

Testimony presented before

Donald Horner, Chairperson
Brian De Lima, Vice Chairperson
State of Hawai'i Board of Education General Business Meeting
by
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Sunday, June 14, 2015

Support for **State Seal of Biliteracy**

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I am a professor and administrator in the College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. As a U.S. citizen who immigrated to Hawai'i as well as an educator and scholar in the field of language education, I would like to express my full support for the Hawai'i State Seal of Biliteracy.

The United States needs bilingual and biliterate citizens who are equipped with expert knowledge about other cultures and societies. These skills are not only necessary for conducting U.S. overseas diplomacy, but also are critical skills in the current global economy. In this era of globalization and increasing interdependence in the international community, the Seal of Biliteracy makes a great deal of sense, especially in states like Hawai'i where one out of four residents speak a language other than English at home. The Seal of Biliteracy will not only capitalize on and validate the rich linguistic and cultural resources that school-age children from multilingual families bring to classrooms, but also motivate students from English-speaking families to pursue an invaluable skill to prepare themselves for their future academic and professional careers.

For the past 20+ years, I have taught and advised hundreds of UHM students who are working towards advancing their bilingual/biliterate skills in order to achieve their goals and dreams in personal, local, and global contexts. These students also perceive the opportunity structures of the society positively, and want to get ahead in the world and become responsible citizens. They value education, communities, and societies that affirm and promote linguistic and cultural diversity.

The impact of this bill on future generations will be enormous.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.



Melinda Wood <mwood17@hawaii.rr.com>

06/14/2015 01:29 PM

To boe_hawaii@notes.k12.hi.us

cc

Subject Support for Policy 103.5

I strongly support making BOE Policy 103.5 regarding Sexual Health Education mandatory for Hawaii's youth. I note that the policy's title is not "sex education" but rather "sexual health," which is more accurate in that the policy includes teaching about "relationships and communication skills... based on mutual respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion and intimidation;" and "encourages students to communicate with their parents, guardians and other trusted adults".

As you are aware, domestic and dating violence, sex assaults on college campuses, rates of sexually transmitted infections, and teen pregnancy are serious problems in Hawaii that threaten the wellbeing of women as well as youth. Research shows that comprehensive, medically accurate, and age appropriate sexual health education programs reduce the incidence of all of these issues. Indeed, such programs are among of the few systematic opportunities that school districts have to teach girls and boys from a young age to respect themselves and others, with special attention on how to reject pressure to engage in sexual or physical behaviors that are not welcome. This is not just about sex; it is about reducing violence, increasing respect, and addressing negative sex role stereotyping in our culture.

A great deal of controversy has been drummed up about "sex ed" in our schools, most of it narrowly focused on a single portion of the broader curriculum. The BOE should not fear that children will "get ideas" from comprehensive sexual health education—they already have plenty of ideas, many of which are wrong. To hide behind the false assertion "if they don't learn about, they won't do it," is not only cowardly but can lead to tragic outcomes.

Please implement Policy 103.5 and make it mandatory for all public school youth in Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

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Susan Dursin <sudydursin@gmail.com>

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

From: Susan Dursin, Captain Cook, HI
Date: June 14, 2015
To: The Hawaii State Board of Education

Dear Board Members:

I strongly urge you to pass the proposed Policy 103.5, dealing with sexual education. At this time, in a world that is confusing to young people, it is negligent not to provide students with the very best information. That information should include the entire spectrum of what is known about good health and wise decisions, keeping in mind the reality that many students are already sexually active and need to be able to protect themselves, not only from disease and pregnancy but from abuse and coercion.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Susan Dursin sgd8@hawaiiantel.net

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 Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex Ed!

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Please respond to
 ROBERTS LEINAU
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Jun 14, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
 HI

Dear State Board of Education,

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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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As a BOE diploma recipient, I think it's the BOE's responsibility to be properly educating all of our state's students with all of their options regardless of their personal life choices. Seeing all the girls who were pregnant walking around my high school campus, I used to always wonder if they were aware, like how I was, that Planned Parenthood was right down the street with resources available to them.

The fact that most of my peers were unaware of these awesome resources was appalling to me since I used them to my advantage from freshman year of high school. Many of my peers were only asking me because they overheard me talking about contraceptives, so I would go and help them through the processes. If I hadn't had an older friend tell me about my options, I wouldn't have ever known. This is why it's so important to share as much valuable information to minds that are still moldable.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Aykroid

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Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

Gary Okabayashi
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 David Leake <dwleake@aol.com>

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Hawaii State Board of Education
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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.

I am extremely disappointed that Hawaii's public schools are truly failing many students by not providing universal sexual health education that is medically accurate. As you may be aware, abstinence-only programs that some people are trying to force on Hawaii have a miserable record wherever tried across the country. 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.

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

Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

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"Sonia Blackiston" <SBlackiston@pphi.org>

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

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). In addition, the majority of 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,

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06/15/2015 12:07 AM

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

Subject Support Policy 103.5 - Do what is right
for our Keiki!

Dear BOE members,
As parents - we strongly support Policy 103.5!

Hawaii's youth need access to age-appropriate, factual and non-judgmental sexual health education. We support the parental opt-out and do not support opt-in. Opt-in is simply a barrier for those youth who really need accurate information but don't have the family support systems. As parents - its our job to be knowledgeable about what my child is learning. It is my right to ask questions and know about what my child will be taught. and this can all happen with an opt-out policy. The majority of parents **want** sex education to happen at school. Do what is right for the future of our keiki and our families and communities. Pass Policy 103.5 as it stands and without revision.

