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04/17/2015 12:20 PM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
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cc

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Sincerely,

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04/16/2015 07:26 PM

To
cc adhannemann7@gmail.com,
boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject

Sexuality ed. Policy...do not change your policy...abstinence.

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"Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sarmiento"
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04/18/2015 12:41 AM

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Preserving Hawaii's parents rights in teaching their children according to their beliefs deserves to be preserved. This proposal will have many negative effects on Hawaii's children in the future.

God Bless,

Sincerely,

Alfred Sarmiento & Darline Rita-Sarmiento
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04/20/2015 08:34 AM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject opposed to Policy 103.5

Re: Opposed to Policy 103.5
Tues, April 21, 1:30p

I am strongly opposed to the proposed to Policy 103.5: changes to DOE's Sex Education Policy.

It is common knowledge that abstinence is the best way to prevent STD and pregnancy as well as the best way to promote a healthy moral society. So why would we teach our children to settle for anything less.

If the BOE decides to change Sex Education from Abstinence based to Comprehensive Sex Education it is vital to make sure that it is an "Opt In" only program as there are thousands of families who are opposed to Comprehensive Sex Education and thousands more who would be opposed if they knew what it entailed.

Please do what is best for Hawai'i and do not make the proposed changes.

Mahalo
Angela Woods
Pahoa, HI

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Ann Freed <annsreed@gmail.com>
04/16/2015 11:38 AM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Health Ed policy hearing today

Aloha Kakou,

I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Women's Coalition to support the change in sex ed policy expressed by the BOE Student Achievement Committee.

Our students do not want to remain in ignorance about this public health issue, ignorance that can result in STDs, including deadly HIV and/or teenage pregnancy.

The religious right, and its champion Mr. McDermott, would have you believe that sticking your head in the sand, ignoring the problem and pretending that if you don't talk about sex to children they will not do it, or what is worse, may be subject to sexual predators and not know how to talk about it. Of course science-based education is the solution to this planned ignorance. Yes teen pregnancy is on the decline in Hawaii, but that reflects the nation-wide trend that is in all likelihood the result of internet campaigns by organizations like Planned Parenthood. We are still in the bottom of the pile for teenage pregnancy.

Please don't let this attempt to force religious views into education prevail over the recommendation of your own Committee. Also, ask Don Horner to recuse himself from any voting as he is a member of a denomination that consistently opposes, sex education, access to birth control and LGBT youth rights including anti-bullying initiatives. He therefore has a conflict of interest.

Ann S Freed
Co-Chair, Hawaii Women's Coalition

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TO: Don Horner, BOE Chair

FROM: Anna A. Willweber, DOE Student

RE: Testimony in opposition to proposed changes to BOE Policy 103.5;
4-21-15, 1:30 pm meeting; Agenda item V.A.

I am a student in the 4th grade in a DOE school. I would rather learn about sex from my parents at a good time, not at school. In my opinion, sex education is not a smart idea in public schools for younger students.

Thank you for working on this board,
Anna



Abaya Anne <anneabaya@gmail.com>
04/18/2015 01:43 PM

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

I am a strong supporter of this policy. Our children need as much education as possible. Of course it would be best if our children learn from their parents. However so many of the parents are irresponsible. My granddaughter who is now 23 and I used to talk about this when she was in middle school and high school. She lived in Makakilo. She would say that there were so many mixed up kids in her classes. She said "you can't blame these kids since many of them were crack babies." Irresponsible parents need the help of our schools to educate their children about various topics including sex education. Many parents just aren't "present."

As part of the volunteer work I do in the community, I come in contact with young, single mothers. They are on an uphill battle to provide for their babies. They had no business having babies while still in school! They quit school, trying to earn a living. Very few of them get out of this situation. Poverty will be with them for the rest of their lives.

Way back in the 1960s when I was in elementary and junior high school we had sex education as part of our curriculum. I did learn from the classes. My parents did not have these talks with us since it wasn't done culturally (Japanese). Sex education isn't anything new. Let's continue the dialogue.

BTW, my granddaughter is gainfully employed on a full time basis in the medical field. No babies!

Thank you for listening.

Anne Abaya
Honolulu, HI

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Aurora Lemke <alemke@outlook.com>

04/20/2015 12:30 PM

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

Subject Testimony

Aloha Board of Education,

My name is Aurora Lemke and I am writing to show support in comprehensive sexuality health education and I oppose the condom ban. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5 and voting to rescind proposed policy 103.8. I know many students who will benefit with the information and lessons that can be taught under a comprehensive sexuality education. It is a reality that some teens are sexually active, and in order to protect their health, they need to know the facts on how to protect themselves and have healthy relationships. I know that with the standard of a comprehensive sex education, our students can be better equipped for real world situations and relationships.

It is amazing the lies that some people are claiming to be facts about what comprehensive sexuality education will lead to and I hope you are knowledgeable about the difference between factual information and glorified opinion.

Thank you,

Aurora L.

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Bliss Kaneshiro <blissk@hawaii.edu>
04/18/2015 05:17 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Science based sexual health
education

My name is Bliss Kaneshiro. I reside on Oahu. I support sexual health education. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

As a women's health physician I have personally cared for teens whose health has been negatively impacted by a lack of fact-based comprehensive sex education. For example, sexually transmitted infections like chlamydia, which a teen could contract early in life, can result in infertility so that when she is ready to become a mother later in life, she is unable to do so. This is why the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists supports the use of medically accurate, age appropriate sex education as an integral part of health education.

Of note, my views are my own and do not represent the University of Hawaii of which I am a tenured faculty member.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bliss Kaneshiro

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Bliss Kaneshiro MD, MPH, FACOG
Associate Professor
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 20, 2015

State of Hawaii, Board of Education
1390 Miller Street, Room 405
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Proposed Change to Policy 103.5 (2110)

Dear Chair Horner and Members of the Board:

I write **in opposition** to the proposed policy changes, which represent the latest attempt to sexualize young students.

The extremist social engineers insist that CSE (comprehensive sex education) is necessary to prevent pregnancy and the spread of STD's; the facts, however, suggest otherwise.

Dr. Joe McIlhaney has served on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS. He is an obstetrician/gynecologist with twenty-eight years of practice, and Founder of The Medical Institute for Sexual Health. He recently visited our state, and studied our teen sexual activity and pregnancy statistics. He noted: While 65 out of 1000 Hawaii teen girls do get pregnant, Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate has been **decreasing, not increasing**. According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy (NCPTUP), the 2010 rate was **51% lower than in 1988, and 14% lower than in 2008**.

The progressives may argue that Hawaii kids are "going to do it anyway." But Dr. McIlhaney noted that according to the NCPTUP, only 35.9% of high schoolers have ever had sex. This is lower than the national average of 46.8%.

Of course, Hawaii teens' pregnancy and sex activity rates still need to be drastically cut; that's why it is an outright non sequitur for the BOE to abandon abstinence-based sex education in favor of CSE. CSE is not the magical cure-all that Planned Parenthood tells us it is. As researchers Stan E. Weed and Thomas Lickona noted, a review of over 100 studies of CSE programs found that **only one** of them succeeded in producing an increase of CCU (consistent condom use) among teens for a period of at least one year. If someone has sex, it is not enough to increase condom use; condoms need to be used correctly, and used correctly every single time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated:

Representative Bob McDermott
(House District 40 – Ewa, Ewa Beach, Ewa Gentry, Iroquois Point)
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 330, Honolulu, HI 96813
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To achieve the maximum protective effect, condoms must be used both consistently and correctly. Inconsistent use can lead to STD acquisition because transmission can occur with a single act of intercourse with an infected partner. Similarly, if condoms are not used correctly, the protective effect may be diminished even when they are used consistently.

By contrast, 5 out of 7 abstinence programs were successful in getting teens to delay the initiation of sexual activity for one year. As Weed and Lickona note, "abstinence education programs, if properly designed and implemented, can cut rates of teen sexual activity by as **much as half for significant periods of time**, without reducing condom use by the sexually active." Ironically, Dr. McIlheney notes: "Abstinence programs in general are much more 'comprehensive'" than CSE programs. This is because abstinence programs include information about condoms (including the risks and limitations that CSE programs often won't disclose) and character building.

I am also concerned about the proposed "opt-out" amendment. The Department of Education added the following language to its Regulations in the fall of last year: "All parents and guardians must sign an opt-in form permitting their children to participate in sexual health education." Such opt-in language placed more power into the hands of parents, who own the school system. Inexplicably, less than one year later, without citing any data or review, the BOE is now proposing to override the DOE's opt-in regulation through an opt-out policy amendment.

I am attaching a copy of my McDermott Report III for your further consideration. As noted in that report, Dr. Robert McDonald (a medical doctor and retired psychotherapist) stated that "so-called sex-ed for children before puberty is an act of sexual abuse." Therefore, if any non-technical change is made to policy 103.5 (2110), that change should impose a prohibition against in-class teaching of sex education in any DOE school before a child reaches Grade 5 or 6.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,



Representative Bob McDermott

Enclosure

THE McDERMOTT REPORT PART III

The Indoctrination of Our Children (Forced Acceptance of Unhealthy Behaviors)



Bob McDermott
State Representative
Ewa Beach, HI



April 16th, 2015

"Representative McDermott should be awarded the appreciation of all parents and families—not just those in Hawaii, but in the whole United States of America. His commitment to young people is enormous, passionate, and active. He is for them and intent on protecting them, so that they may achieve their potential."

— Joe S. McIlhaney, Jr., M.D.
Obstetrician/Gynecologist; Founder of The Medical
Institute for Sexual Health; Former member of the
Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS;
Former member of the Advisory Committee to the
Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention

Hawaii parents who hold traditional values face an assault on two fronts.

On one front, the Hawaii State Legislature is considering H.B. 459, a bill which mandates that the State offer "Sexuality Education" starting in Kindergarten. The bill makes little sense, since we have no relevant Hawaii State standards in place for Grades K-5. There is **no** curriculum to review. Parents have overwhelmingly testified against the bill.

On the other front, the State of Hawaii's full Board of Education ("BOE") will soon consider a measure that will (1) abandon the BOE's long-standing abstinence-based sex education policy in favor of comprehensive "Sexuality Education" and (2) nullify the Department of Education's ("DOE") newly adopted opt-in regulation (which requires parental permission **before** a child receives sexual education).

Make no mistake about it: The purpose of "Sexuality Education", especially at young ages, is to indoctrinate children with the politically correct view of Planned Parenthood and the LGBT advocacy organizations: That homosexuality, transsexuality, and promiscuity are viable lifestyle choices that are on par with heterosexual monogamy.

So, we are going to introduce such "education" to 5 to 11-year olds in order to reduce STD's and unplanned pregnancy. What am I missing? A predator protection module is all that is needed at these ages: "Good touch, bad touch" and "Stranger danger." Then let the kids finish their ABC's.

The sexologists will tell us that children need information and education in order to develop their skills and tools. They repeat the "Education and Information!" mantra over and over. Well, let me tell you what education and information these folks want to share with our children.

One goal is to teach our children that gender is "fluid", and that it is normal for kids to change orientation and identities. (The one exception, we are told, is that no one can ever, ever, be a former homosexual—even though everything else is possible.¹) Kids will be told that notions of being male and female are myths, and are stereotypes foisted upon the young by a repressive culture. In the politically correct word, one's anatomical structure is irrelevant compared to one's "gender identity".²

Another goal is the removal of the traditional sexual restrictions, inhibitions, morality, and roles that parents try to instill in their children. Such a removal creates a cultural conflict in the home between parents and their children. "Sexuality Education" is not about health; it is about promoting a specific, far-left worldview that is at odds with the principles of risk avoidance and basic human anatomy. In a world where pseudoscience reigns supreme, biology becomes irrelevant. Further, "everything goes", so criticism about dangerous behavior is forbidden. Before children get a chance to grow up and discover sex during marriage (or at least after

1. Jeff Johnston, "The Homosexual Community: Small Number, Powerful Influence," Focus on the Family, <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/socialissues/defending-your-values/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-homosexuality/the-homosexual-community-small-number-big-influence> (accessed April 13, 2015).

2. Charlotte Tate, "Identity as a Personality Process," in *Gender Identity: Disorders, Developmental Perspectives and Social Implications*, ed. B.L. Miller (Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science, 2014), 17, <http://online.sfsu.edu/ctate2/Tate%202014%28GenderIDasPersonality%29.pdf> (accessed April 13, 2015).

reaching adulthood), the State will step in and enter their heads and their bedrooms with the new State-approved definition of morality.

I support a common-sense health policy. I therefore support sex education in the context of a health course study on human reproduction with an emphasis on biology. Curricula should be medically accurate and age appropriate as determined by a group of qualified child psychiatrists, behavioral specialists, pediatric neurologists, obstetricians, gynecologists, histologists, epidemiologists, and doctors of psychosomatic medicine. Simple pediatrics is not enough.

Unfortunately, the DOE seems to have no appetite for this legitimate approach, as it fought to keep defining the anus as genitalia in *Pono Choices*. Further, the DOE working group that reviewed that curriculum included no child psychiatrists.³ It did include an activist homosexual doctor,⁴ a transgender teacher,⁵ a gym teacher,⁶ and a retired union official.⁷ So much for a serious evaluation of medical accuracy and age appropriateness.

Let's make this clear: This is not the old "sex education" program that taught kids about reproduction, hygiene, and condom use as a matter of public health. This is "**Sexuality Education**", which conditions the young child's mind to accept odd, bizarre, and unhealthy behaviors as normal. Judith Reisman has commented that the purpose of these programs is to "indoctrinate children into an unrestrained, sexually available lifestyle."⁸ Concepts like fidelity, commitment, long-term monogamy, and emotional maturity are minimized or completely missing from these programs. Sexual behavior has no emotional consequences—at least according to Planned Parenthood and the other so-called experts who populate this industry.

The social engineers want our children to champion their beliefs and inculcate kids with their values and shape children's minds as to what is "right"—even though parents do NOT want what the "experts" have to offer. In March of 2015, members of the public overwhelmingly and passionately testified against "sexuality education" for kindergarteners during hearings for H.B. 459.

Conversely, many "Sexuality Education" supporters like the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party advance blatantly far-left ideologies. Others, like Planned Parenthood, the Commission on the Status of Women, and Hawaii Youth Services Network feed at the public trough and have a

3. *Stakeholder Panel Review: Pono Choices Curriculum February - May 2014 Final Report* (Hawaii State Department of Education, 2014), 3.

<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/DOE%20Forms/PonoChoicesPanelReport.pdf> (accessed April 13, 2015).

4. Catherine E. Toth, "Gay and Lesbian Families," *Honolulu Advertiser*, November 18, 2001, <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2001/Nov/18/oh/oh01a.html> (accessed April 13, 2015).

5. James Cave, "Hawaii Documentary 'kumu Hina' Profiles Native Hawaiian Mahu Teacher," *Honolulu Magazine*, 2014.04.03, <http://www.honolulumagazine.com/Honolulu-Magazine/April-2014/Hawaii-Documentary-Kumu-Hina-Profiles-Native-Hawaiian-Mahu-Teacher/> (accessed April 13, 2015).

6. *Midweek*, Niketown Honors P.E. Teachers, October 05, 2006, http://archives.midweek.com/content/paina/image_full/4825/ (accessed April 13, 2015).

7. "Our Leaders," Hawaii State Teachers Association, <http://www.hsta.org/who-we-are/leaders/> (accessed April 13, 2015).

8. Judith Reisman, "How They're Hypersexualizing Your Kids," *World Net Daily*, <http://www.wnd.com/2014/03/how-theyre-hypersexualizing-your-kids/> (accessed April 13, 2015).

blatant self-interest. They are NOT medical experts; in fact, Planned Parenthood's own website calls PP a public policy organization.

You know the story: Cowardly politicians caved to the far left under the guise of promoting "information and education."

Planned Parenthood's advocates are willing to teach masturbation to third graders and promote concepts like "sex play." Elementary school children will get to hear stories of characters with "ambiguous genders"—including couples with names like "Pat and Chris."

Moreover, kids will be treated to reading such literary classics as: *My Mommy is a Boy*, *When Kathy is Keith*, *10,000 Dresses*, and *Sometimes the Spoon Runs Away with Another Spoon*. LGBT activists S. Bear Bergman and J. Wallace have listed these and dozens of other titles in a booklist for kids to "break gender stereotypes." Bergman has publicly admitted: "I have come to indoctrinate your children into my LGBTQ agenda."⁹

Yes, they do want to inculcate our kids with their values. Gay activist Daniel Villarreal penned a column in 2011 for Queerty.com, stating that the time had come for the homosexual lobby to admit to "indoctrinating" schoolchildren to accept homosexuality. He asked: "Why would we push anti-bullying programs or social studies classes that teach kids about the historical contributions of famous queers unless we wanted to deliberately educate children to accept queer sexuality as normal?" Villarreal added: "We want educators to teach future generations of children to accept queer sexuality. In fact, our very future depends on it." He bluntly stated: "Recruiting children? You bet we are."¹⁰

As children reach the age of 9 and 10, we can fully expect that they will be desensitized to the aberrant and unusual behaviors that their parents oppose. The extremists no longer value a common moral code; nor do they cherish a belief system that upholds virtue, chastity, and modesty. Dr. Miriam Grossman, an expert in child psychiatry, warns us:

Planned Parenthood tells parents that "the most important lesson we can share with our kids is, 'Being different is normal,'" and their book, *A Family Resource on Sex and Sexuality*, recommended by sex educators at Rutgers, identifies a variety of relationships—monogamous, open, or group sex; long-lasting (months to years) or brief (hours to days).¹¹

Translation: There are no rules, and zero morality. That is what we are going to expose to our children as the "Gold Standard." Shame on us!

