexual, and bisexual people are alike except for their sexual attraction.
- Homosexual and bisexual people are often mistreated, called hurtful names, or denied their rights because of their sexual orientation.
- Some people are afraid to admit they are bisexual or homosexual because they fear they will be mistreated.
- Homosexual love relationships can be as fulfilling as heterosexual relationships.
- Gay men and lesbians can adopt children or have their own children.
- Masturbation is often the first way a person experiences sexual pleasure.
- Many boys and girls begin to masturbate for sexual pleasure during puberty.
- Couples have different ways to share sexual pleasure with each other.
- Being sexual with another person usually involves more than sexual intercourse.
- A woman faced with an unintended pregnancy can carry the pregnancy to term and raise the baby, place the baby for adoption, or have an abortion to end the pregnancy.
- Abortion is legal in the United States.
- Abortion must be performed by a physician or other licensed health provider.
- A legal abortion is very safe.

Level 3 (Ages 12 to 15):

- Theories about what determines sexual orientation include genetics and prenatal influences, socio-cultural influence, psychosocial factors, and a

combination of all these factors.

- Homosexual couples behave sexually in many of the same ways as heterosexual couples.
- Many young people have brief sexual experiences (including fantasies and dreams) with the same gender, but they mainly feel attracted to the other gender.
- Some young people have brief sexual experiences (including fantasies and dreams) with the other gender but they mainly feel attracted to their own gender.
- When a homosexual person accepts his/her sexual orientation, gains strength and pride as a gay or lesbian person, and tells others, it is known as "coming out."
- Talking about feelings about sexual orientation can be difficult.
- "Coming out" can be difficult because people fear negative reactions.
- Some people feel attracted to both men and women.
- Every culture and society has some people who are homosexual.
- People do not choose their sexual orientation. -[**WRONG!**]
- Sexual orientation cannot be changed by therapy or medicine.
- Understanding one's sexual orientation can be difficult.
- Gay men, lesbian women, and bisexuals can lead fulfilling lives.
- Gay men and lesbian women can establish lifelong committed relationships.
- Some religious groups oppose homosexuality.
- Peoples' beliefs about homosexuality are based on their religious, cultural, and family values.
- When couples spend a lot of time together alone, they are more likely to become sexually involved.
- Gay and lesbian youth, like heterosexual youth, may or may not date.
- Two people who cohabit can have the same commitment and responsibility toward one another as married people.
- Sometimes the values one learns in society conflict with the values one has learned in one's family. [**Here's the setup to undermine parental imparting of values**]
- Values should be freely chosen after the alternatives and their consequences are evaluated. [**Here's the punch! "We're right, your parents are wrong!"**]
- Teenagers sometimes need to talk with an adult other than their parents. [**AGAIN!**]
- Some agencies provide services for teenagers that do not require parental permission, are confidential, and cost little or no money. [**And AGAIN!**]
- How often a person masturbates varies for every individual.
- A person worried about masturbation might talk to a trusted adult.
- Most people have masturbated at some time in their lives.
- Masturbation, either alone or with a partner, is one way a person can enjoy and express their sexuality without risking pregnancy or an STD/HIV.
- Many negative myths exist about masturbation.
- When two people express their sexual feelings together, they usually give and

receive pleasure.

- Sexual relationships can be more fulfilling in a loving relationship.
- Being sexual with another person usually involves different sexual behaviors.
- Some sexual expressions are prohibited by law and disapproved of by certain religions and families.
- An early abortion can be done in a clinic, doctor's office, or hospital.
- Most women report no problems after having an abortion.
- People's beliefs about abortion are based on their religious, cultural, and family values.
- Some religions support the right to an abortion.
- Some religions oppose abortion.
- The right of a woman to have a legal abortion is guaranteed by the Supreme Court, although there are restrictions in some states.

Level 4 (Ages 15 to 18):

- Sexual orientation is determined by a combination of a person's attractions, fantasies, and behavior.
- Gender identity is determined by a person's feelings of maleness or femaleness.
- The understanding and identification of one's sexual orientation may change during life.
- Some people who engage in same gender sexual behavior do not identify as bisexual, gay, or lesbian.
- Teenagers who have questions about their sexual or gender orientation should consult a trusted and knowledgeable adult.
- People of different generations may have different values and ideas about family life.
- Dating can be a way to learn about other people, about romantic and sexual feelings and expression, and about what it is like to be in a loving relationship.
- Having values different from one's family can be difficult. [**Here's the setup to undermine parental values!**]
- A person may accept one's family's values and not always agree with all of them. [**And here's the follow-through: "ignore your parents' values, assume ours."**]
- To behave according to one's values can be difficult but usually results in feelings of pride.
- The traditional gender roles about sexuality in our society are becoming more flexible.
- For most people, sharing a sexual experience with a partner is a satisfying way to express sexuality.
- Couples and individuals need to decide how to express their sexual feelings.
- Some sexual behaviors shared by partners include kissing, touching, talking, caressing, massaging, sharing erotic literature or art, bathing/showering together, and oral, vaginal or anal intercourse.
- Individuals are responsible for their own sexual pleasure.

- Some people use erotic photographs, movies, or literature to enhance their sexual fantasies when alone or with a partner. [**Use pornography, it's great!**]
- Some sexual fantasies involve mysterious or forbidden things.
- Many people's sexual fantasies include behaviors not actually acted upon or even desired in real life.
- Some people continue to respect their religious teachings and traditions but believe that some views are not personally relevant. [**In other words, throw out what the Bible says, because we're telling you it's not relevant!**]
- There are a growing number of congregations that welcome openly gay men and lesbians. [**"If your church isn't one of them, find a new one."**]

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