Sincerely,
Eric and Sonia Chiavetta
Kapolei, HI

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

Sincerely,

kelli Green
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 Bryn Hauk <bhauk@hawaii.edu>

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Sincerely,

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Board of Education General Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
1:00 pm
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15, June, 2015

Support for S.B. No. 900, State Seal of Biliteracy

I am writing to express my full support for the **Hawai'i State Seal of Biliteracy**. As we move into the future, such a distinction will promote the development of literacy in two or more languages and recognize the rich and diverse language assets of Hawai'i's students. Support of the Board of Education is critical as we try to better position the students and the state for the economic and cross-cultural needs of our ever evolving society.

As a World Language teacher of Japanese for the last 25 years, I have had the pleasure of instructing hundreds of students. Although most of the students just took Japanese in high school to fulfill requirements for graduation or college admission, we strived to provide a path to practical application and fluency in the language. We have transitioned from a class-centric model to one of global citizenship. A commitment to starting and supporting second language acquisition at an earlier age is backed by extensive research. Along with second language learning, this Bill will also acknowledge the heritage languages that many of our students are already gaining proficiency in. By nurturing their home language, we can expect higher levels of linguistic achievement and culture understanding. These are probably the students that will reach much higher levels of proficiency that they can use in their careers. As such, we have an obligation to provide avenues for students to explore beyond their own neighborhoods and understand the nuances of culture, perspectives and communication as they build connections to all parts of the world through their language study.

The young people of today will lead lives that are interconnected, intertwined and invested in the understanding of people's beliefs. Second language acquisition and heritage language literacy is the foundation. Through understanding the nuances of communication in other languages as a reflection of perspectives, multi-lingual individuals are better equipped to forge stronger bonds, fostering understanding and creating productive work environments.

The Seal of Biliteracy will recognize students' language achievement and progress towards being global citizens. Aligning with other certificates already being offered by the Board of Education, the Seal of Biliteracy will recognize their abilities to communicate in languages other than English at a high level. Your continued support, leadership and progressive actions are the key to guiding the Department of Education to fulfill the obligation to nurture and further language proficiency.

As such, it is my hope that the Board of Education will acknowledge the high level of language proficiency many students achieve and support the creation the Seal of Biliteracy for secondary students in the form of S. B. 900 as you work on the programs to support development in language learning for all students K – 12 and beyond.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views.



Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ōhana

Serving and perpetuating sustainable Hawaiian communities through Education with Aloha

June 1, 2015

Board of Education
State of Hawaii
Student Achievement Committee
June 2, 2015 8:30 am

Testimony on:

Agenda item: V.A. E-3 Nā Hopena A'o

Aloha. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of **V.A. E-3 Nā Hopena A'o**.

My name is Katie Benioni and I am writing on behalf of Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ōhana. Since 2000, Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ōhana (KALO) has been committed to sustaining lifelong learning through education in ways that advance Hawaiian culture for a sustainable Hawai'i. Our vision is to partner in the establishment of an education environment which grounds every child and adult in the values that have shaped and empowered Hawaiians for generations; involving every member of the Hawaiian community in determining his or her educational path and preparing every child of Hawai'i to thrive in the modern world. Our work over the last 15 years has been primarily with Charter Schools which were started as incubators for innovation in education. Over half of the charter schools in Hawai'i are Hawaiian-focused, meaning that they incorporate Hawaiian values, language and culture in their educational models. Graduates of these schools leave with a strong sense of identity through the purposeful integration of values and the grounding to 'aina and 'ohana.

I have been privileged to serve for the past 11 months on the Policy 4000 Advisory Work Group. It has been an invigorating experience to vision the potential that the inclusion of Hawaiian values, culture language can have on Hawaii's education system. As we have discussed the Nā Hopena A'o framework with school leaders, students, and partnering organizations we have witnessed their enthusiasm and desire for the richness that this framework will bring.

I urge you to adopt HĀ as a new Ends Policy for the benefit of all keiki of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa,

Katie Benioni
Chief Financial Officer



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In reply, please refer to:
File:

June 15, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
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Dear Members of the Hawaii State Board of Education:

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

Standardized, consistent, and comprehensive sexuality education in public schools is consistent with national health and education policies. It is recommended by health and education institutions, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Surgeon General, the American School Health Association, and the American Association for Health Education. Schools are a critical setting for preparing our students academically and are vital partners in helping young people take responsibility for their own health and well-being.

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

Every young person will one day have life-changing decisions to make about their sexual and reproductive health. Research shows that many adolescents lack the knowledge required to make those decisions responsibly, leaving them vulnerable to coercion, sexually transmitted infections, and unintended pregnancy.

The CDC has found that student health behaviors and good grades are related, stating that "...students who do not engage in health-risk behaviors receive higher grades than their classmates who do engage in health-risk behaviors." Given the evidence that connects lower risk behaviors to academic success, schools have a vested interest in keeping students healthy as do parents and other community members.

The proposed sexual health education policy considers the health risks, services, and needs that are unique to our adolescents. It promotes healthy adolescent development and decision-making and encourages communication with parents and trusted adults. Additionally, we strongly support the provision that "students shall be excused from sexual health instruction only upon the prior written request of the student's parent or legal guardian".

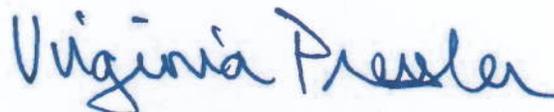
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June 15, 2015

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

Sincerely,



VIRGINIA PRESSLER, M.D.
Director of Health



Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana

Serving and perpetuating sustainable Hawaiian communities through Education with Aloha

June 15, 2015

Board of Education
State of Hawaii
June 16, 2015 1:30 pm

Testimony on:

Agenda item: VI.H Policy E-3 Nā Hopena A'o

Aloha. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of **VI.H Policy E-3 Nā Hopena A'o**.