9. Pete Balinski, "Gay Activist: Of Course Our Goal is to 'Indoctrinate Children into LGBTQ Agenda,'" Life Site News, <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/gay-activist-our-goal-is-to-indoctrinate-children-into-lgbtq-agenda> (accessed April 13, 2015).

10. David Villarreal "Can We Please Just Start Admitting That We Do Actually Want to Indoctrinate Kids?" Queerty, <http://www.queerty.com/can-we-please-just-start-admitting-that-we-do-actually-want-to-indoctrinate-kids-20110512> (accessed April 13, 2015).

11. Miriam Grossman, M.D., *You're Teaching My Child What? A Physician Exposes the Lies of Sex Education and How They Harm Your Child* (Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, Inc., 2009), 33.

Exposing children to these anomalous behaviors can be dangerous. Michael Heimbach of the Federal Bureau of Investigation testified before a U.S. Senate committee in 2002, and stated that child pornography [read: sexually explicit material] is used by child molesters to:

- 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.¹²

While we as adults know the difference between pornography and sex education, educators should not blur the lines. What if a child, after learning about group sex from Planned Parenthood, is later shown explicit pornography by a sex offender? Will the child think that the molester is simply showing "educational" materials?

Sexuality Education curricula teach about behaviors such as anal sex, yet fail to teach about the astronomically high health risks of these aberrant behaviors. I have yet to see a "progressive" textbook that anal sex carries 1800% of the HIV transmission risk of penile-vaginal sex.¹³ The highest rates of HIV transmission are among homosexual and bisexual men; yet curricula often treat homosexuality as just "another lifestyle." Topics like anal leakage are fully ignored. In an age where conservatives are bashed for waging a non-existent "war on women", leftists see no problem in the inherent misogyny when a woman is pressured into "pleasing" her man through anal sex—an act which can cause her injury.

Sexuality Education likely won't mention that a woman faces a 250% increase in the risk of contracting oral cancer if she performs oral sex with five partners.¹⁴ Many curricula fail to disclose that females who have a persistent infection of HPV-16 have a 40% risk of developing cervical cancer.¹⁵ Girls are misled; they are often NOT told that early sexual activity will most likely give them HPV due to her immature cervix—even if her partners wear a condom.

12. Michael Heimbach "Before the United States Senate, Subcommittee On Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security," Federal Bureau of Investigation, <http://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/supreme-courts-child-pornography-decision> (accessed April 13, 2015).

13. Roger Pebody, "HIV Transmission Risk During Anal Sex 18 Times Higher Than During Vaginal Sex," AIDS Map, <http://www.aidsmap.com/HIV-transmission-risk-during-anal-sex-18-times-higher-than-during-vaginal-sex/page/1446187> (accessed April 16, 2015).

14. Grossman, *You're Teaching My Child What?*, 115.

15. *Ibid.*, 2.

Among homosexual men, the verdict is staggering: 73% of men having sex with men (MSM) have HPV (genital warts). Among MSM who are HIV positive, 93% of them have genital warts.¹⁶ Yikes!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that ALL sexually active women under the age of 25 be treated for chlamydia, since that disease, when left untreated, leaves 10 to 15% of its victims with pelvic inflammatory disease, which can lead to infertility.¹⁷ Think condoms will keep you safe? While consistent condom use can reduce the risk of contracting chlamydia, one report found that 13.3% of "consistent" condom users still contracted the disease.¹⁸ Further, as Dr. Grossman notes: 'Few individuals manage to use condoms 'perfectly'—consistently and correctly. Much more common is 'typical use'—the device is not worn for every act, and when worn it's occasionally used incorrectly.'¹⁹ Perhaps this is why, as Dr. Joe S. McIlhaney, Jr. noted:

[R]esearchers at Johns Hopkins University, upon completing a study of STD prevalence at an adolescent clinic, found re-infection rates of chlamydia in adolescent girls to be so high that they recommended testing every sexually active adolescent girl in the United States every six months for chlamydia infection (regardless of reported condom use).²⁰

Politically correct curricula almost NEVER mention such information. So much for medical accuracy and "information and education." The new sexuality programs often fail to emphasize that the only safe sex is that which is in the context of a long-term, monogamous relationship. In fact, such a view is considered ignorant and unenlightened.

The science of the brain is revealing more and more information to us every day about our children. The neuropsychology, the psychopharmacology and the biochemistry of the youngster's brain are never even considered when the discussion of sexuality and young children takes place. What we do know is that one's brain is not fully developed until the early 20's.²¹ Thus, if social engineers want to assert that children as young as five years old are ready to handle the complexities of sex, I submit that the burden of proof is on them to prove their case.

Dr. Robert McDonald, a medical doctor and retired psychotherapist bluntly stated that "so-called sex-ed for children before puberty is an act of sexual abuse." Dr. Rick Fitzgibbons amplified this

16. *Ibid.*, 143.

17. "CDC Recommends Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Screening of All Sexually Active Women under 25," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/std/infertility/> (accessed April 14, 2015).

18. L.M. Niccolai et al., "Condom Effectiveness for Prevention of Chlamydia Trachomatis Infection," *Sexually Transmitted Infections* 81, no. 4 (2005): 323-325, <http://sti.bmj.com/content/81/4/323.full.pdf+html> (accessed April 14, 2015).

19. Grossman, *You're Teaching My Child What?*, 85.

20. Joe S. McIlhaney M.D., "Testimony Before Congress On the American Std Epidemic," *Orthodoxy Today*, <http://www.orthodoxytoday.org/articles/McIlhaneyAbstinenceCongress.php> (accessed April 14, 2015).

21. Melinda Beck, "Delayed Development: 20-Somethings Blame the Brain," *Wall Street Journal*, August 23, 2012, <http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10000872396390443713704577601532208760746> (accessed April 13, 2015).

thought, and related that if health professionals pushed homosexuality or transgenderism on youth without warning them of the risks, "they would be guilty of malpractice."²²

Leftists constantly claim that children need comprehensive "sexuality" education" (CSE) so that they can develop the skills and tools necessary to make good decisions. But does it even work? CSE often goes unchallenged—until people discover what it teaches. In April of 2014, CSE went down "in spectacular defeat in the European Parliament once people discovered what it was going to teach." UN delegates have also rejected CSE and see it an assault on their culture. Why would Hawaii want to implement a program that is being so roundly rejected by others? Consider that "[a] team of experts...found the self-described 'evidence-based' comprehensive sexuality education to be riddled with ideology and opinions masquerading as facts. And outright disrespect for parents."²³

There is no need for the Legislature to mandate "Sexuality Education" for Grades K-5. For Grades 6-12, sex education programs are already available. Furthermore, the push to implement comprehensive "Sexuality Education" to ensure "medical accuracy" is simply unwarranted. State statute already states that these programs must be medically accurate. Enforcement, not a bigger mandate, is the key.

According to a Zogby International Poll, parents overwhelmingly support abstinence education as historically funded by Congress by a margin of 2 to 1. In fact, "9 out of 10 parents agree that being sexually abstinent is best for their child's health and future." A Rasmussen Report says that 80% of adults still say that parents should be teaching their children about sex.²⁴

BOE policy currently 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 [STDs] 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."²⁵ It is clear that parents want their children to delay, delay, delay any sexual activity. However, CSE's mixed messages dramatically water down this intent.

Is the push for comprehensive "Sexuality Education" based upon the Left's assertion that such school-based programs *are* effective at protecting teens from the problems related to sexual activity while *abstinence* education programs are *not*? What exactly is an effective program? The National Abstinence Education Foundation (NAEF) exists to provide research findings that

22. Steve Weatherbe, "Psychiatrists: Wynne's Early Sex-Ed Program Is 'Sexual Abuse'," Life Site News, <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/psychiatrists-wynnes-early-sex-ed-program-is-sexual-abuse> (accessed April 13, 2015).

23. Wendy Wright, "New Paper Exposes Hidden Agenda of the Sex Ed Establishment," Life Site News, <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/new-paper-exposes-hidden-agenda-of-the-sex-ed-establishment> (accessed April 13, 2015).

24. "What Do Parents Want?" Abstinence Works, <http://www.abstinenceworks.org/what-do-parents-want-mainmenu-51-sp-1824311234> (accessed April 13, 2015).

25. "Abstinence-Based Education Policy, No. 2110," Board of Education, State of Hawaii, <http://www.hawaiiboe.net/policies/2100series/Pages/2110.aspx> (accessed April 13, 2015).

support abstinence-centered education. They use criteria developed by the Institute for Research & Evaluation, which suggests that:

After more than 15 years of evaluating school-based sex education programs...effective programs should produce:

Sustained Results—The program's impact on teens' behavior should last for a substantial period of time, at least 12 months following their program participation.

Broad-based Impacts—Claims of significant program impact should be based on the entire group of program participants and not just on subgroups.

Real Protection—The program should impact the teen behaviors that have been proven to be protective: sexual abstinence or consistent condom use (i.e., using a condom every time).²⁶

CSE is a term that is applied to programs that purport to teach both abstinence and condom use. Although the perception may be that these programs are successful, there is a surprising lack of evidence to support such a claim when the programs are evaluated against the above criteria.

In fact, the content of many of today's CSE programs is decidedly at odds with what most parents want their children to be taught.²⁷ Additionally, these programs contain dangerous distortions of information that center on several harmful and disturbing themes, including:

- Overstated, exaggerated claims of condom usage rates and effectiveness.
- Understated benefits of abstinence, including inaccurate suggestions that "abstinence" and "safe sex" are equally safe and healthy choices.
- Promotion of provocative alternatives to intercourse (i.e. outercourse").
- Ambiguous, inaccurate definitions of "abstinence."
- Presentation of sexually explicit and inappropriate content.
- Undermining the importance and involvement of parents.²⁸

To reiterate, studies confirm that most CSE programs do not work. A US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) website on several comprehensive programs reveals mediocre or poor results.²⁹

Further, Stan E. Weed and Thomas Lickona noted the following in their report comparing the outcomes of CSE versus abstinence education:

26. "Stats and Facts," Abstinence Works, <http://www.abstinenceworks.org/stats-and-facts-mainmenu-52-sp-447565871> (accessed April 13, 2015).

27. "Uncovering Comprehensive Sex Education," Abstinence Works, <http://www.abstinenceworks.org/uncovering-comprehensive-sex-education-mainmenu-55-sp-473211594> (accessed April 13, 2015).

28. Ibid.

29. Ibid.

In summary, a fairly large body of research shows that CSE (risk reduction) programs in the schools have not been proven to be effective on most of the outcome measures used. There is no evidence that they increase teens' CCU [consistent condom use]. A very few of them have increased the number of teens who use condoms more often (but not consistently), but there is not any evidence that this resulted in lower rates of teen STIs or pregnancies. There have been some CSE studies (9) that increased abstinence but fewer, proportionately, than abstinence interventions.³⁰

There is evidence, however, that school-based abstinence education programs can be effective. Abstinence Education, otherwise known as Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) Education, is a win-win for parents and taxpayers. SRA Abstinence Education has been shown to decrease teen sexual activity by approximately 50%. Further, increased abstinence is responsible for at least half of the decrease in teen pregnancy, saving taxpayers over \$1 billion each year.³¹

With levels of teen sexual activity still too high, perhaps Hawaii's DOE could review all of its current programs and eliminate any that have mixed messages. Those programs that give teens a false sense of security with "safe sex" messages are obviously not effective if proponents of CSE are citing high teen pregnancy rates and escalating STD's among teens. The future of sex education for those parents who desire sex education in the classroom is in Sex Risk Avoidance (SRA) Abstinence Education.

Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) Abstinence Education realizes that "having sex" can potentially affect teens not only physically (STDs and pregnancy) but also, as research shows, can have emotional, psychological, social, economic, and educational consequences.

That's why topics frequently discussed in an abstinence education of a dangerous, unhealthy, or abusive relationship, developing skills to reach them, understanding and avoiding STDs, information about contraceptives and their effectiveness against advances, and why abstinence until marriage is optimal. So, within an abstinence education program, teens receive all the information they need in order to make healthy choices. The programs typically include lessons about the media's influence as well as the interconnection of other risks behaviors drugs, alcohol, tobacco and youth violence. That's a lot of information and skills packed into an abstinence curriculum. And all of these topics are taught within the context of why abstinence is the best choice.³²

30. Stan E. Weed PhD and Thomas Lickona PhD, *Abstinence Education in Context: History, Evidence, Premises, and Comparison to Comprehensive Sexuality Education*, 18, <http://www2.cortland.edu/dotAsset/d95f1f68-d272-4f8e-a4b9-74b3b5ae5500.pdf> (accessed April 13, 2015).

31. "Federal Funding for Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) Abstinence Education," Abstinence Works, <http://www.abstinenceworks.org/a-win-win-for-taxpayers-mainmenu-49-sp-822760860> (accessed April 13, 2015).

32. "What is Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) Abstinence Education?" Abstinence Works, <http://www.abstinenceworks.org/what-is-sexual-risk-avoidance-sra-abstinence-education> (accessed April 13, 2015).

As Hawaii struggles to balance its current budget, any *new* program for sex education should be for funding truly abstinence-based education.



This is serious business, and the Left is determined to corrupt our children. Parents are unaware that this social engineering effort is well under way. I remember John F. Kennedy quoted Chesterton as saying something about not taking a fence down until you know the reason why it was put it up. The idea was: If people say they don't understand why something is the way it is, but they want to destroy or change it, don't let them.

Maybe the Left can learn a lesson from the phrase. The Left may say that I am on the wrong side of history. Well, I think I am just watching history repeat itself: I think of ancient Greece and Rome. Rest assured that, as an old Marine, I shall do my very best to assist parents as they try to protect their children.

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Subject Please Support Sexual Health Education

Aloha,

My name is Brad Lum-Tucker and I live in Lihue. I support sexual health education because the reality I see and hear about right here on Kauai is that teens are sexually active whether we like it or not and we need to educate and inform them about the facts and how the decisions they make can affect their lives in the long run. We need to give our youth the knowledge base, tools, and support system to make smart and informed decisions about their sexual health and life choices.

For these reasons, I ask you to please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brad Lum-Tucker

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04/20/2015 09:44 AM

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

cc

Subject Testimony regarding BOE Policy 103.5 changing the BOE policy on sex education. Hearing date - Tues, April 21, 1:30p

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Hearing date - Tues, April 21, 1:30p

Testifier: Bridget Rapoza Pepeekeo, Hawaii

Aloha Board of Education Representatives.

While you revise a policy to add detail and refine its meaning, to update its interpretation, you ought not blur the clear vision of the policy. In this case, the policy is to protect student's sexual health.

With unrefuted volumes of hard scientific evidence as to the best medical policy to protect Hawaii's students from a lifetime of health problems, why on earth would you delete the following requirement, which most clearly and simply states the most important requirement in all of the sex education policy?

"Support abstention from sexual intercourse and provide skill development to continue abstention."

For the same reasons, why would you delete the phrase:

"most responsible" ???

Indeed it is a proven fact that :

"abstention from sexual intercourse is the surest and most responsible way to prevent unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS, and consequent emotional distress."

The fact that it is the surest manner of preserving student health, dictates by every account that it is also then the most responsible way for the board to carry out its duty to teach and protect student health. All of the political rhetoric and debate cannot change the facts. As such, both descriptive adjectives "surest" and "most responsible", should be retained as you revise. The BOE should keep this matter clear both in its policy and in its expectations of the sex educators.

As the responsible agency, go ahead and add what you feel needs to be further delineated – though be wary in doing so, that you do NOT inadvertently open wide the doors to increase sexual promiscuity on the junior high and high school campuses. Do not take us back to the days of having baby care facilities in many of our high schools.

By all means however, keep this most critical policy statement and requirement. The Hawaii BOE should follow NOT the most trendy political fad or most current vocal groups, but rather should intelligently follow the hard scientific evidence of the surest and most responsible proven method of keeping Hawaii students healthy. Our insurance companies will appreciate it. Our state Department of Health will appreciate it over the long term. Our families who raise the students will appreciate it. And, our students themselves will appreciate it when they are older and have matured enough to recognize the long-term health value of it.

Unless you have overwhelming hard scientific evidence that refutes the factual truth of the above policy statement, then the Hawaii Board of Education should retain the clear and simple policy statement as it is, within the other revisions to be made. The health of Hawaii students should be above the politics.