My name is Katie Benioni and I am writing on behalf of Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana. Since 2000, Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana (KALO) has been committed to sustaining lifelong learning through education in ways that advance Hawaiian culture for a sustainable Hawai'i. Our vision is to partner in the establishment of an education environment which grounds every child and adult in the values that have shaped and empowered Hawaiians for generations; involving every member of the Hawaiian community in determining his or her educational path and preparing every child of Hawai'i to thrive in the modern world. Our work over the last 15 years has been primarily with Charter Schools which were started as incubators for innovation in education. Over half of the charter schools in Hawai'i are Hawaiian-focused, meaning that they incorporate Hawaiian values, language and culture in their educational models. Graduates of these schools leave with a strong sense of identity through the purposeful integration of values and the grounding to 'aina and 'ohana.

I have been privileged to serve for the past 11 months on the Policy 4000 Advisory Work Group. It has been an invigorating experience to vision the potential that the inclusion of Hawaiian values, culture and language can have on Hawaii's education system. As we have discussed the Nā Hopena A'o framework with school leaders, students, and partnering organizations we have witnessed their enthusiasm and desire for the richness that this framework will bring.

I urge you to breathe life into Nā Hopena A'o through the passage of Policy E-3 for the benefit of all keiki of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa,

Katie Benioni
Chief Financial Officer



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June 15, 2015

State of Hawai'i Board of Education

Re: Agenda Item VI.I at General Business Meeting of June 16, 2015

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for your adoption of a **Seal of Biliteracy** for students graduating from high school, as recommended by your Student Achievement Committee.

Such a seal will emphasize the value of students' language skills for global citizenship, and valorize their hard work and family encouragement in learning two languages. It will give students an awareness of their special competencies for working between cultures in their future careers. It will give community and employers an assurance of the functional competencies of each awardee.

The seal will also shine a light on the fine achievements of the Department of Education in preparing students in English and Hawaiian, heritage languages, and second and third languages. The Department of Education has the resources, teachers, and assessments to move students toward biliteracy, and the institutional capability to acknowledge the individual students as they graduate.

The seal will help students enter the University of Hawai'i with language skills that can be a foundation for further progress. Seal-holders' intermediate skill levels will likely win them success on placement tests into advanced language courses at UHM, accelerating their time to their degree and helping them achieve higher mastery. Opportunities for scholarships, study abroad, internships, and careers all widen for the students with intermediate and advanced language skills. UHM hosts several US Department of Education Title VI National Resource Centers for less commonly taught languages that award Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships to undergraduates and graduate students. As director of one of these, I am very eager to work with you in the K-16 interfaces that support bilingual and biliterate graduates who can serve society's great needs. I hope to see many holders of the 12th grade Seal of Biliteracy among our UHM students and graduates in coming years.

Most sincerely,

Mary McDonald

Mary McDonald, Ph.D.

Director, Center for Japanese Studies

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Jun 15, 2015

Hawaii State Board of Education
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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,

Lisa Freudenberger

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Subject Seal of Biliteracy Testimony: BOE
General Board Meeting, June 16

Dear BOE Chair, Mr. Donald Horner, and BOE Members:

RE: Testimony for BOE General Meeting on the Seal; Tuesday, June 16, 1:00 pm

I am writing to provide my support for Bill 900 as a professional, a parent with a child trying to learn Chinese, his Mother's first language, and a community member.

As the Director of Custom Executive Programs at the University of Hawaii Shidler College of Business, I work with many local and international organizations to develop executive training programs. My proficiency in Chinese, both Mandarin and Cantonese, and the ability to understand the culture, have contributed to the success in networking with and developing programs for prospective clients from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. This has helped enhance the reputation of the Shidler College of Business as we are known for our diverse faculty, student population, and leadership among U.S. business schools in our focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

With Hawaii's strategic location as the gateway between the East and the West, to develop a multilingual and multicultural workforce is critical to our State. This appreciation of diverse languages and cultures can only be fostered at a young age at home and through the education system.

My son has been fortunate to be a student of the Kaiser Complex. He started at Aina Haina and graduated from Niu Valley in 2014. Currently, he is a freshman at Kaiser High School.

Throughout his elementary and middle school years, a second language (Japanese in Aina Haina and Chinese in Niu Valley) was an integral part of the curriculum. His pursuit of Chinese continues into his first year in high school and no doubt will be part of his learning journey beyond. I am extremely grateful that due to the school leadership, my son is able to study Chinese which he enjoys and appreciates. Not only does it allow him to have a glimpse of his mother's culture, learning a second language, I believe, broadens his perspective and helps with his other subjects.

As a community member, I volunteer at events at Kaiser High School. Two weeks ago, I was one of a group of judges for the School's senior projects. I was so impressed by the calibre of the students at Kaiser. What stood out for me among the presentations was a very accomplished Chinese young lady who recited a poem in both Chinese and English that she wrote herself. The theme was about growing up in an English speaking environment and her attempt to make sense of this bicultural and bilingual conflict that she has experienced throughout her life in Hawaii. Given her determination and her determination to succeed, she realizes that being fluent in two languages and two cultures is "a gift" that she would make full use of. Like her peers, she is awaiting the result of her college application. I believe a full ride from the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill is in the works. She aspires to be an international lawyer and how fitting it will be for her.

Unfortunately, she is only a few teenager who realizes the value of multilingual and multicultural proficiencies. As a parent, a concerned community member, and an educational professional, I cannot emphasize enough how critical it is for our younger generation to study other languages

and to learn about other cultures to thrive in a global economy, broaden their horizon, and to appreciate diverse perspectives.

I do hope that the BOE will provide support of this Bill. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Alice Li Hagan

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TO: Mr. Donald Horner, Chairperson
Mr. Brian De Lima, Vice Chairperson
State of Hawai'i, Board of Education

FROM: Theres Gruter, PhD
UH Manoa, Department of Second Language Studies
Center of Second Language Research, Director

MEETING DATE AND TIME: **General Business Meeting, June 16, 2015; 1:30pm**

RE: Testimony in **Support** of the Student Achievement Committee's recommendation concerning new Board Policy, unnumbered, **Seal of Biliteracy (Action Item VI. I)**

Dear Mr. Horner, Mr. De Lima, and members of the Committee,

My name is Theres Gruter. I am an assistant professor of Second Language Studies and the director of the Center for Second Language Research at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I am also the mother of two bilingual children (aged 8 and 11).

I was very happy to see that the Board of Education had taken up the matter of the Seal of Biliteracy, and has been acting on it in such a timely manner—thank you. The introduction of a Seal of Biliteracy will send a strong signal to our children, families and teachers that the ability to communicate in more than one language is something that is valued and supported here in Hawaii. The benefits will be particularly impactful for children who speak a language other than English at home, a language that is often their only means of communicating with their grandparents and other family members. It is not uncommon for these children to gradually lose their home language skills over the course of the school years. This loss is sad at a personal level, unfortunate at an economic level, and entirely unnecessary from an educational and developmental perspective. Research shows that the attainment of fluency in multiple languages is a very achievable goal, and it is reached most successfully in environments where multilingualism is supported at political and institutional levels. These have been called *additive bilingual environments*. The introduction of a seal of biliteracy will contribute to making Hawaii an additive bilingual environment. The benefits will be to our children, our economy, and last but perhaps not least to those grandparents who will continue to be able to speak with their grandchildren, because getting the seal of biliteracy on their high school certificate may be just that extra incentive it takes to maintain their heritage language.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this policy.

Yours sincerely,



Theres Gruter

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Hawaii Board of Education
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June 16, 2015

Dear Chair Horner, Vice Chair De Lima and Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for proposed policy 103.5 on Sexual Health Education.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

One of the Coalition's priorities is looking at the whole child, which includes their health and well-being. We follow the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and know that Hawaii students are vulnerable to unsafe sexual behavior. The need for quality researched-based sexual health education is critical and access for students is key.

The existing policy #2110, Abstinence-Based Health, was approved in 1995 and is succinct; the revised proposed policy 103.5 is updated and provides a broader scope. Further, the existing policy #2110 does not give parents or guardians the option for their child or children not to participate in the curriculum. The proposed policy 103.5 gives parents and guardians this option. This is an important point for HE'E Coalition members, who include parent groups and community organizations that work with families.

We support the Board's recommendation of having parents "opt-out" their child to participate in a school's chosen curriculum as opposed to "opt-in." We know from other activities that are "opt-in," that obtaining permission from parents can be problematic, and that this obstacle could lead to many students not having exposure to the curriculum at all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

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This testimony is submitted in support for proposed policy 101.7 on School Climate and Discipline. The proposed policy gives guidance to schools to help promote a positive versus punitive environment. HE'E strongly supports the concept of keeping students in school as opposed to suspensions. In particular, we like the language "Schools should remove students from the classroom as a disciplinary consequence only as a last resort and only for appropriately serious infractions. Students who are removed from class shall be provided with meaningful academic instruction and behavioral supports." The Coalition has also been concerned about the number of suspensions being skewed towards the Pacific Islander population, and that once a student is suspended they are greater risk of falling behind, dropping out and potentially entering the criminal justice system.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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HE'E Coalition Director

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Dear Chair Horner, Vice Chair De Lima and Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for the proposed policy on the Seal of Biliteracy.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition is pleased to see the Board supporting the policy on the Seal of Biliteracy, which would recognize students who demonstrate a high proficiency in English and as well as another language. It would be particularly meaningful in Hawaii, where ethnicity, language and culture are diverse. Having the Seal of Biliteracy would also help incentivize students to develop their language abilities to prepare for college and career, and readiness in the global world.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HE'E Coalition Director

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Aloha Members of the Board of Education,

My name is Dr. William H. Wilson. I am the Academic Programs Division Chair for Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, the Hawaiian language college mandated by the State Legislature in 1997. Among my responsibilities is the Hawaiian language medium laboratory school program of the College, at Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u School.

I am testifying in favor of the Seal of Biliteracy, provided that its first paragraph recognizes either official language of the state, not solely English, as the anchor language for the Seal. Such a change is important for students in schools like Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u.

Mahalo,
Dr. William H. Wilson

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Re: **Agenda Item VI.I, Board Action on Student Achievement Committee
recommendations concerning new Board Policy, unnumbered, Seal of Biliteracy**

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 1:30pm

Queen Liliuokalani Building 1390 Miller Street, Room 404 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Support for Seal of Biliteracy

I, **Lisa Y. Kobuke**, Japanese Language Program Coordinator at Kapi'olani Community College, am writing to express my enthusiastic and strong support for a Department of Education **Seal of Biliteracy**. The future growth and economy of Hawai'i will depend on a linguistically and cross-culturally competent workforce that is able to respond to the needs locally of the State, of our nation, and of the world. The Seal of Biliteracy will show our students and children that the development of literacy in two or more languages provides them with the competitive edge in the global market and economy. Many students in Hawai'i gain bilingual skills growing up in bilingual or multilingual homes. This rich and diverse asset which is so profound and so easily found throughout our communities in the State, should be recognized, celebrated, and advocated by the State. A proud product of the public school system, I was raised bilingually in Japanese and English and personally understand the value and advantages of being culturally and linguistically bilingual. I continue to share my passion for the Japanese language and culture strongly believing in the beneficial empowering capacity of learning a second language and it's culture and hope the Department of Education recognizes and supports the bilingual workforce readily available to our employers and economy.