Further, it is my opinion, and I believe that of most parents, that the student's parents should be the first and foremost educator regarding sexuality. As such, in your policy revision, if you choose "Opt Out" rather than "Opt In", then please add a very clear mandate that schools communicate all sexual education materials to the parents, prior to the time that students will be receiving the education. This can be done via a simple internet link, and will alleviate much frustration, anger and potential complaints from very irate parents. Alternatively, make the sexual education classes "Opt In" to avoid the various issues of parents not being informed, not having received the info., etc.

In summary, as you revise the BOE sexual education policy, retain the clear, simple core requirement to :

"Support abstention from sexual intercourse and provide skill development to continue abstention."

Retain "most responsible" in the following paragraph:

"abstention from sexual intercourse is the surest and most responsible way to prevent unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS, and consequent emotional distress."

And finally, mandate that schools communicate clearly with parents regarding what is being taught, prior to the time it is being taught, and provide them with all information the students will get.

Thank you for your time and service on the Board, and for dealing with this difficult issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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Bruce <bkunio@aol.com>
04/20/2015 09:08 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Policy 103.5 changing the BOE policy
on sex education

My name is Bruce Meyers, Hawaii resident in Hilo.

I am writing in reference to the **Tues, April 21, 1:30p meeting** at 1390 Miller st #404 in regards to Policy 103.5 changing the BOE policy on sex education.

I am against the proposed comprehensive sex education system. Abstinence based system should remain. Also, please keep it Opt Out! If anything, keep it abstinence based and Opt Out throughout the elementary and middle schools. Our young children should not be exposed to such GRAPHIC displays and concepts of sex. The overall idea of sex education should be for reproduction first and pleasure second and not just pleasure. Seems all it is about is pleasing one's self. I believe that fundamentally, this will harm our society in the long run.

Mahalo,
Bruce

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Carolyn Blankfield <cb121840@aol.com>
04/18/2015 12:26 PM

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

I am writing to let you know that I am in support of policy 103.5 to support sexual health education in schools. As a practicing psychotherapist in Hilo, I cannot stress enough the lack of information that many of my pre-teen and teen students have concerning safe and healthy sexual issues.

Thank you

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"Celeste MacDonald" <user@votervoice.net>

04/18/2015 11:40 PM

Please respond to
mceleste45@yahoo.com

To "Chairman Don Horner"
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cc
Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
Education Policy Changes

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Celeste Tefan <celestetefan@gmail.com>
04/17/2015 03:58 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Keep sex ed abstinence based!

To whom it may concern:

I have very strong feelings that sex education in schools should remain abstinence based and an "opt-in" program. The government needs to butt-out and quit trying to overstep its bounds. This remains the responsibility of parents and I DO NOT want my children to be taught the loose values that some legislators hold.

I also believe that any sex education before grade 5 is completely inappropriate and even abusive in exposing children to things that they are ready for; it is in no way age appropriate.

I am feeling increasingly frustrated and fed up. I don't know what legislators are thinking, but they are completely out of touch with parents in the community if they think this is okay. Is there nothing else to worry about?! They need to focus more of their attention on other matters.

Again, please keep sex education in public schools an OPT-IN, ABSTINANCE BASED program. I can't afford to send all of my kids to private schools because of the ridiculous laws that legislators keep passing.

Sincerely,
Celeste Tefan

Native Hawaiian, Lifelong Hawaii resident, and registered voter

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"Cheryl Woods" <cwoods7@hawaii.rr.com>

04/17/2015 03:50 PM

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Chris W <christinwerner88@gmail.com>
04/16/2015 05:34 PM

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

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

In regards to Policy 103.5, I have a major concern with planned parenthood's attempt to gain control of my children's sexual education.

As a parent it is my role and responsibility to teach my children sexual education. Many things that Planned Parenthood plan on teaching in the classroom are contrary to my religious and personal beliefs, and I do not believe that they should be taught in schools. I urge you to keep the sex education policy opt-in and abstinence based.

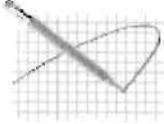
Thank you for your time,

Christin Werner

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"Clayton Tom" <ctom5@hawaiiintel.net>
04/20/2015 02:20 PM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
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Claire Yamashiro <anelatutu@msn.com>
04/20/2015 02:24 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Planned Parenthood

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.

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

Sincerely,
Clifford and Claire Yamashiro

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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"Corie Poliahu" <ontai80@hotmail.com>
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From: Craig Ishizaki
To: Chairman Don Horner
Subject: Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex Education Policy Changes
Date: 04/17/2015 04:51 PM

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TO: Don Horner, B.O.E. chair

FROM: David Willweber. Masters in Family Life Ministry
Husband. Father of 3 in the D.O.E.
Community member on the School Community Council at Kainalu El
Pastor of Mauka Makai Ministries—Windward
Vice President of P.E.A.C.E. HI

RE: Testimony in **opposition to proposed B.O.E. policy 103.5 changes. This is related to the meeting scheduled for 1:30pm on 4/21/15. Agenda item V.A.**

Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns about policy 103.5. I oppose these changes and encourage you to do the same.

There are **points of agreement** that we share. . .concern for Hawaii's keiki, student health particularly relating to sexuality, concern for young people engaging in sexual activity resulting in S.T.D.'s (S.T.I.'s), more pregnancies and hurting their chances for pregnancy later because of S.T.I.'s, young people making good choices that will positively impact their future and the welfare of society in general, absence of forced or violent sex, etc. Because we share points of agreement, I have provided some solutions interspersed below.

I have many reasons why I oppose BOE policy 103.5 changes. Here are several.

TWO BASIC ISSUES:

1. It is the parent's job/role to teach sex, sexuality, and sexual health to their keiki (Supreme Court decisions have agreed with parental authority, please see below). Therefore, B.O.E. policy ought to reflect and respect parental authority in matters of sexuality education. **Having an Opt In policy for sexuality education accomplishes respecting parental authority while**

allowing parents the choice to allow their child to receive education from the school if they believe the school could teach it better.

Supreme Court Cases: U.S. Constitution, 14th Amendment, Due Process. US Code and CFRs. ORS & OAR

- ***“The child is not the mere creature of the state...[the state of Oregon, by forcing parents to place their children in public school] unreasonably interfere[d] with **the liberty of parents and guardians** to direct the upbringing of their children under their control.”***
-Pierce v. Society of Sisters (1925)
- ***“It is cardinal with us that the custody, care and nurture of the children reside **first in the parents**, whose primary functions and freedom include preparation for obligations **the state can neither supply nor hinder.**”***
-Prince v. Massachusetts(1944)
- ***“The primary role of the parents in the upbringing of their children is now established beyond debate as an enduring American tradition...[**Parents’** duty to prepare children for] **additional obligations...include the inculcation of moral standards, religious beliefs, and elements of good citizenship.**”***
-Wisconsin v Yoder (1972)
- ***“Our decisions establish that the Constitution protects **the sanctity of the family** precisely because the institution of the family is deeply rooted in this Nation’s history and tradition. **It is through the family that we inculcate and pass down many of our most cherished values, moral and cultural.**”***
-Moore v. East Cleveland (1977)
- ***“[O]ur constitution long ago rejected any notion that a child is a mere creature of the State and, on the contrary, asserted that **parents have the right coupled with the high duty** to recognize and prepare [their children] for additional obligations.”***
-Troxel v. Granville(2000)

2. The language that is used in the proposed policy changes are identical to that of “Comprehensive” “Sexuality” “Education” (C.S.E.). C.S.E. is bad news and I’ll explain why in paragraphs below. Please do not be fooled by what is going on here. The language used in the 103.5 policy changes is basically identical to the language of H.B.459 which has currently stalled in the legislature because of concerns from the public and growing concern of legislators. Please see the language of HB459 via Hawaii.gov on the following link http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2015/bills/HB459_SD1_.HTM . The 1st paragraph of H.B.459 states. . .**“The legislature finds that the effectiveness of sexuality health education in Hawaii's schools could be bolstered by providing clearer guidance on a **comprehensive approach to sexuality health education.**”** So, let’s be clear, these policy changes in B.O.E. 103.5 are about Comprehensive Sex Education (C.S.E.).

It's hard to argue with many of the positively stated phrasing in the B.O.E. policy changes. In fact, most I would agree with (Who wouldn't want our keiki to make good sexual choices free from coercion and abusive relationships, etc?) The problem with this language is multifold. . .

2a. Who will define what the words age appropriate and medically accurate mean? For example, what curriculum are you proposing that matches the language as stated? Certainly you would not change policy without proposing changes in policy? I could write the B.O.E. and it would truly help keiki make good sexual choices.

However, if proponents of Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) write the curriculum(s) we will have the opposite! What is stated positively in the stated policy changes looks very different in when is actually implemented. **We THINK we are pouring water to put out a fire. In actuality, it's gasoline we are putting on the fire that leads to a larger more destructive fire for those around it.**

One example of a lesson of a C.S.E. curriculum to demonstrate that CSE is gasoline on a fire follows. . . (And I'll let you do your due diligence to thoroughly go through every sex ed curriculum). Please see the attachment I included entitled "Making Proud Choices Examples." **Open the pdf and go to Activity B (after Activity C) and read the lesson entitled "How to Make Condoms Fun and Pleasurable."** Doesn't the title of the lesson sound like gasoline to stoke the fire? It does to me. This kind of lesson only allows for even more fantasizing about getting as close to the fire as possible. I also notice that there is no mention of condom failure rates and that a condom won't prevent S.T.D.'s like H.P.V.

2b. Oregon and New Jersey have had C.S.E. the longest. According to the Center for Disease Control (C.D.C.), Oregon's STD rate for 15-24 year olds has gone up 37% between 2007 and 2011. . . New Jersey's STD rate has gone up 25% during the same time period. <http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats/by-age/15-24-all-STDs/> . **Even though CSE sounds really good, the results prove otherwise. CSE really is like pouring gasoline on a fire.**

2c. Why would we be promoting something that is so ineffective? Planned Parenthood is one of the primary encouragers of comprehensive sex education (i.e. HB459 & BOE policy 103.5 changes). This is a major CONFLICT OF INTEREST BC they make their \$\$ off abortions and contraceptives via Federal funding/Tax dollars

- Planned Parenthood is responsible for 300,000+ abortions every year. Do you see a conflict of interest here? Pushing for more sex information which naturally spurs on increased sexuality resulting in more pregnancies. More pregnancies, more opportunity for abortions. Abortions cost an average of \$500. Doing the math, \$500 x 300,000

abortions = \$150,000,000 million dollars. \$150 million dollars at the expense of children.

- Who loses in the above scenario? Keiki.
- Who profits? Planned Parenthood.
- **So even though Planned Parenthood outwardly is saying that their goal is to reduce pregnancy, S.T.D.'s and so forth, they NEED keiki to be sexually active so they can make their money off contraceptives via Federal funding and abortions.** Why are we listening to Planned Parenthood? Who decided that they are the "authority on sexuality and it's consequences?" According to their website, they are the self-proclaimed trusted authority on matters of sexuality and family planning. It's time we stop listening them and find voices that truly represent the best interest of our keiki, their families, and society as a whole.

If we are really serious about the health of our keiki, we will work together as a society to strengthen marriage and ohana. The result will be keiki will learn the value of marriage and ohana, and respect for every individual, and for the gift of sex and sexuality. I am all in for this!!

Other concerns related to Policy 103.5 changes. . .

3. Where is a statement about monogamy? Monogamy is the best way, the only way to ensure healthy sexuality free from STD's

4. Unfortunately, true medical accuracy discriminates against sexual orientation and alternative sexual practices.

- **So will "politically" medically accurate information be taught? Sexual anatomy and physiology do not lie** as to what the purpose of various body parts are (i.e. penis, vagina, anus, mouth/throat). For example, anatomy clearly tells us that a vagina is made to receive a penis, an anus is not, which is why H.I.V. rates for men having sex with men are a 3000% greater risk of H.I.V. infection. Negative consequences abound for using the anus to receive a penis, for others, see the following link.
<http://www.webmd.com/sex/anal-sex-health-concerns> Will our keiki be taught these serious consequences? Will we care enough about them to let them know?
- **Will providing medically accurate information be considered discriminating against those who say they have a different sexual orientation?** For example, those will those who choose to participate in oral sex (penis in mouth) be told about the increasing rates of the incurable human paphiloma virus (H.P.V.)? Will they be told that HPV is the most common STI currently affecting 79 million Americans and adding 14 million new cases every year? Will they be told that HPV causes genital warts and cancer? Center for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/std/HPV/STDFact-HPV.htm#a7>. **So, even though**

sexual anatomy does not lie, will people who teach our keiki lie by withholding true medically accurate information because they fear discriminating against people who choose alternative sexual practices?

5. A curriculum mandated by the proposed 103.5 changes cannot possibly be a one-size-fits-all curriculum!

- Keiki are at different developmental ability cognitively, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually. A curriculum and/or teacher cannot possibly address the individual needs of every student in the classroom.
- Our keiki come from diverse family backgrounds. . . culturally, religiously, language, etc. How can a teacher or curriculum possibly be sensitive to each of our keiki's needs relating to ohana? **To mandate a curriculum means that information will be thrust upon our keiki that will cause them much conflict and not create a safe place for learning. Every student needs to feel safe in our schools!**
- An example of this has to do with my son's friend who said he almost fainted during sex ed class in 7th grade in a D.O.E. school. This young man was obviously not ready to receive this information.

6. In general, parents remain the best teachers for their keiki.

- Parents have known their children from inside the womb and have watched them grow. Parents know a child's personality, quirks, interests, communication ability, age readiness for potentially challenging subjects like sexuality and engaging in sex. Parents also know the values that they have taught their children.
- **Some parents have challenges in parenting and communicating with their keiki about sexual matters. What can be done?**
 - Solution: have the entire community work to create a program that will assist parents who are in need. The program would equip parents to teach their own keiki.
 - Solution: Assuming that there is full disclosure on what will be taught (and this has NOT been the case with current programs) give these parents an opportunity to "opt in" to a program for sexual health. Then the parent is still making an empowered choice.

Thank you for your time and working together for the best welfare of our keiki! Aloha,
Dave Willweber
Kailua, Hawai'i

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Activity C

What I Think About HIV/AIDS and Safer Sex- Forced Choice (10 minutes)

PREPARING FOR THE ACTIVITY

Rationale

Examining attitudes and beliefs about HIV risk behaviors focuses participants on factors that can keep them from practicing safer behaviors.

Materials

- "Agree" "Disagree" signs
- Masking tape

Time

10 minutes

Procedure

1. Tape the "Agree" and "Disagree" signs to opposite sides of the room.
2. Begin this activity by saying,

We want to know what you think about HIV/AIDS and safer sex.
3. Read the following directions:
 - I will read some statements and ask if you agree or disagree with them.
 - After I read each statement, stand under the "Agree" sign if you agree with the statement or stand under the "Disagree" sign if you do not agree with it.
4. Ask participants to stand.
5. Read the **Agree/Disagree Statements** one at a time (included at the end of the activity).
6. After each statement, ask the participants to decide if they agree or disagree with the statement and to stand under the appropriate sign.
7. After each statement, ask why they agreed or disagreed with the statement.

FACILITATOR'S NOTE

During the activity, bolster the attitudes supportive of condom use, and respond to those unsupportive of condom use by using the information provided after each statement.

8. Give the participants a chance to switch after discussion of each statement.
9. Thank the participants for sharing their opinions. Have them return to their seats.
10. Summarize as follows,

This activity showed us that different people can have different opinions and beliefs. You may have a different opinion about sex, HIV, and condoms than your boyfriend or girlfriend. But the facts about HIV/AIDS remain the same. Here are some facts we can agree on: HIV is transmitted sexually through blood, semen, and vaginal secretions. Whenever you have sex, you must use a latex condom to reduce the chance of HIV transmission.

Activity B

How to Make Condoms Fun and Pleasurable (10 minutes)

PREPARING FOR THE ACTIVITY

Rationale

Helping participants see how they can make condom use fun and pleasurable for themselves and their partners encourages consistent use and a sense of pride and responsibility.

Materials

- Pre-labeled newsprint:
 - 1) "Sex is More Fun..."
 - 2) "Condoms Won't Ruin..."

- **Markers**

Time

10 minutes

Procedure

1. Unfold the newsprint entitled, "Sex is more fun..."

2. Introduce this activity by saying,

How would you complete this unfinished sentence?

"Sex is more fun when condoms are used because..."

3. Record their responses.

4. Add the following ideas to the list if they were not already mentioned by the participants.

Sex is more fun when condoms are used because...

- You can use condoms as a method of foreplay.
- You can think up a sexual fantasy using condoms.
- You can act sexy/sensual when putting condoms on.
- You can hide one on your body and ask your partner to find it.
- You can tease each other sexually while putting on the condom.
- You can have fun putting one on your partner, while pretending you are different people or in different situations.
- You feel more relaxed and can really enjoy yourself.
- Condoms make the erection last longer.

5. Unfold the newsprint entitled "Condoms won't ruin the mood if..." and ask,

How would you complete this unfinished sentence?

"Condoms won't ruin the mood if..."

6. Record their responses. Add the following ideas to the list if they were not already mentioned by the participants.

Condoms won't ruin the mood if...

- You use extra lubrication inside and outside the condom.
- You use different colors and types/textures.
- You tell your partner that using a condom can make a man last longer.
- The woman puts the condom on the penis.
- You have a sense of humor and make jokes.
- You put lubricant on the tip of the penis to increase sensitivity or use lubricated condoms.
- You talk about them in advance.
- You have the condom open and ready to use.

FACILITATOR'S NOTE

Emphasize strategies for how to make condom use more pleasurable. Remember that some of the young people may not be sexually active and that for them, this discussion may not make much sense.

Though different colors and textures may be appealing, "glow in the dark" condoms should not be used. They are only gag gifts.

Emphasize that you are not endorsing sexual activity among teenagers.

7. Ask the group to define “spontaneous.”

Answers may include

Just Do It
Natural flow
No interruptions
No need to wait

8. Then, ask them to brainstorm ways to increase the spontaneity and pleasure of condom use. (No need to record answers.) Say,

What are some ways that you can increase the spontaneity and pleasure of condom use?

Answers may include:

- Make sure you have condoms before you get romantic.
 - Eroticize condom use with partner. (Make it sexy.)
 - Have condoms close by to eliminate fumbling.
 - Prepare the condom in advance.
 - Learn to put the condom on first.
 - Use extra lubricant.
9. Then ask the group the following questions. Encourage everyone to respond.

Can you use a condom when you have sex?
Will you use one?

10. Summarize as follows,

Once you both agree to use condoms, do something positive and fun. Go to the store together. Buy lots of different brands and colors. Plan a special day when you can experiment. Just talking about how you’ll use all of those condoms can be a turn on. Remember, the proud and responsible thing to do is to always use latex condoms if you have sex.

exercise is for **Linda** to be proud and responsible and resist pressure to have unsafe sex.

37. Remind observers to fill out their "Observer Checklists" as they watch the role-play.
38. Read aloud the scenarios for both characters, and then have participants present the role-play.

Role-Play D

(Linda and Jerod talking)

THEME:
MALE & FEMALE:
INITIATING CONDOM
USE IN AN EXISTING
RELATIONSHIP

OBSERVE:
LINDA USING
SWAT

LINDA You and your boyfriend, Jerod, have been sexually active for awhile. However, you have just completed an HIV/AIDS education program called "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" You are thinking about the things you didn't know and the things that concern you. You think about your own behaviors. You think about Jerod's past sexual life and your own past sexual life. And now you begin to worry because you and your partner have been sexually active without using condoms. Now you want to use condoms. You know Jerod is stubborn and gets jealous very easily. You are afraid to say that you are concerned about HIV because he might fly into a rage, believe you are cheating on him, or even go and find a new girlfriend.

You decide to tell Jerod about the program and all the important information you learned and that you want to use condoms if you have sex again. When he arrives, you are looking at the information about condoms that was given to you at the program. You try to encourage him to use condoms. Your task is to convince Jerod that you want to be proud and responsible and use condoms.



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Subject support proposed Policy 103.5.

Aloha,

Please add my voice to those that support proposed Policy 103.5.
This is very important for the education of our children.

Mahalo,
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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Do not change opt in policy

My name is Eldean Kukahiko. I have 24 grandchildren. Please do not change the current DOE policy of opt in and abstinence base curriculum. Please do not hurt our keiki. We do not need sex education in elementary schools. Thank you

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Subject Support sex health education

Aloha, I am Elizabeth Hansen and I reside in Hakalau, Hawaii County. I support sexual health education. With a masters in social work (MSW),eleven years of working on child protective services both as a social work administrator and direct service practitioner. I also worked nine years as a school social worker. Therefore having seen with my own experience the LONG TERM SOCIAL DEVASTATION when students are not offered the opportunity to learn about sexual education in a professional manner. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5. Mahalo for your consideration,

Elizabeth Hansen

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Subject 103.5

Aloha to the Board of Education,

My name is Elvrine Chow and I support sex education in schools through the Planned Parenthood.

These people are willing to go into our schools and speak openly and objectively about facts and share information that children need to know. Even still in 2015, sex education at home is a very touchy subjective thing. Many parents just say 'don't' and thats not enough!

Kids need to get their questions answered- their curiosity about sex and the unknown - rather from professionals than from peers or experimentation.

I received sex education in the 1960's at my elementary school in California and Planned Parenthood was available back then to offer information and support to many of my friends.

Abstinence is the perfect solution in a perfect world, meanwhile lets at least give kids knowledge to make informed decisions that they can share between themselves .

There is a lot to know! Who else is going sit down with these kids and let them ask their questions ?

Most parents don't and churches don't ...Planned Parenthood has been around a long long time and has helped many many people. Our children deserve that.

Thank you.

Elvrine Chow
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Sent from my iPhone

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Subject Support Sexual Education

Aloha, my name is __ernie brennon_____ and I live in honolulu. 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,
Ernie Brennon

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Erway Marjorie <merway@hawaii.rr.com>
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To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Support Sexual Health Education

Aloha Board Members!

I completely and wholeheartedly support sexual health education and urge you to do the same. It improves the health and the future of our youth and is vital to the complete education of our teen students.

This is very important and I hope you will seriously and completely support the proposed policy 103.5.

Mahalo for your consideration,
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04/18/2015 06:38 PM

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Subject Policy 103.5

Dear Board of Education Members,

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.

Mahalo,
Gretchen Gould
Kaneohe

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Elizabeth Hansen <lizhansen222@gmail.com>
04/18/2015 11:54 AM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Support sex health education

Aloha, I am Elizabeth Hansen and I reside in Hakalau, Hawaii County. I support sexual health education. With a masters in social work (MSW),eleven years of working on child protective services both as a social work administrator and direct service practitioner. I also worked nine years as a school social worker. Therefore having seen with my own experience the LONG TERM SOCIAL DEVASTATION when students are not offered the opportunity to learn about sexual education in a professional manner. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5. Mahalo for your consideration,

Elizabeth Hansen

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04/18/2015 12:41 AM

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I am curious as to how increased sexual awareness at a young age and resultant sexual activity can PREVENT any of the negative results we are already experiencing.

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Thank you for allowing my input into this issue.

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Jeri Miller <jeriathome96756@gmail.com>

04/19/2015 10:14 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Please support sexual health
education Policy 103.5

Aloha, I am the mother of a son who attended Hawaii public schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade and then went on to graduate from University of Hawaii at Manoa. I live in Koloa and have been actively involved in the school system for twenty-five year as a substitute teacher, student parent and an officer of the Parent Teacher Student Association in elementary, middle and high school.

I am very aware of the importance of public education in ensuring that our children receive accurate, informative and helpful sexual education throughout their school years. In so many areas it is the school that must be sure that the basic information is available to all. There are those that would say leave that job to the parents.

Well, I witnessed children who never got a chance to read at home although their families were encouraged to read to their child and have them read. Should those children have been excluded from reading skills because their families did not do it at home?

In one of my years as a teacher I worked with high school students in the GRADS program, which was the pregnant and parenting teens class. I know first-hand that there is much information out there and it does not work in the best interests of the students to keep it from them.

Please consider this and vote for proposed policy 103.5.

Mahalo,

Jeri Miller

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cc

Subject testimony in support of proposed
policy 103.5 - sexual health education

Dear Members of the Board of Education:

My name is Justin Murakami. I am 31 years old, and I have lived in Honolulu, Hawai'i my entire life. I am a graduate of Iolani School (K-12), where I received comprehensive, medically accurate sexuality health education, along with all of my classmates, beginning in the fourth grade. I am writing to you in my capacity as a private citizen and attorney working in the health care industry in strong support of proposed Policy 103.5.

My sexuality health education experience as a student follows:

- At the fourth grade level (this would have been in 1993 or 1994), sexuality health education consisted of a curriculum taught by our science teachers consisting of the facts of human reproduction. This included the names for body parts and a general overview of how babies were made and born. I believe there was a very basic introduction to germ theory, where we learned the source of certain diseases via viral or bacterial vectors. As an integrated part of a science and health program, we also received some education about body awareness. This was necessary because at the fourth grade level, we were expected to shower after physical education/gym so as not to stink up our classrooms, and because some people were 'early developers'.
- I recall in the fourth and fifth grade, we were also introduced to the concept of sexual harassment (inappropriate touching, communications with, etc. with other students) in order to prevent its occurrence between students.
- In the fifth and sixth grade, students were separated by gender and received sexuality health education from a group of same-gender teachers. This included personal care information having to deal with the trials and tribulations of puberty (washing your face) and general conceptual information about life-goals, pregnancy, abstinence, STDs and protection.
- In the 7th and 8th grades, students attended full-semester, co-ed classes, covering these topics in greater detail and allowing for teacher-lead discussions and guidance. The teachers were part of a multidisciplinary team that included an engaged counseling staff to whom students could communicate concerns and issues regarding issues of sexual health.

It is my understanding that this sort of sexuality health education is common in private schools across our state, including the religious ones (Iolani is Episcopalian, and students participate in bible study and religious courses, and regularly attend chapel and prayer services), but is currently inconsistently implemented in public schools in the State of Hawai'i. I don't think that

a student's presumptive right to know about what their body parts are called; what is happening to them in puberty; pregnancy, STDs and prevention; or healthy relationships and communication, should be reserved only for those privileged to attend private school.

It is my belief that comprehensive sexuality education helped, not hurt, my classmates and me. Knowing what sex was did not cause us to go out and have it. Rather, contextualizing awareness of sexual acts and their risks, with discussions of healthy relationships and the goals we wanted to achieve without becoming teen parents or having STDs, was beneficial to making sound life choices.

I also recall my relationship with my parents at the time – although we were close, I would have been extremely opposed to receiving the kind of information that I got in class from them. Thinking about this issue from a pre-teen students' point of view, I believe that receiving instruction about sex from parents, without a curriculum or necessarily having established willingness or ability on the part of parents to non-judgmentally and openly discuss certain topics, would have been counterproductive.

Could my parents – both physicians – have provided medically accurate information and been able to conduct necessary sexuality education? Yes, definitely. Would I have been comfortable with them doing so in our home, as opposed to learning about sexuality health from professional teachers in the context of a classroom? Absolutely not.

As a recipient of exactly the type of comprehensive sexuality education envisioned by the policy change currently under consideration by the Hawai'i State Board of Education, beginning in elementary school, I can attest from personal experience that the most strongly expressed fears of those who are opposed to it are unfounded. It is my sincere belief that denying public school children, adolescents, and teenagers medically-accurate sexuality education would only hurt them.

Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do for young people in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Justin Murakami

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To: Chairman Donald Horner, Vice Chairman Brian De Lima, Members of the Hawaii Board of Education

From: Leslie Jones, constituent, educator, and licensed family counselor

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m.

Testimony in Opposition to Board Agenda item proposed Policy 103.5 Relating to Sexual Health Education

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. In discussing any proposed policy changes, it is important to look at the necessity of that proposed policy change, the consequences of the proposed policy change, and its impacts on the groups and individuals primarily affected by the proposed policy change. In the interest of time, and in deference to those who have ably testified at this body and at the Hawaii State Legislature opposing related measures, I will simply cover the first point.

First, it is unclear why this policy change is necessary. The organization whose studies are relied upon by the Hawaii Youth Services Network, Planned Parenthood, and other groups that have testified in support of similar policy changes at the Hawaii State Legislature has updated information which states that Hawaii is no longer 9th in the nation with regard to teen pregnancy. In fact, this old statistic of 9th in the nation is from 2010, when the teen pregnancy rate was 65 pregnancies in Hawaii per 1000 teen girls. The number of teen pregnancies in Hawaii as of 2013, the most recent date for which data is available in the study, shows that there were only 25 teen pregnancies in Hawaii per 1000 teen girls, a drop of more than 61 percent!

This same study also shows that in 2013 Hawaii is second lowest state in the nation in the rate of sexually active teens (the only lower state being Alaska).

Clearly, Hawaii is already doing something right when it comes to educating our teens regarding pregnancy and sexual activity.

The groups that testified in support of this measure also admit that Hawaii already has a “strong sexual health education law” and that parents are and should be the “primary sex educators of their children.”

In addition, the head of the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE), who has been entrusted with educating Hawaii’s keiki in all areas, has testified that the Department already has what it needs to educate our keiki in this area. Specifically, Superintendent Matayoshi has testified that in the Hawaii Department of Education:

“Sexual health education is a component of our efforts to support student success. 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.”

Why did Superintendent Matayoshi say this? Her testimony makes it clear that the Department already provides medically accurate sexuality health education, and already provides a list to the public of the materials that they use, including resources on the Department website. Specifically, the Superintendent noted that:

“The Department empowers students to act by promoting and protecting their health and advocating for the health of others. The program content includes important and enduring ideas, issues, and concepts related to achieving good health. The skills include ways of communicating, reasoning, and investigating which characterize a health-literate person.”

Clearly, the Department is already taking a reasonable, broad-based, and appropriate approach to educating our keiki as whole persons, who are empowered to make good choices regarding their health and that of others in all areas, including their sexuality, without placing undue emphasis on any one area.

In addition, Superintendent Matayoshi stated that “The Department has identified and made public a list of appropriate sexual health education curricula for middle/intermediate and high school students. Additionally, resources are available to parents, student, teachers and the public on our Department website....”

In summary, for these reasons it seems clear that this proposed policy change duplicates efforts that the Hawaii Department of Education already has underway, is unnecessary, and should be deferred at this time.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



Jeannie Thompson <hm2crd@gmail.com>
04/17/2015 03:12 PM

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

Subject: Please support sexual health education

Aloha, my name is Rev. Jeannie D. Thompson and I live in Kapaa. I support thoughtful, age-appropriate sexual health education for youth. That is why I support proposed policy 103.5.

Upon reading policy 103.5 and the existing policy, it seems to me that 103.5 seeks to engage the totality of the young person and not just one particular behavior.

Policy 103.5 acknowledges that sexual health is more than biological, it also has to do with healthy attitudes about the body and the spirit of one's self and others. Thus, a policy that will endeavor to guide young people into developing "communication skills and [to] form healthy relationships based on mutual respect and affection" which are "free from violence, coercion, and intimidation" has a much better chance of speaking directly to young people's real life situations, challenges and hopes. Indeed, as it is described, policy 103.5 will encourage self-respect, and accountability.

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

Thank you for your consideration,
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Jason Yaris <jasoncoffeejoy@gmail.com>

04/17/2015 11:16 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Please support sexual health education and oppose the condom ban

Aloha, my name is Jason Yaris and I live in Makaweli, 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

I am an Epidemiologist Specialist for the State of Hawaii Department of Health. I do testing and counseling for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STDs. So many youth come in infected with an STD and during our counseling sessions they report that they didn't know comprehensive STD transmission and prevention information.

Some get incurable STDs and HIV. Imagine that they now have to carry that for the rest of their lives.....because they didn't know. Not my service focus, but definitely integrated, their whole future could be altered with an unplanned pregnancy.....because they didn't know or wasn't empowered with practical communication skills.

My wish is that this doesn't have to happen to any future people of Hawaii because they were taught and given comprehensive cultural and age appropriate prevention information and practical tools and skills throughout their entire school education.

You have the **power to create** a healthy future for our youth.

I believe you care and will.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jason Yaris

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BOE meeting date and time: April 21 at 1:30 p.m

Topic: sexual health education policy 103.5

From: Jodi Drisko, MSPH
President, Parametrix Group, LLC

Subject: Please support sexual health education policy 103.5

Aloha, my name is Jodi Drisko and I live in Kilauea. I support evidence-based sexual health education and am in favor of proposed policy 103.5. As a public health professional, I am alarmed at the high rates of teen pregnancy in our state, especially in Kauai. Numerous research studies have shown that evidence-based sexual health information can impact teens' knowledge and behavior which can decrease their risk for unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Young people who complete comprehensive sexual health education are more likely to practice abstinence, delay initiation of sex, have fewer sexual partners, and use protection when, and if, they begin having sex. Hawaii youth deserve to have accurate information that includes, abstinence, parent communication, decision making skills, contraceptive options, sexually transmitted infection and how to access community resources. They need this information to make informed, healthy, safe decisions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jodi Drisko, MSPH



Johnette Maielua <kealohamai@gmail.com>

04/16/2015 10:01 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject NO SUPPORTER of PLANNED PARENTHOOD

To the members of the Board of Education:

I am writing in response to Planned Parenthood's plans to target the Board of Education in order to push their agenda of sexual content under the guise of "education" onto our keiki. Talk about a wolf in sheep's clothing! I do not understand why a non-profit group should have permission by a state agency such as the DOE to utilize public monies (tax dollars), employees (teachers), and facilities (schools) to push their private agenda.

Please be wary of smooth talkers such as PP. And please support the rights of parents to speak in the best interest of their children. There is way too much government meddling in our private lives already. As a mother and grandmother, I DO NOT support Planned Parenthood's activities goals of changing the sex ed curriculum.

Enough intrusion into family life!

Johnette Maielua

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Joseph Hardy
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04/15/2015 05:31 PM

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

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

In regards to Policy 103.5, I have a major concern with planned parenthood's attempt to gain control of my children's sexual education.