June 15, 2015

To: Donald Horner, Chairperson, And members of the Board of Education

Testimony in Support of Policy 103.5 Relating to Sexual Health Education

I am writing testimony in support of age appropriate, medically accurate, health education that includes Sexual Health Education.

As a Registered Dietitian and current Masters Student in Public Health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I have had the opportunity to conduct a thorough literature review and conduct a policy analysis on the state of sexual health education in Hawai'i. Upon examination of the alternative options and after projecting the many possible outcomes comprehensive sex education, that includes education on abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease prevention to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, was selected as the best choice to address teen pregnancy and sexual health in Hawai'i.

Mandatory sex education has been shown to be extremely effective at reducing teen pregnancy and would work well in Hawai'i to resolve urban and rural health disparities. Hawai'i has the 12th highest rate of teen pregnancy in the United States. Each year, more than 1,500 teenage girls give birth in Hawai'i. Of those born in Hawai'i those who identify as Native Hawaiian have a birth rate of 145 per thousand compared to 22 per thousand for Caucasian. (Department of Health Vital Statistics, 2011)

Statewide 4% of public High School students had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13 (2013 YRBS). It is important to educate students on their own health and teach them how to make informed healthy decisions about their own sexual health and relationships. 37 states and the District of Columbia require school districts to involve parents in sex education, HIV education or both and only 3 states (Arizona, Nevada, and Utah) require parental consent for student to participate in sex education (Guttmacher Institute, 2015). Requiring active consent will merely put an obstacle in the pathway of Hawai'i's youth in receiving sexual health education. However, every effort should be made to involve parents and trusted adults, share curriculum, and encourage communication. It is even more important that youth have a safe and accurate education in sexual health particularly in an era where they can easily "google" sexual topics and questions, which can expose them to misinformation and inappropriate content.

Hawaii's communities benefit when our youth have the knowledge, skills, and resources to make healthy decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. Sexual health education using age-appropriate, evidence-based curricula reduces the risk of unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. Young people who complete these 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.

Everyone wants their children to grow up safe, healthy, and ready to succeed. We need to teach our youth how to protect themselves from the risks of unplanned pregnancy and STIs and provide the necessary resources to the public and parents to support youth. The community supports sexual health education in our public schools, and our young people need and deserve it.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Johnson".

Kathleen Johnson, RD

JAN L. FRIED • American Sign Language/English Interpreter

• RID Certified-IC, CI, CT • Educator • Consultant •

15 June 15

To: Donald Horner, BOE Chair and BOE members

Fr.: Jan Fried

Re: 16 June 15 General Meeting: [Board Action on Student Achievement Committee recommendations concerning new Board Policy, unnumbered, Seal of Biliteracy](#)

Aloha. I am writing to express my full support for the **Hawai'i State Seal of Biliteracy** for several reasons.

Hawai'i is a global hub: the need for added insight & skills

Any action that encourages and rewards students for learning and actively using two or more languages is a positive one. As we move into a globalized economic future, those who are bi-or multi-lingual will be in high demand. Research supports the notion that the earlier people start learning languages their chances significantly increase at becoming fully fluent. Let's reward students for learning another language while they are young. Also, those who study several languages have insight into other cultures and perspectives—something that is absolutely necessary as we increasingly work across borders and linguistic communities.

Linguistically more prepared: careers abound

As someone who is the president of the Hawai'i Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, a professional American Sign Language/English interpreter, and prepares college students to become interpreters, I am well aware of how important it is to be truly bilingual. Learning how to interpret while still struggling to master one of the languages involved is nothing short of frustrating. If my students came to college with the necessary proficiency in both of the languages in which they will work, the education and preparation process to become an interpreter would be much smoother for them. The earlier students start the language-learning process the better and the more support they receive, the likelihood that they'll remain engaged. Interpreting is but one career choice that is available to those who enter college with more than one language. Students with a Biliteracy Seal will definitely have a leg-up.

Inclusion and validation

Our K-12 classrooms are filled with students who learn English at school while they use a sign language or a different spoken language at home with their families. Receiving a Biliteracy Seal can validate their experiences as immigrants or heritage language users who have English as their second language. This seal must be for all students learning and using more than one language.

I strongly encourage the BOE to support our students in developing literacy in two or more languages and recognize the rich and diverse language assets of Hawai'i 's students. It will better position them and the State for the future. *Mahalo.*



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Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

Eric Haskins

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Kanu i ka Pono
Anahola, Kaua'i

Testimony Agenda item VI.H Policy E-3 Nā Hopena A'o

SUPPORT of VI.H Policy E-3 Nā Hopena A'o.

Kanu o ka 'Āina
Kamuela, Hawai'i

Aloha my name is Taffi Wise, I am the Executive Director of KALO testifying on behalf of Nā Lei Na'auao Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education (NLN). KALO coordinates and facilitates 17 NLN schools located on 4 islands currently serving approximately 4400 students through the charter school vehicle.

Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo
Hilo, Hawai'i

The mission of Na Lei Na'auao – Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education is to establish, implement, and continuously strengthen models of education throughout the Hawaiian Islands and beyond, which are community-designed and -controlled and reflect, respect and embrace 'ōlelo Hawai'i, 'ike Hawai'i and Hawaiian cultural values, philosophies and its practices.