Teaching my kids about use of God's given power of procreation is not planned parenthood's role. It is mine. As my children's father, I am the one who needs to teach my kids about sex. I urge you to keep the sex education policy opt-in and abstinence-based.

Thank you for your assistance

Joseph Hardy

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Krystal Ava <hititsis@yahoo.com>

04/16/2015 10:34 PM

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

Subject Sex Ed policy

Don't change your policy please!!!!!!

From a concerned mother of 3 young boys as well as an Aunty to 23 nieces and nephews most of which are all in public schools, it truly hurts me and many others in our community If the current policy is changed! Please please please For the children of Hawaii don't change what is already working now. Please respect our cultural and religious values as well as our concerns as parents. We love our children and want to protect them in any way we can, Thank you for your time!

Mahalo,
Krystal Ava

Sent from my iPhone

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"Mr. & Mrs. Kent Duffy" <inhocsig@lava.net>

04/17/2015 12:40 PM

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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Sincerely,

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Kelli Chung <kachung808@gmail.com>
04/20/2015 01:34 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Testimony submission: April 21
meeting. Board Policy 103.5

Aloha,

My name is Kelli Chung. I am a Christ follower, a wife, a mother of five children who attend Mililani Uka Elementary School, and an employed registered nurse. I am also opposed to Board Policy 103.5, Sexual Health Education.

My primary motivation for giving testimony is to glorify God and bring my children up to do the same. As parents, we are our children's primary authority and responsible for imparting values. We intentionally equip and train them in the truth and for truth. Because of this, we value an abstinence-based education, and we oppose any sexual education curriculum built or endorsed by Planned Parenthood.

Irrefutably the truest statement of board policy 103.5 is, "Instruction will emphasize that abstention from sexual intercourse is the surest way to prevent unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS, and consequent emotional distress." Still the proposed education will de-emphasizes abstinence over the previous policy. In other words less sure alternatives will now be given more importance. This is irresponsible.

Please do not shy away from an emphasis and encouragement of the "surest way" for children to maintain sexual and emotional health. Please do not allow a corporation that profits from the consequences of regrettable sex and the tragic, death culture of abortion to instruct our children on maintaining sexual health and dignity.

Please vote against approving Board Policy 103.5

Mahalo for your time,

Kelli Chung

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Lyle Tenjoma <tenjomamsd@cs.com>
04/18/2015 06:55 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Highly objectionable Sex-ed. content
filtering to lower level elementary
school level students

I'm a father and hopefully a grandfather in time, Lyle T. Tenjoma DDS, MSD, also a dentist. I'm very concerned and even upset that the legislature and the BOE is considering adding sexually explicit oral/anal sex practices to be taught at the primary school level. The most objectionable is the idea that children should be able to be sexually liberated to the point of choosing any sexually deviant practice (Practices of the Gay/Lesbian/Transexual community) without their parents approval or knowledge. According to the PP manual (Kinsey) children should be experiencing orgasm as young as from birth. Is this type of founding principles the BOE is trying to adapt? You are about to drink the GLT Koolaid, don't you realize it?

What an irresponsible and destructive kind of school lesson. We might as well teach ISIL or Nazi or Khemer Rouge ideology also while your at it!

Please reconsider the destructive nature of the PP lead proposals to sexualize young children beyond what we already have difficulties with in keeping our family values and parent life principles.

Sincerely: Lyle T. Tenjoma (a father) and DDS, MSD

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Doug and Linda Lanterman
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04/19/2015 11:36 AM

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

Members of the Board of Education – You each know that ignorance is never the answer. Please trust our young people to make the right decisions based upon the correct information. Presented truthfully, with cautions and traps outlined, sex education gives our young people the knowledge and power to do the right thing.

Let's empower our youth. Let's believe in them.

Linda C. Lanterman, former high school teacher and school board member of a large high school district in CA.

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04/18/2015 12:41 AM

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Lisa Kimura <lisak@hmhb-hawaii.org>
04/18/2015 04:37 PM

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

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

As a mother of three (ages 8, 2.5, and 7 months) and the executive director of the nonprofit Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies (HMHB), I am writing in support of Policy 103.5 to promote the health and safety of our youth by ensuring that all public school students receive the most effective and medically accurate sexual health education.

Learning about sexual health does not encourage youth to have sex. Instead, learning factual information about the reproductive system and how to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases encourages youth to grow up with a healthy understanding of responsible behaviors.

Failing to ensure that all youth receive comprehensive sexual health education has resulted in poor health outcomes for Hawaii youth. Currently, 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. The consequences are severe — **Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country** and costs Hawaii taxpayers around \$32 million per year.

Our organization sees firsthand the needs and the consequences for failing to provide youth with factual, medically-based information. In addition to the high rate of unintended pregnancies, **teens are less likely to seek timely prenatal care, and are more likely to deliver pre-term or low birth weight babies**, contributing to the added cost of care.

Comprehensive sex education covers the wide array of topics that affect sexuality and sexual health. It is grounded in **evidence-based, peer-reviewed science**, to promote health and well-being in a way that is developmentally appropriate. It includes information and communication skills building as well as values exploration. Ideally, sex education in school is an integrated process that builds upon itself year after year, and is provided through grade 12.

Although parents and guardians are the primary sex educators of their children, children also receive messages about sexual health from many other sources - some of which may have more

negative than positive impact. Schools and other community-based organizations can be important partners with parents to provide young people with accurate and developmentally appropriate sex education.

The goals of comprehensive sex education are to help young people gain a positive view of sexual health and to provide them with developmentally appropriate knowledge and skills so that they can make healthy decisions about their sex lives. **Medically accurate sex education is an investment in our future** — a generation of young people who have heard more helpful messages about sexual health; able to make well-informed, responsible decisions; form healthy relationships; and take care of their bodies.

Public opinion polls show that parents and students want sex education to be taught in our schools. In fact, Hawaii residents have shown that they support sexual health education in our public schools. **Ninety-seven percent (97%) of participants stated that it was important for Hawaii public schools to include sexual health education in their curriculum** in a 2012 survey conducted by SMS Research.

While only half of the participants felt prepared to talk about sexual health with their youth, the majority of participants didn't feel that parents or schools were providing a sufficient amount of sexual health information. A majority also believed that education on most sexual health topics should begin in the middle schools, with some topics (such as anatomy, puberty, and sexual abuse) beginning in the elementary schools.

Comprehensive sexual health education is a systematic and layered education process that supports youth and their families and helps them acquire the sexual health-related information, skills, and motivation necessary to act in ways that are congruent with their values. Like all school subjects, the information and skills that are taught are age-appropriate, reflect best-practice, and build on the previous year's learning.

HMHB strongly supports effective sex education that accomplishes the following goals:

- uses behavioral goals, teaching methods, and resources that are age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, and culturally competent
- is based on theoretical approaches that have been proven to be effective
- takes place over sufficient time to cover necessary topics and skills
- employs a variety of teaching methodologies that present the content in ways that make it relevant to the student

- provides basic, accurate information about the risks of unprotected sexual intercourse and how to avoid unprotected sexual intercourse
- includes activities that address peer pressure and cultural pressure
- practices decision making, communication, negotiation, and refusal skills
- utilizes teachers who are well-trained, comfortable, and believe in the program

Hawaii's youth deserve the best and most effective health education and this policy will go far to ensure that students have the information and tools they need to make safe, healthy and responsible decisions.

Please make the responsible choice that will impact our state's health for generations to come.

Thank you.

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cc
Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
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1) We've already taught our two sons to value their future marriages and their future sex lives by saving themselves sexually for their future spouses. What the schools are now advocating goes contrary to our values as parents making their classrooms unsupportive and contrary to what our sons are being taught at home. I.e. the schools are aligning themselves against my wife and I as parents. 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. We are two of those parents!

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The way society is today, which so much young people on the welfare system and struggling. Outsiders moving here are reaping the benefits from the islanders whereas; not enough funds to support the number of peoples on this island and the system already cannot keep up with the high demand...we are already over populated. BOE can surely help to control the over crowded population war ahead.

Sincerely,

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"Lupe Piena" <lupe1piena@gmail.com>

04/20/2015 08:30 AM

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, and with 5 children enrolled at the Hau'ula Elementary School, I respectfully ask that Hawaii's Sex Education Policy remain abstinence-based and opt-in.

1) I ask that sex ed not be taught until at least after elementary because of the higher principles that children need in order to function orderly and respectfully in larger group settings. I speak from experience as a mother who cannot emphasize enough the need for building blocks based on foundational principles of civility: be kind, respectful, honest, humble and responsible--to name a few. These principles take years to integrate into a child's being and personality that mixing in educational content related to sexuality, in my opinion, will distract children from the repetition and effort to implement these kinds of behavioral habits. Other values like "put things back where you got them from," "ask for permission," "say I'm sorry" lose attention when other topics that raise curiosity and questions take their attention away.

2) The other reason I do not agree that sex education should be taught in the elementary school is the reality that children practice what they learn at school with each other, as well as at home. With 9 children under the age of 12, I see this happen every day that my children come home, and bringing home new curriculum around sex ed in the elementary school is bringing home fire that will burn the essence of our family values and family unity.

3) 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."

3) From a cultural perspective (I am Tongan raised in Hawaii), the nature of sex education is a private matter that remains the responsibility of the parents, or family leaders. While I recognize that many parents are not discussing these issues with their teens, I would ask that time and money spent on this issue be directed towards education programs that help parents/legal guardians learn how to address these issues. I ask that the responsibility for teaching these important issues remain with the families, and that the schools use these resources being allotted for elementary programs to redirect the focus towards educating parents/legal guardians and keeping them accountable for their children. This will strengthen families, which in turn, helps to build stronger communities and eventually a stronger state.

Before any curriculum/programs is approved by the BOE I would request the following information be provided for public input and discussion: (1) sustained results - proof of impact on teens' behavior for at least 12 months following their participation in the program, (2) proof that the curriculum is based on the entire group of program participants and not just subgroups, and (3) statistically proven curriculum to directly correlate with the desired outcome for sexual abstinence.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any further questions personally. You can contact me at (808) 386-1737 or via email at lupelpiena@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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"Linell Mathre" <LINE11@HAWAII.RR.COM>
04/19/2015 11:40 PM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
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Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
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Dear Chairman Horner,

I would like to ask you to please not allow the proposed changes to Hawaii's public schools sex education. Please do not replace abstinence-based sex ed in favor of "comprehensive" sex education. This is not a protest against homosexuality but against the graphicness of the teaching, and its direction.

Please also do not switch the "Opt In" regulation that is clearly the request of the majority of parents back to the "Opt Out" regulation. How many children, due to peer pressure or carelessness, will not notify their parents that they must Opt Out if they want to avoid sexual teachings we don't agree with? I found a note about the sex ed that was going to be presented to my child after the school year was over.

As protectors of our keiki, please be responsive to your constituency. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this very important matter.

Aloha,

Linell Mathre

Sincerely,

Linell Mathre
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"Leroy Lehano" <user@votervoice.net>

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"Lyle McMillan" <user@votervoice.net>

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Lila <lilamarantz@yahoo.com>

04/16/2015 07:31 PM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Abstinance program

Please keep the abstinence program within the sex ed curriculum. Abstinance is the best way to avoid stds and pregnancy why prevent this information from being available to our keiki?

Mahalo

Lila Marantz 2653118

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04/16/2015 07:26 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
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Subject Don't change sex Ed policy

Don't change sex ed policy.

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Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Hawaii State Board of Education
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 1:30 a.m.
Place: Queen Liliuokalani Building, Rm. 404
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in Support of Proposed Policy 103.5

Dear Chair Horner and Board of Education members,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii writes in support of proposed Policy 103.5 as it will promote the health and safety of our youth by ensuring that all public school students receive comprehensive sexual health education.

The current system is broken and our youth are suffering for it.

Our failure to provide students with a comprehensive, uniform program throughout our school system has resulted in poor health outcomes for Hawaii youth, at great cost to youth, families, communities and taxpayers. Currently, 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.

Hawaii currently has no uniform program and little is known about participation rates, curriculum, or implementation or enforcement of current state law or policy. Policy 103.5 would create a framework for the Department of Education to implement a uniform program that would involve parents, provide transparency and ensure that students receive the most effective sexual health education.

Sexual health education is a positive investment in our youth with proven success.

Comprehensive sexual health education covers the wide array of topics that affect sexuality and sexual health. It is grounded in evidence-based, peer-reviewed science. Its goal is to promote health and well-being in a way that is developmentally appropriate. It includes information and communication skills building. Ideally, sex education in school is an integrated process that builds upon itself year after year, is initiated in kindergarten (with anatomy, puberty and sexual abuse, as appropriate), and is provided through grade 12.

Although parents and guardians should be the primary sex educators of their children, many parents are simply ill-equipped or uncomfortable having these conversations with their children – and so they may not happen. Compounding this problem is that children also receive messages about sexual health from many other sources - some of which may have more negative than positive impact. Schools and other

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community-based organizations can be important partners with parents to provide young people with accurate and developmentally appropriate sexual health education.

The goals of comprehensive sexual health education are to help young people gain a positive view of sexual health and to provide them with developmentally appropriate knowledge and skills so that they can make healthy decisions now and in the future. Medically accurate sexual health education is an investment in Hawaii children's future and well-being. Our "return on investment" could be a generation of young people who have heard more helpful messages about sexual health than the provocative media images and/or silences they currently witness. It could be a generation of women and men comfortable in their own skin, able to make well-informed, responsible decisions, form healthy relationships and take care of their bodies.

Sexual health education is widely supported.

Public opinion polls show that most Americans support sex education. Parents and students want sex education to be taught in our schools. In fact, Hawaii residents have shown that they support sexual health education in our public schools. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of participants stated that it was important for Hawaii public schools to include sexual health education in their curriculum in a 2012 survey conducted by SMS Research. While only half of the participants felt prepared to talk about sexual health with their youth, the majority of participants didn't feel that parents or schools were providing a sufficient amount of sexual health information. A majority also believed that education on most sexual health topics should begin in the middle schools, with some topics (such as anatomy, puberty, and sexual abuse) beginning in the elementary schools.

Hawaii's youth deserve the best and most effective health education and proposed Policy 103.5 will go far to ensure that students have the information and tools they need to make healthy, safe and responsible decisions.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Sincerely,
Laurie Temple Field
Director of Public Affairs & Government Relations



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

04/20/2015 02:15 PM

Please respond to
Laksmi Abraham <laks@mauiunitedway.org>

Apr 20, 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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From: Mary Gross
To: boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: Please Support Sexual Health Education
Date: 04/17/2015 11:04 PM

Aloha, My name is Mary Gross and I live in Kalaheo on Kauai. I support sexual health education. The island of Kauai has an area in our great country with the highest teenage pregnancy rate. This can lead to higher drop out rates and less following on to higher education and fulfillment of childhood dreams. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Gross

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"Molly Young" <molly.young35@gmail.com>
04/18/2015 12:41 AM

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, and having been a teacher of kindergarteners and 6th graders, I respectfully ask that Hawaii's Sex Education Policy remain abstinence-based and opt-in.

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Sincerely,

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"Michelle Alberdi" <shell@svskylan.net>
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"Mark Wolfersberger" <maw44@byuh.edu>
04/18/2015 12:50 AM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Don't switch sex-ed policy
back-to-front!

Dear Chairman Horner,

I am a voter in Hawaii and a parent of three children in Hawaii public schools. I support an "opt-in" policy for sex education for youth. Teaching youth about sex is a parent's responsibility. If the Hawaii DOE feels that parents are not performing that responsibility adequately, THEN EDUCATE THE PARENTS!

Changing the sex education policy away from abstinence and making it an opt-out program is NOT addressing the problem. It is treating the symptoms. If there are issues with teen pregnancy and teen STDs, then lets educate parents of the dangers and help parents fulfill their responsibilities to their children.

I repeat. I am very opposed to an opt-out, comprehensive sex education policy and program being implemented in Hawaii schools.

Sincerely,

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Marilyn Scambos <mscambos@telus.net>

04/18/2015 04:31 PM

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

cc

Subject Sexual Health Education

I live in Keaau and am a member of the American Association of University Women. I urge you to support policy 103.5. This is such a common sense policy and one that all children should be able to take advantage of. Not all parents have the confidence and capability to teach this to their own children. Plus, we don't need anymore misinformed, narrow minded philosophy imposed on the majority by short-sighted, ignorant conservatives.

Marilyn S. Scambos

Sent from my iPad

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mpeary1947@aol.com
04/18/2015 06:38 AM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc repmcdermott@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject Comprehensive Sex Ed

Dear B.O.E. Members,

I have been following the CSE bill through its journey in this legislative session and have expressed my written opposition to it at every turn. I'm delighted our Representatives in the House have rendered HB459 "dead."

Our D.O.E. Superintendent Matayoshi has also stood in opposition to this legislation and rightfully so. I believe none of us are against teaching our keiki about reproduction when it is done in a sensible, age-appropriate way; however, the content of CSE definitely crosses the line and pushes the boundaries to pornographic levels. Do our keiki in grades K-12 need to be exposed to the concepts of anal and oral sex? Is it beneficial for them to be told that homosexual relationships are perfectly normal when they are not?

In closing, I believe we need to be teaching abstinence-based concepts not expanding on or pandering to the notions being promulgated by Planned Parenthood. They've had over 50 years to educate our keiki on "safe sex" methods and yet teen pregnancy rates and STD's are at an all time high! Perhaps it's time to rid our schools of their agenda and focus more on morals and not glibly planting seeds of liberality into the precious, impressible minds of our youth. Let the parents decide what their keiki should and should not know.

Respectfully,

Margaret Peary
Lanai City, HI

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Mark Lindsay <marklindsay2002@yahoo.com>
04/20/2015 12:46 PM

To ChairmanDonHorner
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject oppose changes to sex education
curriculum

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.

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TO: Don Horner, BOE Chair

FROM: Micah Willweber

RE: Testimony in opposition to proposed changes to BOE Policy 103.5; Meeting 4/21/15 at 1:30 pm; Agenda item V.A.

I am asking that you vote no to this change, as I strongly oppose Comprehensive Sex Education in the DOE. I am a 12 year old 7th grader who attends a DOE school, and I hope that my testimony will provide insight to a concerned student's perspective of this topic.

First and foremost, the number one problem I have with this change is that it takes the power away from the parents. Parents or people to whom the parents entrust power should always have first and final say about their child's life, and a comprehensive sex education curriculum will teach children sensitive information regardless of whether the parents agree with it or not. If the parents of a certain child believe that humans are animals and cannot control themselves sexually and they teach their child this, fine, that is their decision. If the parents of another child believe that sex should wait until marriage, and decide to teach this as the right way to live, great! But whatever the views and beliefs of the parents and their children, it should be for them to decide, not thrust upon the children by the government before they are ready to handle the information.

I know firsthand that certain kids would not be able to handle this information. For example, one of my friends who attends a DOE intermediate school fainted during his Sex Ed class. Obviously somewhere along the line the information was not taught well, or taught incorrectly, such that it was disturbing to this particular student, or the student was just not ready for the information. In my Life Science class, some of my classmates cannot even stay mature while learning about meiosis (the type of cell division that results in gametes, and is essential for genetic variation among humans).

I know that many proponents of this change argue that "Children should learn about how their bodies work...!" which is true but is already being accomplished through basic scientific teaching about the reproductive system in intermediate and high school.

In addition, another new curriculum would take time away from teachers and students that should be spent on basic educational content. Also, sex education in all grade levels would take away more valuable class time, much of which is already being swallowed up by standardized testing.

Please hold off on making any decisions about these policy changes until a curriculum is presented. Once this occurs, then we can bring this up for further discussion. Currently, it is not clear how strongly the proposed changes will be enforced on new curriculums or what grade levels the curriculums are aimed at.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the BOE for their service to the people and state of Hawaii. **Please vote no to the proposed policy change to 103.5.** Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Micah S. Willweber



"Martin Krahnert"
<martinlornakrahnert@msn.com>
04/17/2015 11:50 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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Sincerely,

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Milovale <milovalen@gmail.com>

04/16/2015 07:32 PM

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

cc

Subject Planned Parenthood Sex Education

Please protect our children and our future by NOT changing the policy. These children do not need to be learning about sexuality.

Sent from my iPhone

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"Joe McIlhaney"
<JMcllhaney@medinstitute.org>

04/16/2015 07:27 PM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
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Subject Don't change

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Testimony to the Hawaii State Board of Education
Regarding Amendments to Policy 2250 (Renumbered as 103.5)
Hearing Date: April 21, 2015

April 17, 2015

Dear Chair Horner and Members of the Board:

Aloha. Yesterday, I had the privilege of visiting the Hawaii State Capitol building and addressing a group of concerned parents about teen development, health, and sex education. As I head back home to Texas, I'd like to offer some written comments.

I would encourage you to table the proposed substantive amendments to Policy 2250/103.5, which would bring about comprehensive sex education (CSE) in government schools. I write with this perspective: I am the founder of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health, and an obstetrician/gynecologist with 28 years of practice experience. I am also a former member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and a former member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CSE proponents may argue that this measure is necessary, because Hawaii has a high teen pregnancy rate. While it is true that Hawaii ranks 10th in the nation for teen pregnancy, it is also true that, between 1988 and 2010, the Hawaii teen pregnancy rate dropped by 51%; from 2008 to 2010, the rate dropped by 14%.¹

But more fundamentally: Do CSE programs even work? Of 28 CSE programs that The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy listed as having the "strongest evidence for success in preventing teen pregnancy", 20 did not measure rates of teen pregnancy as an outcome. Of the 8 that did, 2 did not reduce teen pregnancy. 3 had impact on teen pregnancy that lasted less than 12 months. Only 3 reduced teen pregnancy for 12 months or more. One of these was not a sex ed program – did not mention sex at all. One was found on second evaluation to have no impact. Only one was found to reduce teen pregnancy for at least 12 months.²

Essentially no CSE program increases consistent condom use (defined as proper use with every sex act) among teenagers, and they fail to prevent CSE program has pregnancies and STD transmissions.³

In contrast, a number of well-designed abstinence programs have cut rates of teens initiating sexual activity by an average of about 50%.⁴ In the words of Dr. Weed

1. "Hawaii Data," The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, <http://thenationalcampaign.org/data/state/hawaii> (accessed April 17, 2015).

2. *Ibid.*, 10.

3. Stan E. Weed PhD and Thomas Lickona PhD, *Abstinence Education in Context: History, Evidence, Premises, and Comparison to Comprehensive Sexuality Education*, 18, <http://www2.cortland.edu/dotAsset/d95f1f68-d272-4f8e-a4b9-74b3b5ae5500.pdf> (accessed April 17, 2015).

4. *Ibid.*, 24.

and Dr. Lickona, "teaching adolescents to avoid sexual activity is a viable primary prevention strategy, one that can fully prevent the harmful and costly consequences of teen sex."⁵

CSE advocates assume that students will be rational and remember to use condoms consistently—that is, wear them properly during every sexual act. But do students act rationally? The discovery that the prefrontal cortex is not fully mature till the mid-twenties or later is one of the startling findings of modern brain imaging. The prefrontal cortex is responsible for:

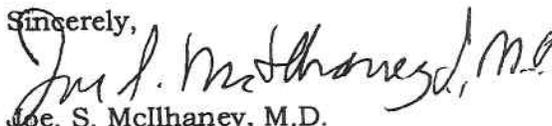
- Judgment
- Seeing into the future
- Seeing how behavior can affect the future
- Moral intelligence
- Abstract thinking
- Seeing what is not obvious
- Planning for the future
- Rational behavior and decision making
- Understanding rules of social conduct

Adolescents are unaware of the powerful inner forces they can arouse if they become involved in sexual activity. The interests and then the experiences that adolescents have can be guided by exposures that are uncontrolled, premature and unhealthy, both physically and emotionally, producing young adults with unhealthy brain development and with physical and emotional baggage that can take years to overcome—if ever.

Multiple studies show that the majority of American parents, regardless of race or political party, support sexual risk avoidance (abstinence) education, endorsing all the major themes presented in SRA classes. Studies show that adolescents do too. The abstinence message is simple: Wait, at least until adulthood, to have sex.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joe. S. McIlhaney, M.D.

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5. Ibid., 21.



neal Manutai <nmanutai@yahoo.com>

04/15/2015 09:38 PM

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

cc

Subject please refuse planned parenthood

Please board of education I am pleading with you as a proud product of the public schools system in hawaii along with my husband, who is a current teacher at our public high school. I believe that exposing our children to such things will make problems worse. In high school I never had any desire even to do any such things because the thought had never crossed my mind of how it was done. I never wasted my time thinking of how I was going to sneak around and do such things because I was so immersed in various school activities, and I loved them! There are so many children who have become exposed to such activities and have now

become slave to
the addiction of
pornography.
Please help us
save the
innocence of our
young ones.
Mahalo for
listening.

Sincerely,
Lesina Manutai

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Mail on Android

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"Nanci Kreidman"
<NanciK@stoptheviolence.org>
04/16/2015 03:47 PM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc "Nanci Kreidman"
<NanciK@stoptheviolence.org>
Subject there is nothing more important that
medically accurate sexual education
for youth

Aloha,
Please accept this plea for your unqualified support of Policy 103.5.
This policy has the potential for improving the health and safety of our community's children.
Their future is our responsibility.

Please accept my appreciation for the persistence and earnest work being done by the Board of
Education.
Nanci Kreidman, MA
CEO, Domestic Violence Action Center
Mother of three!

Thank you for your unending, life saving presence on this powerful journey.....
my love, nanci



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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!

04/20/2015 02:14 PM

Please respond to
Nalei Kahakalau <haloa@kalo.org>

Apr 20, 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,

Nalei Kahakalau
PO Box 1764
Honokaa, HI 96727-1764

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WOMEN'S CAUCUS

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

April 21, 2015

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To: Donald Horner, Chair
Brian De Lima, Vice Chair and
Members of the Hawai'i State Board of Education

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 1:30 p.m., Queen Liliuokalani Building, Room 404

RE: Discussion on Student Achievement Committee recommendation concerning Board Policy 103.5 Sexual Health Education

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in support of proposed Board Policy 103.5 which will ensure that all public school students receive comprehensive sex education. Sexuality health education is a public health matter. The goal of comprehensive sex education is to promote health and well-being in a way that is developmentally appropriate.

Medically accurate sex education is an investment in our children's future well-being. By providing effective sex education, we will have a generation of young people who have heard more helpful messages about sexual health than the provocative media images they currently witness. This generation will be able to make well-informed, responsible decisions; form healthy relationships; and take care of their bodies.

The consequences of not providing sex education to our children are severe — Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country and costs Hawai'i taxpayers around \$32 million per year.¹ We hope that the Board of Education is aware of the high rates of birth to teens ages 15-19 in Hawai'i. **Twenty-six school complexes have higher than the national average birth rate.**² In addition, Hawaii's youth have high rates of sexually transmitted diseases. These are terrible outcomes not only for our children, but for our communities. As a public health matter, our teens must be educated so that they may make informed decisions about their health and their futures.

Hawaii residents have shown that they support sexual health education in our public schools. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of participants stated that it was important for Hawaii public schools to include sexual health education in their curriculum in a 2012 survey conducted by SMS Research. While only half of the participants felt prepared to talk about sexual health with their youth, the majority of participants didn't feel that parents or schools were providing a sufficient amount of sexual health information. A majority also believed that education on most sexual health topics should begin in the middle schools, with some topics (such as anatomy, puberty, and sexual abuse) beginning in the elementary schools.

We respectfully urge that the Board vote to support proposed policy 103.5 and we thank the Board for the opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ thenationalcampaign.org

² Hawaii Health Data Warehouse; Hawaii State Department of Health, Office of Health Status Monitoring, Live Births in Hawaii, for Females Aged 15-19 Years, by School Complex and Mother's Race/Ethnicity, for the Aggregated Years 2008-2012, 2/17/2015.

From: paula_mantel
To: hqe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
Subject: Please support health education
Date: 04/17/2015 11:15 PM

Please support sexual health education

Aloha, my name is Paula Mantel and I live in Honolulu. 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.

I believe that if children and their families have education they are better able to make healthier choices that will prevent teen pregnancy and the spread of STDs.

Thank you.

*Paula Mantel
Hawaii since 1981*



Paula Mantel has been the owner of Discover Learning Systems since 1986 teaching learning and communication programs in Hawaii, the U.S. mainland, Australia and Russia for thousands of people. She has managed international programs in Russia, New York and at the United Nations. Her many years of experience as a performing artist bring joy and creativity to her work. Her degrees are a Master of Arts in Communication and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater.

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*A'o (education)
Ke noke 'oe ike a'o, he 'ikena moakaka ma laila. (learning is a commitment to new clarity).*



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Patrick Callahan <pc70@cornell.edu>
04/18/2015 11:19 AM

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

We urge you to support sex education for children!

Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.

Aloha,

Pat and Nancy Callahan
Email: pc70@cornell.edu

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"Pamela Resoner"
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04/18/2015 08:31 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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"Roma Johnson" <romaj@hawaii.rr.com>
04/18/2015 11:11 AM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Proposed policy 103.5

My name is Roma Johnson and I live in Kona, Hawaii. I encourage you to vote if favor of proposed policy 103.5. Sexual health education is important for our young people so that they are able to make healthy, informed decisions about their sexual lives, which are entirely personal. Thank you.

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"Roxanne Jim" <user@votervoice.net>

04/18/2015 10:10 AM

Please respond to
phil4.eight@yahoo.com

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.

Abstinence should always be promoted and first line of defense against STDs in addition to the psychological/emotional problems of casual sex. Opt-in puts the responsibility on the child's parent and not the government. We need to respect parent's rights.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Aloha, Roxanne Jim

Sincerely,

Roxanne Jim
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Honolulu, HI 96825
phil4.eight@yahoo.com

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Rodger Hansen <rodgerhansen22@gmail.com>

04/18/2015 03:03 PM

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

cc

Subject In Support / sex health education

Aloha my name is Rodger Hansen and I reside in Hakalau HI on the Big Island. I am requesting that you support sexual health education. When youth are offered accurate information, they have more options and usually do not have unwanted children. We need your assistance in *voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5. Mahalo for your consideration,*

Rodger Hansen

PO Box 139

Hakalau HI 96710

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Rita Andriello <rjandriello@sbcglobal.net>
04/18/2015 04:27 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Please support sexual health
education

Aloha!

I live in Princeville, HI. I am both a mother and a grandmother. I spent many years of my life as a high school and mid school teacher on the Mainland. I understand the power of being honest and respectful of our youth and their choices for themselves. I understand how important it is to have loving mentors who provide a space for open discussion about life and its choices and consequences. I support sexual health education. It is an integral part of educating our children to be responsible and to live lives of integrity. It also assists them in further understanding the consequences of their choices and how it impacts other lives. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rita Andriello-Feren

"The Mind that made a star is the same Mind you use."

Ernest Holmes

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"Richard Robinson" <rrobi55121@hotmail.com>

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

04/18/2015 09:40 AM

Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex Education Policy Changes

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Sincerely,

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04/18/2015 12:41 AM

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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 three children in the public school system, I respectfully ask that Hawaii's Sex Education Policy remain abstinence-based and opt-in.

1) it is a parental responsibility to teach sex education to children. I never want a teacher to stand up in front of a room full of children and teach about sex education. I find that inappropriate and unfeeling.

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Please listen to parents. We are the first teachers to our children and our voice should be respected. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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"Rachel Boone" <meijken@juno.com>
04/18/2015 12:50 AM

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) The laws of nature tell us that sex is between a man and a woman, and to teach otherwise is contrary to the health of humanity. Education that abstinence is the safest course is what we need to be teaching - and that teaching should take place first in the home. For this reason, I support the opt-in program adopted last year and plead with you to keep it that way. Thus parents can choose whether to teach this sensitive subject at home or opt-in to their child being taught at school.

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.

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Hawaii's brand new "opt in" policy hasn't been in place long enough to see results. 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 Comprehensive Sex Ed are citing high teen pregnancy rates and escalating STDs among Hawaii's teenagers.

Sincerely,

Rachel Boone
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04/19/2015 11:40 PM

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"rita " <seeknfind@hawaii.rr.com>
04/19/2015 07:21 PM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Written Testimony Against
"Comprehensive Sex Education"

To the members of the Board of Education, I am writing in strong opposition to any kind of comprehensive sexuality education.

Please note that we the people, the parents, grandparents, good hardworking citizens of this state are watching. We saw what the house and senate tried to do and when they had a snag, predictably Planned Parenthood along with their co-conspirators turned their attention to you, the Board of Education

I believe the true objective of public school education is to teach the basics, reading, writing, math/arithmetic and maybe throw in science and American history. Not the common core revised version of American history, but the true proud history of this country.

Then there is sex education, physiology, reproduction, abstinence, not comprehensive sexuality aka indoctrination. It is not the responsibility of public educators to be teaching/introducing our children to different type of sex, techniques and your moral values.

I ask you to revisit the proposed changes you are considering, an "opt in" clause should remain in effect for grades K – 12, along with strong emphases on abstinence. Of course my real desire would be to nix Comprehensive Sexuality Education completely along with Common Core.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita L. Kama-Kimura

?Psalm 118:24?

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

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Shannon Matson <hotyogahilo@gmail.com>
04/19/2015 06:58 PM

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of educating our youth about sexual health and wellbeing. There are many studies that have been done showing abstinence only education, or NO sexual health education not only can cause the spread of misinformation but does not in any way reduce the occurrence of teen-pregnancy or the spread of STDs. There are many resources that highlight these facts, (Google search brings up hundreds of well-researched, easy to read sources) here is just one helpful site with links to peer reviewed studies:

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/publications-a-z/409-the-truth-about-abstinence-only-programs>

Please help ensure our youth have access to accurate information about their bodies and health. Support the proposed Policy 103.5 to revise our current lack of comprehensive sexual health education for our children.