Ka Waihona o ka
Na'auao
Wai'anae, O'ahu

The collaboration of member schools aims to:

- ❖ Establish, implement and continuously strengthen Hawaiian-focused charter schools throughout the Hawaiian islands
- ❖ Collectively research, and gather and evaluate data to document the impact of Native Hawaiian education to inform the strengthening and evolution of community-designed and -controlled educational strategies
- ❖ Facilitate continuous collaborations with Hawaiian organizations towards the creation and on-going development of culturally appropriate standards, strategies and assessments for all stakeholders within the learning community
- ❖ Work collaboratively with other organizations in supporting our sustainable communities, particularly Hawaiian-focused charter schools
- ❖ Cultivate communities of empowered, resilient Learners grounded in EA-Education with Aloha

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Ke Kula Ni'ihau 'o
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Kua o ka Lā
Pāhoa, Hawai'i

Hawai'i's public education system should embody Hawaiian values, language, culture and history as a foundation to prepare students in grades PK-12 for success in college, career and communities, locally and globally. Our unique and rich Hawaiian language, culture, and history should be an integral part of Hawai'i's education standards for all students.

Kula Aupuni Ni'ihau
A Kahelelani Aloha
Makaweli, Kaua'i

Mālama Hōnua
Waimanalo, O'ahu

Thank you Board of Education - for recognizing that appropriate support for and implementation of Hawaiian education will positively impact the educational outcomes of all students in preparation for college, career and community success.



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Jun 15, 2015

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Sincerely,

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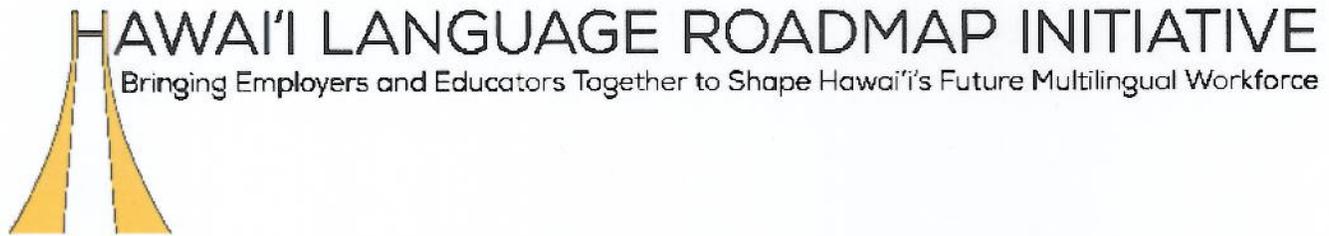
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I can't be at the meeting on 6/16 to personally voice my support but would like to ensure that the children of Hawaii (and beyond) receive the information needed to make educated choices about their body. Sexual health education goes far beyond their decision on whether to have sex or not. Our children need to know how their body is functioning and changing. That said, I believe it's the parents responsibility to teach abstinence but should a child decide otherwise, they need to know the consequences (pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections).

Without sexual health education, our many of Hawaii's children will not have the knowledge to make educated choices.

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

Thank you for considering this important policy.

Sincerely,

Simone Perez

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 (808) 394-2090

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Aurora Lemke <alemke@outlook.com>

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Subject Testimony to support policy 103.5

Aloha,

This is in reference to policy 103.5, meeting to take place 6/16/2015.

I believe in the power of responsible education . I believe in empowering young people by giving everyone medically accurate, age appropriate information throughout all their years in schooling. Everyone deserves responsible sexual health education which people can use to make the best health choice for themselves.

All Hawaii schools should have a minimum standard of sexual health education that includes all of the points made in policy 103.5. As a community leader I value the encouragement of keeping open communication between youth and parents/guardians or trusted adults. As a community leader I value providing youth with community resources they are able to use , this is especially important when a young person knows they want to protect their health but does not know where to go to get those resources.

I encourage the board to support policy 103.5.

Thank you,
Aurora Lemke

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Dear Chairman Horner and Members of the Board;

The purpose of this letter is to provide written testimony regarding the appointment of Principal Brad Bennett as the Hilo-Waiakea Complex Area Superintendent (CAS). As a community member, parent, and educator I strongly encourage the Board and Department to conduct a complete investigation prior to appointing Principal Bennett as CAS.

First, Principal Bennett does not display the necessary qualities to effectively lead the Hilo-Waiakea Complex. He is not supportive of his colleagues or subordinates, but just the opposite - he is disrespectful to women and a bully (yelling at staff, condescending, intimidating). If one of the main responsibility of a CAS is to mentor, coach, and provide support to principals; then Principal Bennett may not be the right option. Belittling and talking down to others is not supportive and it certainly does not promote a safe and trusting environment.

Second, Principal Bennett does not support most state initiatives. While it is important for our complex leaders to have their own vision and be able to think for himself or herself, it is equally important to positively contribute to the movement of the entire system. As a CAS and a representative of our State Education System, I want someone who spends his/her time positively supporting our teachers, principals, and complex and state staff.

Finally, prior to appointing Principal Bennett please take the time and review the allegations against him regarding his disrespectful and bullying behavior. Groups to contact for additional feedback may include teachers and administrators from current and previous schools, Educational Officers from OCISS and OHR, Title I (School Transformation Office), and New Teacher Center.

Thank you for your time,

Concerned Citizen



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Sincerely,

Maya Siklai

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Ever since we were able to implement Making Proud Choices(MPC) and Making A Difference(MAD) sexual health curriculums at Dole Middle School, we have had significant numbers of students participants vs those who opt out. This started about 8 years ago. We currently teach only the MAD Curriculum to be in compliance with the DOE recommendations. I am referring to Kokua Kalihi Valley CFS Agency and PACT agency in collaboration with Dole Middle School. The significant number of students that participated each year in the MPC, now only MAD Program, does tell us that majority of the parents in this community support our efforts, to educate their child on such sensitive issues that they are NOT comfortable talking about and may LACK medically accurate information to share. From experience and working in this community for over 20yrs., these students NEED this education. As a family planning and sexual health educator, we are NOT teaching students HOW to have sex or PROMOTING having sex. We are simply teaching students PREVENTION from getting sexually transmitted infections, from pregnancy at a young age, from making unhealthy, irresponsible choices which leads to consequences. We also talk about setting goals and reaching them, if they make WISE and RESPONSIBLE CHOICES for their health and socially too. In order to provide effective and medically accurate information then, it can't be avoided if we have to say words as anal sex, oral sex... etc. We do not show them explicit images! In the long run, it will help save money and have healthier communities and students who will be wiser and responsible in making decisions about sex. WE ARE ON THE SAME SIDE!!!