Mahalo,
Shannon Matson

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Susan Wurtzburg
<susan.wurtzburg@gmail.com>
04/19/2015 03:47 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject SUPPORT policy 103.5 Sexual Health Education

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

I am a step-mother, step-grandmother, and step-great-grandmother. Plus, I am an educator at the University of Hawaii - Manoa, where I help students deal with the outcomes of an inadequate high-school sexual health education program. **I have dealt with more students challenged by unplanned pregnancies in this state than in any other location where I have taught** (Louisiana, NY, Utah, New Zealand). **Lack of body knowledge resulting in unplanned pregnancies has negative consequences for women students' educational goals, career options, and long-term income.**

My personal sexual health education occurred at home (my non-American parents discussed this topic with me freely), at elementary school (Toronto public school system), and at high school (Toronto private school system). I received the information I needed to keep myself disease free, healthy, and happy. This information also allowed me to continue my education, which was not the case for many of my friends, especially those from the USA.

Please allow students to participate in comprehensive, medically-informed sexual health education in Hawaii. Those who do not want their children to participate may easily remove their children from the classroom, and limit their education. But, others who do want their children to learn this information should not be denied access. Don't let the nay sayers doom all children to health illiteracy. The **Board of Education is supposed to support education**, so please do this for all the children in this state.

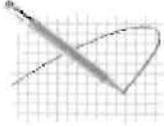
All the best,

Dr. Susan J. Wurtzburg
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Resident: Kailua, Hawaii

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Sabrina Price <sgprice33@yahoo.com>
04/20/2015 12:01 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Sex Ed

To whom it may concern:

I'd like to submit my testimony against the proposed Sex Ed bill. I don't think that the classroom is the appropriate place to learn about this topic. I believe that is the parents right/responsibility to discuss and prepare their kids for Sex when they feel like their kid is ready to have that conversation. I think that is a topic that should be discussed in the privacy of your own home. I believe that every child develops at different times and they're ready to talk about sex at different times in their lives. It's a subject that should be discussed at a few different stages of development and I believe that the parent knows best when their kid is ready for this information. I don't think that kids should ever be discussing how/when/and who they should have sex with in a classroom setting. I do not approve of this bill and would discourage anyone/everyone to vote against it.

Sabrina Price
Haula homeowner
Mother of four.

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"Sonia Blackiston" <SBlackiston@pphi.org>

04/20/2015 12:04 PM

To <boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Support Policy 103.5!!!!

Dear Board of Education members,

I strongly support Policy 103.5. As the Director of Education and Training for Planned Parenthood of Hawaii for over 10 years, I have had the privilege of serving Hawaii public schools statewide by providing youth and their families with age-appropriate, medically accurate sexual health information. In addition, our Education & Training team has provided professional development opportunities, technical assistance and support to teachers across the state who are interested in facilitating sexual health education to their students.

The statistics speak for themselves, ranking 9th in the country for teen pregnancy, having high rates of sexually transmitted infections (STI) and spending over \$32 million tax dollars a year related to the costs of teen child bearing demonstrates that we can do better! It is in the best interest for the future of our youth and the public health interest of the State of Hawaii to ensure that age-appropriate, medically accurate and comprehensive sexual health education is happening in public schools statewide. While we have the 3rd lowest rates of sexually active teens in the country (roughly 36% have ever had sex), those that do choose to have sex do so often times without using protection. We have ranked dead last in the country for condom use amongst our sexually active youth for years. This directly contributes to our high teen pregnancy and STI infection rates amongst youth.

As an educator and a parent, I also would like to stress the importance of a parental **opt out** policy. Parents are the first and foremost educators of sexual health education for their children. The majority of Hawaii parents support sexual health education in the schools. In my experience working with the public school system for over 10 years – when parents are informed and educated about what their children will learn during our programs, they are happy and thankful. Those that are opposed to sexual health education should be able to **opt-out** their child(ren). An opt-out policy has worked just fine for all the years prior to the sex ed controversy we had after marriage equality passed. In addition, over 45 other states have opt-out policies. An opt-in policy places undue burden on the schools who already have limited resources and is a barrier to those youth who do not have supportive relationships with their families. Parents that we have seen at our parent nights in schools state that they believe our programs should occur each year and that all students should get sexual health information. One parent from Washington Middle School stated, ***“when I was growing up, I didn’t get this information, and I got lucky. But I don’t want my kid to be lucky, I want my kid to be educated.”***

Our staff have created parent workshops that give parents skills and strategies on how to effectively communicate with their children on sexual health topics. We collaborated with the DOE under Superintendent Hashimoto in 2008 to promote Let’s Talk Month (a month dedicated to encouraging honest communication about sexual health within families) and facilitated parent workshops called “I’m Askable” statewide. This was well received and we developed a full day training as well as mini workshops called HOPE (Helping Our Parents Educate). Participant satisfaction with these workshops have been excellent and parents are thankful and eager for this type of workshop. ***“The different strategies I learned are very valuable to communicate to my children and students.”*** HOPE workshop participant April 2015

The current state of sexual health education in public schools is a mish mash of things. Some schools teach it, some schools don't. Some schools have teachers that do a fantastic job and are comfortable with teaching sexual health and others have teachers who were given a health class and have no experience or are not comfortable with teaching it at all. Training and technical assistance for teachers is very limited. Teachers who come to our trainings have to take a personal day off. Some schools use trusted community resources like our staff and other community educators and some schools have allowed guest speakers that provide false and inaccurate information. We have countless numbers of schools that support our work and programs and we are happy to collaborate with the DOE to offer training and technical assistance that increases teacher skill sets and comfort levels in teaching sexual health education. When a teacher from Lokelani Intermediate school asked what the best part of the whole school year was to her class – more than a couple students reported “Miss Nancy’s lessons!” Miss Nancy is our Maui educator. To have students report that the sexual health lessons provided by our staff were the best part of the whole year is powerful testament to the positive impact that high quality, honest, age-appropriate and medically accurate sexual health education can have.

Comprehensive sexual health education relates to many challenges facing our islands -- high teen pregnancy and STI rates, domestic violence, and sexual assault prevention to name a few. The absence of comprehensive sexual health education represents a public health crisis as it can be related to negative health and social outcomes that affect island communities as a whole. As a parent and educator and someone who deeply cares about the future of Hawaii's youth, I strongly support Policy 103.5 and urge members of the BOE to promote comprehensive sexual health education as a means of empowering our youth and strengthening our families and communities.

Sincerely,

Sonia Blackiston

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Susan Klaw <suklaw@gmail.com>
04/20/2015 12:30 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject | Support Sexual Health Education!

Aloha, my name is Susan Trout and I live in Waikele. I support sexual health education. Comprehensive, medically accurate and age appropriate sexual health education is vital to ensuring the health and safety of children and adolescents in our community. As a child I was lucky enough to have a physician for a father who ensured that I was provided with the information necessary to make good choices for myself, but many of my classmates were not so lucky and as a result faced challenges such as unintended pregnancies, STDs, and unhealthy relationships. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Thank you for your consideration,
Susan Trout

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Sylvia <sylflores@gmail.com>

04/16/2015 03:27 PM

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

Aloha, my name is Sylvia Flores and I live in Honolulu. 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, Sylvia

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"Stephanie Kawasaki"
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04/17/2015 02:30 PM

To "Chairman Don Horner"
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Subject Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex
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04/16/2015 05:37 PM

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Subject Sexual Health Education

To the Board of Education:

Aloha, my name is Stephanie Naess and I live in Honolulu. I wholeheartedly support sexual health education for our kids. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

I am a single, working mother of three kids who all went to Hahaione Elementary School. Each one of them received Sex Ed and I was really happy with the results. Let me tell you why:

In today's world it is almost impossible to shelter them or protect them from the wealth of information on the internet. With the click of a mouse, they have access to anything they want about any topic imaginable. Usually this is a wonderful thing, as they have easy access to research for school projects on everything ranging from clean energy to geography to Hawaiian history and art. However, sometimes typing in the most innocent words leads them to unsavory sites with sexual images and topics. None of these sites explain contraception, protection from STDs or classify sex as reproductive. I have parental filters on their computer, but some things still manage to slip through as these unsavory sites purchase keywords that are seemingly innocent. I'm sure you all know what I mean if you've ever accidentally landed on one of these sites when searching for something as mundane as "carpeting for a girl's room".

By the time they hit fifth grade, they already knew many sexual concepts - most of which caused them to giggle with embarrassment. This was not explained to them in class, it was talked about on the playground and the soccer field. Many kids hear these things from older siblings and it becomes a taboo they discuss. There are rumors about seventh and eighth graders at Niu Valley (which my daughter now attends) who sneak off to try these different things they've "heard about". That kind of hearsay happened back in my day, too, and it was often confusing and intimidating. I did not receive sex ed because I was in a very strict Catholic school. However, I was lucky I had a mom who was open to my questions and explained things to me very carefully and in a healthy way. I felt safe and informed. She didn't shame me or put me off but made sure I was aware of what was appropriate and what wasn't. Unfortunately, my friends' parents weren't as forthcoming, and many of them got themselves into trouble experimenting with sex at a young age without knowing what they were doing. Teenagers by nature are curious and hormonal. If they are ignorant on top of that, it's a recipe for disaster.

After going through sex ed classes, all three of my kids came to me with their questions. They were far less confused than I was because they had been educated - not in a lascivious or sexually alluring way, but in a healthy, safe and scientific way. They were not encouraged to go out and have sex, but EDUCATED about the different concepts, dangers and preventions of those. My boys understand how condoms work. My daughter understands the difference between consensual and non-consensual sex. She also knows that once she gets her period, she is fertile and can become pregnant. I hope beyond hope they will wait years and years before having sex. But I'm not blind to the fact that they are already exposed to other kids who are engaging in sexual activity. Sex Ed along with open parental discussion has armed them to be aware of what's out there and to be smart in making the right choices. Knowledge is power, and I feel that Sexual Health Education has empowered all three of them to be wise and safe. Many kids and teens are taken advantage of when they aren't aware of the consequences of sexual activity. I recently heard a story about a girl who was 13 and pregnant. She was told by a boy that she could only get pregnant if they copulated lying down, not standing up (they were in a shower). Had she been armed with the right information, she would have known better. Add to that the dangers an STD would pose to her and her unborn child and you can see what an important place Sexual Health Education holds in our curriculum. These kids are being exposed (and sometimes exploited) every day in an ever changing technological landscape where their access to sexual content is limitless. The least we can do as parents and as a community is keep them safe by helping them to make informed and educated decisions. It all starts with us and ends with them knowing their way around a tricky and polarizing subject.

I urge you to vote in favor of this policy for the sake of keeping all our keiki safe and informed as they navigate the

tricky tween and teen years and become healthy and happy adults.

With respect and sincerity,

Stephanie Naess

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Subject: Sex Ed policy

Please change the sex ed program to include comprehensive, age appropriate sex education in our public schools.

Virtually yours,

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TESTIMONY to Hawaii State Board of Education

Relating to Abstinence Versus Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

1:30 PM – Queen Liliuokalani Building Room 404

Submitted in **Opposition to** Abandon Abstinence-Based Sex Ed to “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” by: Susan Duffy, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Dear Chairman Horner and members of the Board of Education,

I am a concerned parent and am submitting testimony to urge you to keep the current DOE sex education policy as is, to include the current “opt in” policy. I am **OPPOSED** to any “Comprehensive Sexuality Education” (CSE) policy for Hawaii’s schools and would urge you to do the same. There is no need to change the current policy for something that does not work. The truth is none of the CSE programs evaluated by Health and Human Services (HHS) lower either pregnancy or STI rates.

The DOE found itself in hot water last year for implementing the controversial sex program called *Pono Choices*, which breached parental trust at practically every turn. Parents have made it abundantly clear that they do not want their children subjected to culturally offensive material that is marketed as “comprehensive, medically accurate and age appropriate” when in fact, it is nothing of the kind.

And why is there such an intense push for CSE now particularly since there is still controversy surrounding *Pono Choices*? There was already an attempt to push for “comprehensive sexuality education” through the legislature despite the fact that it was not needed. According to state Superintendent of Education, Kathryn Matayoshi, this is not needed. In written testimony she has stated at least twice that, “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.” It was bad enough when the state legislature tried to ram this bill through and now we are hearing that there is an attempt to get a policy change through the BOE? Where did this demand for change come from and when and where was it vetted within the local community? Where were all the parents who were demanding more sex education?

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 capitals” 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 “a heavy dose of reality” hit the several dozen activists at the conference at the end of last week when they realized that not everyone thinks like them.” Africa said no.

Because even at the UN, CSE has a history of controversy:

The term is associated with sex education that promotes the moral equivalence of any kind of sexual activity, including homosexual behavior, teaching children as young as 4-5 about masturbation, and that they have a right to choose their gender. These are only some of many brow-raising elements in a WHO-Europe guideline for CSE disseminated widely last year. But even this is tame compared to the materials put forward by CSE advocates.

Dr. Joe McIlhaney, Founder and Chairman of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health, recently traveled to Oahu where he spoke to parents, teachers and several legislators about the truth regarding CSE. He referred to it as a Trojan horse that carries with it an agenda. These programs are age inappropriate and are meant to sexualize children at very young ages.

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, where is the evidence to support this claim?

Where are all the studies and where is the data to support the idea that mandating "comprehensive sexuality education" is the magic bullet? Where are all the comprehensive longitudinal studies that have demonstrated the direct correlation between the implementation of comprehensive sex education and the associated dramatic drops in teen pregnancy rates at STD's? Where is all this statistical data, when and where was it presented and where is it posted?

How can this claim be made when the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) report revealed that "the most commonly used comprehensive sex education programs have virtually **no effect** in keeping teens from having sex yet contain numerous sexually explicit lessons taught to teens as young as 13. Of the nine commonly used curricula studied in the HHS report, most showed no impact in preventing teen sex, and one failed to even evaluate program effectiveness. All the programs reviewed by the HHS devoted an overwhelming amount of teaching time to topics such as condom usage, condom demonstration and sexual game play as methods of "safe" sex."

The HHS study also revealed some 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?

Is the push for comprehensive sex education related to funding and grants? In the past five years alone the federal government has spent \$375 million dollars on comprehensive sex education. In 2010, Obamacare included a pre-funded appropriation of \$75 million dollars per year for five years for the Personal Responsibility and Education Programs found specifically in Section 2953 (Title II, Subtitle L. Personal Responsibility Education). All that money spent and advocates are still claiming that teen pregnancy and STD rates are too high? Where is the accountability for funds already spent?

There is plenty of research available to support the claims of the effectiveness of abstinence education. Studies validating the efficacy of sexual risk avoidance abstinence education can be found here:

<http://www.abstinenceworks.org/evidence-it-works-mainmenu-45-sp-1190582475>

The most recent HHS report, "Comprehensive" Sex Education Ineffective and Offensive" which documents much of the overstated and exaggerated claims can be found here:

<http://www.abstinenceworks.org/uncovering-comprehensive-sex-education-mainmenu-55-sp-473211594>

Here is some of what they found:

Overstated, Exaggerated Claims of Contraceptive Effectiveness and Usage Rates

The overall message delivered to students is one that dangerously states or infers that sex can be made safe and without consequences as long as a condom is used. According to the CDC, condom use reduces but does not eliminate the transmission of any STD.⁸ Yet, comprehensive sex education repeatedly fails to communicate this distinction, implying that if "protection" is used, sex is "safe". Further, numerous studies have shown that at best, only about 50 percent of adults use condoms consistently.⁹ Yet CSE programs exaggerate the level of "protection" offered by condoms by quoting "perfect use" failure rates instead of the higher, more realistic "typical use" failure rates. One text even warns facilitators not to mention any limitations on condom effectiveness to students. This censorship is alarming, particularly when one realizes that the decisions students make regarding their sexual health can have lifelong and even fatal consequences..

Omission of information about possible skin-to-skin transmission of STDs

CSE programs inaccurately promote some non-intercourse sexual activities are "safe" while ignoring the possibility of skin to skin transmission of certain STDs. This approach is misleading, dangerous and puts vulnerable youth at risk.

Examples from Comprehensive Sex Education Curricula:

"Remind students that there are 2 ways to avoid pregnancy and HIV infection: say no to sex, or use protection" (Reducing the Risk, p 95)

INACCURATE: Only abstinence provides 100% protection against pregnancy and the sexual transmission of HIV.

"Safer sex will prevent HIV infection. ...If HIV infection can indeed be prevented, then there is nothing to fear" (Be Proud! Be Responsible, p 7)

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Anyone who has carefully looked into the modern phenomenon of today's sex education industry knows that these programs are not designed to warn kids away from harmful experiences at all.

Their real aim is to break down traditional morality and sexual inhibitions in favor of actually encouraging sexual experience. The off stated goals are to reduce teen pregnancy and STD's but the truth is teen pregnancy rates have reached historic lows in all fifty states.

And while the rates of STD's have skyrocketed, more sex education under the guise of "comprehensive sex education" is not the answer. It is the problem.

The version of the facts of life that today's sex educators teach teens promotes sexual exploration, and experimentation. The curricula are not based on health. In fact, many of today's "comprehensive sex education" curricula "eerly mirrors 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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04/18/2015 12:50 AM

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Subject: Support sexual health education
Date: 04/17/2015 05:43 PM

Aloha, my name is T. J. Davies and I live in Kakaako. I support sexual health education. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5.