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Mili Samifua

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“With data collection, “the sooner the better” is always the best answer”.
Marissa Mayers, CEO of Yahoo

ASDF, JKL;, ASDF, JKL;, ASDF,JKL;. Now is the time for all good teachers to come to the aide of their student test takers. “Common Core Linked Test Spur Schools to Teaching Typing”, was an article in the February 4, 2015 edition of the Wall Street Journal which correlates an increase in student academic achievement on standard testing with learning the basic keyboard typing skills, scrolling, maneuvering, selection, highlighting, indenting, opening drop down menus, re-arranging words, moving and deleting. The mastery of these simple skills increases manual dexterities, promoting digital fluency, hand-eye-coordination, minimizes the 4’fs (fear, frustration, failure and fatigue) giving students practice, building confidence thru familiarity.

However the primary stakeholders in student acquisition of any enrichment skill rest squarely on the shoulders of parental commitment to their child’s success. After school programs, faith based programs, the public library, cross generational engagement, summer camp programs all provide supplemental exposure to the foundations that were set forth by mom and dad. Equally as committed communities must show dedication to moving our state youth from poverty to prosperity to full citizen participation in the democratic process.

Yet this can’t be done without requiring our IT Department explicit instruction of data collection. Therefore we humbly request that data be compile and collected for our district, administration, teacher and parental review.

PM Azinga

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Submitted for Public Testimony, Hawaii Board of Education

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I teach at the University of Hawaii at Manoa & almost every semester one of my students deals with an unplanned pregnancy which disrupts their education. They leave university, forgoing the opportunity to earn a degree, and a well-paying career. Many of these students want to become mothers at some point in their lives, but lack the knowledge to ensure that it happens after they complete their educations, which is disastrous for their long-term earning potential and for that of their families.

PLEASE ENABLE COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN THIS STATE.

All the best, Dr. Wurtzburg

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Holly Kessler
Executive Director



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Stephen Tschudi <sfleming@hawaii.edu>

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cc
Subject Testimony for BOE meeting Tuesday
16 June, Seal of Bilingual

Hawai'i State Board of Education
Agenda item: State Seal of Bilingual and Guidelines for Implementation
Esteemed Members of the Board:

I have served as a faculty member at UH Mānoa for over twenty years. As a language teacher and as someone who works to help learners bridge cultural and linguistic gaps and to escape the prison of monolingualism, I am offering testimony once again to you to strongly encourage you to support the recognition of bilingual competency in our educational system and our economy and polity. I feel the policy and guidelines as placed before you by the relevant Committee are a step in the right direction.

The state of scholarship surrounding bilingualism and bilingual has advanced considerably over the past half century. It used to be thought that bilingualism was a handicap. Later it was shown that the original research was poorly done and that bilinguals do not suffer cognitive disadvantages. In fact, quite the opposite is true. It is now known that the positive effects of learning more than one language in childhood extend beyond mere knowledge of the languages in question. As Ellen Bialystok has put it, "The knowledge of two languages is greater than the sum of its parts." In certain domains, bilingual children show cognitive advantages that are related to their knowledge of more than one coding system for communication and cognition.

Bilingualism is also good for society. To draw a rough analogy from biology, all things being equal, diverse ecosystems are more resilient than monocultures. A multilingual, multicultural Hawai'i is stronger and better able to meet challenges than an English-only Hawai'i. Recognition of bilingual will promote good practices in educational and labor settings, including more accurate placement in classes and job descriptions that take account of workers' use on the job of more than one language to serve client populations.

By recognizing and certifying bilingual, we will support the full use of talents in our society that currently do not receive adequate recognition. Thank you for your support of the Seal of Bilingual.

Please note that this testimony will be offered in written form only; I am unable to attend the meeting.

Mahalo and aloha,

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Stephen L Tschudi
Specialist in Technology for Foreign Language Education, UH Manoa
Honolulu

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Contact us: Song Jiang, President of CLEAH,

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Monday, June 15, 2015

Support for the State Seal of Biliteracy

On behalf of Chinese Language Education Association in Hawaii (CLEAH), I am writing to express our full support of SB900 which proposes the establishment of a State Seal of Biliteracy. We believe that awarding the Seal to graduating high school seniors with advanced proficiency in a second language is an important recognition for the unique, rich, and diverse language assets of Hawaii's students. It is an excellent opportunity to promote second language education in K-12 schools in Hawaii and as a result greatly increase economic and cross-cultural communication power of the State.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF FRENCH - HAWAII CHAPTER

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15 June 2015

Board of Education General Business Meeting Tuesday, 16 June 2015 1:00p.m.

Agenda Item VI.I, Board Action on Student Achievement Committee recommendations concerning new Board Policy, unnumbered, Seal of Biliteracy

Board of Education Chair Donald Horner and Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my full support for the Hawai'i State Seal of Biliteracy. As we move into the future, such a distinction will promote the development of literacy in two or more languages and recognize the rich and diverse language assets of Hawai'i students. It will better position the students and the state for economic and cross-cultural needs of our globalizing world.

As current President of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French, I know that our teachers in public schools work hard to assure that their students the language skills to progress to the highest level of instruction in their respective schools. As teachers, we realize that the study of another language is of utmost importance for college and beyond. In the age of globalization, languages are important in all sectors of business, education and the sciences.