Hawaii Teen Pregnancy Rate Is Tenth Highest in Nation

24 June 2014

From Hawaii KIDS COUNT

According to a new report by the Guttmacher Institute, released in May 2014, teen pregnancy rates are at historic lows, with declines in every state and among all racial and ethnic groups. The report highlights data from 1990 to 2010, the most recent year for which data are available, at the national and state levels.

The teen birth rate per 1,000 women who gave birth declined by 44 percent from its peak in 1991. The teen abortion rate per 1,000 pregnancies ending in abortion declined by 66 percent between its 1988 peak and 2010.

The majority of the data for the report came from the National Center for Health Statistics and the U.S. Census. The report confirms other research findings that fewer teens are becoming pregnant in the first place and suggests that education and contraceptive services aimed at preventing unwanted pregnancies are making an impact.

Report authors also point out that teenage pregnancy, birth and abortion trends are affected by various behavioral, social and economic factors and that further research is needed to understand how these factors impact trends. Data for Hawaii include the following:

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Our kids deserve better. Leave the sex ed to parents, not schools and not Planned Parenthood.

thank you,
Teresa Fredericks, RN

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To "boe_hawaii@notes.K12.hi.us"
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Subject Sex Ed Policy

Aloha members of the Board of Education,
I am urging you to to keep the current sex education policy which is abstinence-based because it is working. New policies which has not been tested or studied should not be adapted without proven statistics. Our children are not and should not be test projects. Our children should be protected and taught about the risks in sex and contracting STDs. Any in-class public school sex education before Grade 5 should be prohibited. I believe it is your responsibility to study and make educated decisions in what policies and programs are adapted and taught in our public schools. I hold you accountable for any decision made and pray that you would do everything in your power to make the best decisions for Hawaii and its Keiki. If you hurt Hawaii and its Keiki I pray for God's righteous judgement upon you. I pray for salvation for all of you and that you will seek God's will and wisdom in all your decisions. Mahalo for your time and consideration. God bless you, God bless Hawaii, and God bless our Keiki.

Sincerely,
Terri Yoshinaga

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Tu'i Niutupuivaha <tuiniutupuivaha@gmail.com>
04/16/2015 07:32 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject: Planned Parenthood Sex Education

Please protect our children and our future by NOT changing the policy.

Tu'i
254-423-0665

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cc
Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
Ed!

04/20/2015 02:15 PM

Please respond to
Tammy Perrin <rafesmom@aol.com>

Apr 20, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
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Doc & VaS <drmurasaki@yahoo.com>
04/19/2015 07:28 AM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject In favor of Bill 103.5

Aloha, my name is Virginia Stein and I reside in Hilo, Hawaii. I support sexual health education. Please support the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5. As a young adult I did an internship for Planned Parenthood and volunteered at the Family Planning Centered at Kapiolani Maternity Hospital. The myths and misinformation of our youths today is worse not better than it was those many years ago! And understand that then what we were dealing with was getting pregnant; today we deal with HIV/AIDS. I have raised two children and have numerous nieces and nephews, so I know of what I speak. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Virginia Stein

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From: Victoria Sensano
To: Chairman Don Horner
Subject: Say No to Planned Parenthood Sex Education Policy Changes
Date: 04/17/2015 05:40 PM

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Valarie Wise <valjwise@gmail.com>

04/20/2015 01:02 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Education on Sexual Health
Policy103.5

Aloha,

My name is Valarie Wise and I live in Kapa'a on Kauai. I fully support sexual health education for our youth and believe that in addition to advocating for abstinence, it is our responsibility to inform our youth of methods of contraception and disease prevention. Without this, youth are may not be fully prepared and informed for healthy sexual behavior in the event that they do make the choice to be sexually active. Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor or proposed policy 103.5.

Thank you for your consideration,
Valarie

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04/17/2015 11:41 AM

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valjim75@yahoo.com

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<57genel@gmail.com>
04/19/2015 11:40 PM

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First and foremost, I believe in educating my children about sex and having a conversation at their comfort level. That they should feel free to ask questions and have the time to fully understand and comprehend all the risk and rewards of sexual intimacy.

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I believe that any child that is desiring value, affection and confirmation from another is not receiving their value from the proper source, hence, they seek it elsewhere. And the easiest route to find it is sex because it is dubbed "making love". The act of sex is not love. Please, please, help keep this issue out of the classroom and into the homes, allow parents to connect with their kids and have the truth in love conversation needed.

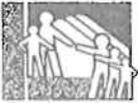
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Sincerely,

Genel Oganeku
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**Family
Support
Hawaii**

*To support
families and
communities in
providing love
and care for
our children.*

April 16, 2015

To: State of Hawaii Board of Education
Student Achievement Committee

TESTIMONY ON POLICY 103.5 SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Family Support Hawaii, a non-profit social service agency in Kailua-Kona Hawaii, strongly supports the proposed changes to the Board of Education's policy #103.5 Sexual Health Education.

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

Youth on the Big Island have benefitted from a teen pregnancy prevention program that we have implemented for many years; this program is evidence based, medically accurate and age appropriate. Pregnancy prevention program such as this help youth make wise decisions about their futures including to practice abstinence, delay initiation of sex, and to learn skills to communicate clearly and effectively when faced with peer pressure.

Programs such as this benefit the entire community by providing youth knowledge of the consequences of risky behavior, more youth stay in school, fewer teens give birth, and there is less dependence on public assistance programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Ray Wofford
Executive Director



A United Way Agency

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Rita Kama-Kimura <seeknfind@hawaii.rr.com>

04/16/2015 07:27 PM

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

Subject Comprehensive Sexuality Education

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April 1, 2015

To: State of Hawaii Board of Education, Student Achievement Committee

RE: TESTIMONY ON POLICY 103.5 SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION for April 21, 1:30 pm General Meeting

Dear Student Achievement Committee-

As a Board member and Executive Director of a member organization of Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, I respectfully request that you support the proposed changes to Board of Education policy #103.5 Sexual Health Education.

Hawaii's communities benefit when our youth have the knowledge, skills, and resources to make safe and healthy decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. In order for our youth to make informed decisions regarding their bodies and plan properly for a successful transition to adulthood it is critical that they are given relevant information and understand how to access resources when the times comes that they may need it. From working with high needs, at-risk youth for over a decade in Hawaii, my experience is that very few parents have an interest in educating their children about sexual health and pregnancy prevention and many lack access to the most up-to-date health information needed to adequately prepare their children. Students who lack access to caring adults who possess correct information are forced to learn through relying on the misinformation provided peers or through unwanted sexual experiences.

Young women who give birth in their teens and their children face many challenges. At age 22, only half of teen mothers have graduated from high school compared to 90% of their peers who did not give birth as teens. Eighty percent (80%) receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Benefits (TANF) during the 10 years following the birth of the child. Our experience is that most teen fathers have limited contact, caretaking skills or the economic security to support their children. Children of teen parent perform more poorly in school, scoring lower on standardized tests of reading and math, more likely to repeat a grade, and less likely to graduate from high school than their peers. The children of teen parents have a higher rate of emergency room visits, are more likely to have chronic health conditions, and have a higher rate of child abuse and neglect. All of this costs Hawaii taxpayers \$37 million dollars a year, 71% of it in state and local costs. We can reduce these costs by providing culturally relevant, medically accurate, age appropriate pregnancy and STI prevention education in our schools and homes.

Hawaii residents support pregnancy prevention education in our public schools. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of participants stated that it was important for Hawaii public schools to include sexual health education in their curriculum in a 2012 survey conducted by SMS Research. The majority felt that neither parents nor schools were providing a sufficient amount of sexual health information, and only half felt prepared to talk about sexual health topics with their children.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Hawaii.

V. Pualani Enos J.D.
Executive Director



Denese Alcott <chzhdinhi@aol.com>
04/20/2015 02:35 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Bill 103.5

Sent from my iPad

I am writing this email as testimony against bill 103.5. I am a parent and now grandparent. I believe the type of information that is part of this bill is not truly sexual education but more an agenda to express world view of sexuality. I am a Christian and do not believe that the agenda being set forth in our public schools is what as a Christian I want to promote. I believe my grandchildren have a right to be taught the importance of sex in the confines of our Christian view. Please consider that many people do not want their children's sexual teachings to be formed by what is taught in school.

Thank you for reading my view and weighing the future of what is taught in our public schools. Denese Alcott

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Tracy Ah Mook Sang <tams55@hotmail.com>
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To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject strongly opposed to a comprehensive
sex education program AND

To Whom it may concern

I am strongly opposed to a comprehensive sex education program and also Opposed to changing the Policy to Opt Out". I am overly concerned in how our community and Education System is turning in the tide. We need to secure a safe future for our keiki in Hawaii. Please stop these 2 proposals from passing.

Sincere Aloha and Malama our Keiki Tracy Ah Mook Sang

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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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04/20/2015 02:38 PM

Please respond to
Catie Martin <catie.martin@gmail.com>

Apr 20, 2015

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My son is not old enough to be in school yet. I do have several nephews and neices in school who deserve comprehensive sex ed. While my family does take it upon themselves to talk about these issues with their children, we also believe they need an informed expert opinion. One that not only discusses the medical side but also consent, and orientation. Our children deserve to be informed!

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Sincerely,

Catie Martin

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Amanda Palmer <pandapalmer@gmail.com>

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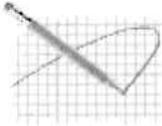
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Subject Comments on Sex Ed Policy changes

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.

Please do not pass these two new proposals for the sake of our childrens' physical and emotional well being.

Please do what is best for our keiki!!!

Sincerely,

Valerie Holst

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RE: Testimony in Support of Substantive Edits to Sexual Health Policy
April 21, 2015 meeting, policy #103.5

Dear Hawaii State Board of Education Members,

I first wish to express a sincere mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important topic and to thank the Board of Education for its work on behalf of the students. As the Executive Director of the YWCA of Kaua'i, I wish to convey on behalf of the YWCA of Kaua'i Board of Directors and the staff, our strong support for the Substantive Edits to the Sexual Health Policy which we believe will be of great benefit to all students. The YWCA has been serving the Kaua'i since 1921, and we work closely with the women in our community as well as their families. We have seen first-hand, the need for comprehensive sexual health education that is not solely abstinence based. The YWCA also strongly supports the "opt out" approach as comprehensive sexual health education is important for all students to live healthy lives and make informed decisions.

Kaua'i has a very high rate of teen pregnancy which results in students dropping out, delaying of additional educational opportunities and adds additional risk for poverty. Research has clearly shown that comprehensive sexual health education can delay sexual activity and provide the necessary information students need to make informed decisions. The passage of these changes to the policy will help provide the students the education and knowledge they need regarding sexual health.

Mahalo for your consideration,



Renae Hamilton, MA
Executive Director



Charles Roessler
<charles@malama-pono.org>
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Subject sex education in schools

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of safe sex education in our public high schools. It has been proven for years now that abstinence alone does not work. We still maintain a high level of unintended pregnancies on this island, along with high positivity rates for sexually transmitted infections. If you look around the country where the statistics show the highest rate of STD's and unintended pregnancies, it is always the school systems that have very little sexual education and only teach abstinence (southern states). We are expecting children to make decisions on their sexual health by just saying no. While I agree that young adults and teens should not be participating in such risky behavior, just telling them not to do it has never worked. We need to arm them with the correct information and teach them how to be safe about their health. Sexual health is just as important as learning good nutrition and hygiene. Without these young adults understanding the risks that they are taking, how will they know how to make an educated decision? Sexual education is very important if we as a community want to provide the next generation with the best opportunities to succeed.

Mahalo,

Charles Roessler

Director of Prevention
Malama Pono Health Services



808.246.9577 ext. 225

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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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Please respond to
Angela Stewart <ladywolfd@yahoo.com>

Apr 20, 2015

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Kelsey <kelseyinhawaii@hotmail.com>
04/20/2015 03:12 PM

To "boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us"
<boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us>
cc
Subject Sex Education Policy Changes

Board of Educators,

As a concerned parent, I STRONGLY OPPOSE you changing and abandoning the abstinence-based sex education in favor of comprehensive sex education.

HB459 Sex Ed Bill has died! It died because WE do not want this taught to our children! You are on the board for the purpose of our children's future, and we entrust you to make the appropriate decision.

Why would you touch our babies from Kindergarten and choose to rob them of their innocence?

Do NOT allow this curriculum to proceed. The sixth curriculum you have in place is very explicit already!

Sincerely,
Kelsey Poaha

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lianne quinn <leqapple@hawaii.rr.com>
04/20/2015 03:13 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us
cc
Subject Keep Hawaii's Sex Education
Abstinence Based

April 20, 2015

Dear Sir/Madame:

In Hawaii, as well as everywhere else, our children are very dear to us. As parents/grandparents our prime concern is that our children are healthy, educated and nurtured in the best way possible - please Keep Hawaii's Sex Education Abstinence Based; children are bombarded on social media with so much indecency and nonsense to include bullying, etc. they need our help.

Please help parents and the children navigate through life with having the parent[s] teaching them what they need to know as moral/biblical belief is diversified for everyone. You can agree that life was simpler when we grew up.

Keep Hawaii's Sex Education Abstinence Based.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lianne Quinn

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Sincerely,

Allan Wang, MD, PhD
2139 Chamberlain St
Honolulu, HI 96822-2422
(808) 989-6543

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Kokua Kalihi Valley
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Susannah Wesley Community Center
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The Children's Alliance of Hawaii
Waikiki Health Center
Women Helping Women
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April 15, 2015

To: State of Hawaii Board of Education

TESTIMONY ON POLICY 103.5 SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, strongly supports the proposed changes to Board of Education policy #103.5 Sexual Health Education.

Hawaii's communities benefit when our youth have the knowledge, skills, and resources to make safe and healthy decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

Because we have not yet committed the resources to ensure that our young people grow up sexually safe and healthy, Hawaii has the 9th highest rate of teen pregnancy in the United States even though fewer Hawaii youth are sexually active than the U.S. average. Unfortunately, our sexually active youth have the lowest rate of condom use in the U.S. because they lack consistent access to pregnancy prevention education at school and home. Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth have particularly high risk of unplanned pregnancy and STIs – Their teen birth rate is 145.4 per thousand compared to 18.9 for Asians and 13.7 for Caucasians.

Young women who give birth in their teens and their children face many challenges. At age 22, only half of teen mothers have graduated from high school compared to 90% of their peers who did not give birth as teens. Eighty percent (80%) receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Benefits (TANF) during the 10 years following the birth of the child.

The children fare less well in school, scoring lower on standardized tests of reading and math, more likely to repeat a grade, and less likely to graduate from high school than their peers. The children of teen parents have a higher rate of emergency room visits, are more likely to have chronic health conditions, and have a higher rate of child abuse and neglect.

All of this costs Hawaii taxpayers \$37 million dollars a year, 71% of it in state and local costs. We can reduce these costs by providing culturally relevant, medically accurate, age appropriate pregnancy and STI prevention education in our schools and homes.

Hawaii residents support pregnancy prevention education in our public schools. **Ninety-seven percent (97%) of participants stated that it was important for Hawaii public schools to include sexual health education in their curriculum in a 2012 survey conducted by SMS Research.** The majority felt that neither parents nor schools were providing a sufficient amount of sexual health information, and only half felt prepared to talk about sexual health topics with their children. The majority believed that education on most sexual health topics should begin in the middle schools, with some topics (such as anatomy, puberty, and sexual abuse) beginning in the elementary schools.

Young people who complete pregnancy prevention education programs are more likely to practice abstinence, delay initiation of sex, have fewer sexual partners, and use protection when, and if, they begin having sex.

For the past 10 years, Hawaii Youth Services Network has coordinated a statewide effort to increase the number of youth that complete an evidence-based, age-appropriate, culturally relevant sexual health curriculum. We have received national recognition, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's Horizon Award for Excellence in Health Education, for our work in adapting evidence-based curricula to be more culturally relevant for Hawaii's students.

If the Board of Education wants to expand sexual health education in public schools, Hawaii Youth Services Network is willing to provide training for DOE personnel that includes facilitation of evidence-based curricula, parent-child communication on sexual health, anatomy, puberty, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, and other topics. As long as we continue to receive federal funding for teen pregnancy prevention, we can provide this training without any fees to the Department of Education, and even travel to conduct training on each Neighbor Island.

Everyone wants their children to grow up safe, healthy, and ready to succeed. We teach our children how to cross the street safely, because we know that one day they will face the risks of traffic. We must also teach our youth how to protect themselves from the sexual risks they will someday face.

The community supports sexual health education in our public schools, and our youth need and deserve it.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



Sierra Hampton-Eng <sierra@ischool.org>
04/17/2015 01:29 PM

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

Aloha, my name is Sierra Hampton-Eng and I live in Kapaa.

I am in my sixth year of teaching character development and health to 8th graders. I support sexual health education. Students need access to reliable information so that they can make informed and responsible decisions regarding their health and safety.

Please improve the health, safety and future of our youth by voting in favor of proposed policy 103.5. Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,
Sierra

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Sierra Hampton-Eng
English Teacher, Island School
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