This State Seal of Biliteracy is an excellent validation for the students in Hawai'i, especially since we live in a rich and linguistically diverse state. The Board of Education's recognition of students' language achievements will underscore the importance of language study in our unique "crossroads" position in the Pacific.

Sincerely,



Catherine M. Pettit

President

AATF-Hawai'i Chapter

cpettit@iolani.org



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Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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Jun 13, 2015

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Sincerely,

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 Subject Please Support Comprehensive Sex
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06/13/2015 02:30 PM

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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

June 15, 2015

TO: Mr. Don Horner, Chair
Mr. Brian De Lima, Vice Chair
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Wai'ale'ale Sarsona
Kamehameha Schools

RE: **Board of Education Policy E-3 Nā Hopena A'o**

Chair Horner, Vice Chair De Lima, and members of the Board of Education:

On behalf of Kamehameha Schools, we would like to express support of passing the landmark policy Nā Hopena A'o. This policy is in line with the State of Hawai'i's two official languages—Hawaiian and English—that were outlined in the 1978 CONCON. It also recognizes the United Nation's declaration that supports Indigenous pathways to educating native students. This new Board of Education policy enhances the uniqueness of this archipelago through a set of outcomes that while grounded in Hawai'i, represent universal principles that will improve the well-being of all who live in this state.

Further, Nā Hopena A'o represents a strong commitment to creating healthy, positive learning environment for the largest educational system in Hawai'i—the Department of Education. These six statements—strengthened sense of belonging, responsibility, excellence, aloha, total well-being, and Hawai'i—will provide staff, students, parents and families, and communities a strengths-based approach to improving entire communities through education. This historic policy can transform Hawai'i as a place not only to visit but also to live and raise future generations.

Finally, VI.H. E-3 truly benefits the 50,000+ Native Hawaiian students who enter public school classrooms every day a school is in session. As a partner in the continued forward progress of educating Hawai'i's youth, Kamehameha Schools encourages the Board to establish these six statements as a means of improving the state of Hawaiians, not just for the students of today but for generations to come. This policy opens the doors of opportunity by ensuring that the values found in Hawaiian culture are celebrated and cherished in public schools. To this end, we strongly encourage Hawai'i's Board of Education to pass this policy.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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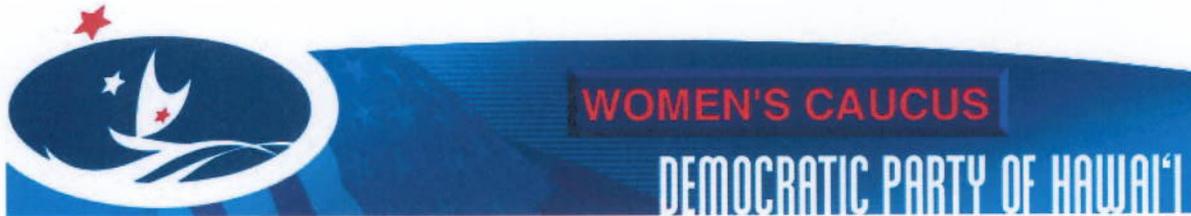
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To: Donald Horner, Chair
Brian De Lima, Vice Chair and
Members of the Hawai'i State Board of Education

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: Board Action on Student Achievement Committee recommendation concerning Board Policy
103.5 Sexual Health Education
Hearing: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 1:30 p.m., Queen Liliuokalani Building, Room 404

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 and as a public health matter, our teens must be educated so that they may make informed decisions about their health and their futures.

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 (Attachment 1). 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.

The costs of teen childbearing divert state funds away from other priorities. The progress Hawai'i has made in reducing teen births has saved the state an estimated \$50 million in 2010 alone compared to the costs they would have incurred had the rates not fallen.³

Hawai'i 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

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.

³ thenationalcampaign.org

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.

**Live Births to Females Aged 15-19 Years, by School Complex,
for the Aggregated Years 2008-2012**

Note: Birth Rate is the number of births to females aged 15-19 years per 1,000 females aged 15-19 years; n/r = Not Reportable, where number of births is between 1 and 5

Mother's School Complex	5-year Popn Est (Female, 15-19 yrs)	Total # of Births	Birth Rate
Aiea	5,180	154	29.7
Baldwin	4,585	177	38.6
Campbell	11,260	372	33.0
Castle	8,490	227	26.7
Farrington	16,710	538	32.2
Hana	3,265	90	27.6
Hilo & Waiakea	8,300	288	34.7
Honokaa	1,095	48	43.8
Kahuku	4,840	93	19.2
Kailua	7,260	189	26.0
Kaimuki	9,120	111	12.2
Kaiser	3,685	22	6.0
Kalaheo	1,905	107	56.2
Kalani	2,300	13	5.7
Kapaa	3,950	128	32.4
Kapolei	7,265	201	27.7
Kau	1,240	54	43.5
Kauai	4,885	214	43.8
Keaau	3,420	116	33.9
Kealakehe	4,260	234	54.9
King Kekaulike	2,705	88	32.5
Kohala	3,600	120	33.3
Konawaena	2,015	117	58.1
Lahainaluna	2,920	121	41.4
Lanai	455	20	44.0
Laupahoehoe	895	46	51.4
Leilehua	7,005	377	53.8
Maui	7,295	280	38.4
McKinley	4,960	104	21.0
Mililani	8,790	177	20.1
Moanalua & Radford	7,205	176	24.4
Molokai	1,140	74	64.9
Pahoa	4,180	194	46.4
Pearl City	4,875	139	28.5
Roosevelt	10,705	126	11.8
Waialua	1,840	57	31.0
Waianae & Nanakuli	10,510	716	68.1
Waimea	820	48	58.5
Waipahu	11,930	421	35.3

Rate is higher than the national average:
29.4 births per 1,000 women aged 15-19 years (2012)