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June 2, 2016

To: Hawaii State Board of Education

Testimony on Policy # 2245/103.8 Prophylactics in the Public Schools

Hawaii Youth Services Network a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports access to condoms for students in public schools.

Hawaii students have consistently reported the lowest rate of condom use in the United States. Only 48.4% of sexually active students used a condom during last sexual intercourse (Hawaii Youth Risk Behavioral Survey 2015). This puts our youth at high risk of unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

Overall, Hawaii ranks 25th in teen births at 23.1 per thousand girls ages 15-19. However, Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth face much higher risk with a teen birth rate of 145 per 1,000. And Hawaii consistently ranks in the top ten in chlamydia infections.

Evidence shows that making condoms available in schools works.

In a two-year study of Philadelphia health resource centers (HRCs) that make condoms available, the percent of students using condoms at last intercourse increased from 52 to 58 percent. In schools with high HRC use, **the number of students ever having intercourse dropped from 75 to 66 percent**, while condom use at last intercourse rose from 37 to 50 percent.

By comparison, in schools reporting lower HRC use, **the percentage of sexually active teens decreased from 61 to 56 percent**, while condom use at last intercourse rose from 57 to 61 percent. Non-program schools showed an increase in sexual activity among teens.

Condom availability programs do not promote sexual activity. A study of New York City's school condom availability program found a significant increase in condom use among sexually active students but no increase in sexual activity.

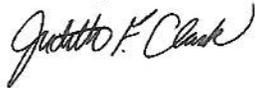
Making condoms available to students in school health rooms or counselors' offices provides opportunities to educate youth about their sexual health, encouraging and supporting abstinence, while increasing knowledge and motivation for sexually active youth to reduce their risk of unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

Hawaii's citizens and public health groups nationally support condom access. In a 2012 survey conducted by SMS Research, 62% said that high school students should have access to condoms in public schools.

The Institute of Medicine, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Medical Association have all adopted policies recommending that condoms be made available to adolescents as part of comprehensive school health programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jennifer Salcedo. I am an obstetrician gynecologist and Vice Chair of the Hawaii Section of the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG). I would like to submit the attached testimony on behalf of ACOG for tomorrow's Student Achievement meeting for the agenda item 103.8 Prophylactics in the Public Schools AGAINST the ban on condoms in public schools.

I would also like to register to testify in person on behalf of ACOG at the meeting.

Please let me know if I need to provide additional information.

Thank you.
Dr. Jennifer Salcedo

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Jennifer Salcedo MD, MPH, MPP, FACOG
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Subject TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of
Guidelines for Transgender Students

To: Student Achievement Committee
Re: Presentation on Department of Education's work on guidelines relating to transgender students
Position: Support

Aloha,

My name is Chris Santomauro and I am a teacher with the Department of Education. I would like to express my strong support for the guidelines presented for transgender students in the DOE. I have worked with a number of students who identify as transgender and know that they would welcome a safe campus where they would be able to disclose their identities and receive access to the supports and programs that are applicable to their gender identities.

I recognize that there may be many folks who have a fear about what this opening of the spectrum of gender identities might mean for our schools and larger society. I would encourage folks to learn about the mahus in Hawaiian culture and reflect on how a broader definition of gender may be a blessing to our society instead of a sin or a step in the wrong direction, as Western culture may wish us to believe. It is long past time for us to decolonize our minds and open ourselves up to the traditions and ancient wisdoms that existed long before Captain Cook and his men arrived here.

Any steps towards a more inclusive and supportive society can only lead us to progress as a people. There may be bumps in the road, but education should be the guiding light that drives us, not fear. Together we can figure these questions out and support each other so that ALL of our students feel safe and supported at school.

Mahalo,
Chris Santomauro

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From: Nan Kleiber, Ph.D., Director of the Our Whole Lives sexuality education program at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

To: Student Achievement Committee of the Board of Education

Agenda Item: Policy 103.8, availability of condoms in the public high schools

Position: I am in favor of making condoms available to all who need them in Hawai'i!

Comments:

1. We want students in our state to obtain excellent educations, and achieve the most they can.
2. We can improve their opportunities to receive and complete their educations, and maintain their health and well-being.
3. By making condoms available to them, thus protecting them from Sexually Transmitted Infections AND Unplanned/unwanted Pregnancies.
4. This will save money, save lives, and make pregnancy and parenthood positive choices, when they are READY to make these choices.
5. Sex is embarrassing, for adults, and for youth. But it is a reality, and by accepting this reality, and making condoms available to youth in all parts of Hawai'i, we build a better future for all people in Hawai'i, but especially for our youth, and future generations.

Thank you for your attention.

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Dear Hawaii Board of Education,

I, Lauren Guest, support the termination of the ban on condom access in Hawaii schools. As a public health educator and planner for Kauai District Health Office, I see first-hand the lack of knowledge of and access to sexual and reproductive health services among Kauai's middle and high school students. Banning condoms in schools does not inherently make children choose to abstain. If we value the health and futures of Hawaii's students, then we must provide them with options to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. Please vote to terminate the ban on condoms in our schools.

Sincerely,
Lauren Guest

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*"If you think you're too small to make a difference, you haven't spent a night with a mosquito".
~African Proverb*

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Testimony in OPPOSITION to Policy 103.8, Prophylactics in the Public Schools, before the Board of Education Student Achievement Committee, June 7th, 2016

I am an ob/gyn physician and Family Planning fellow, and I currently work with adolescents in the Teen Clinic at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. I oppose Policy 103.8 for the health of Hawaii's students.

Hawaii has the lowest rate of condom use among adolescents [1] and the 15th highest rate of chlamydia in the United States [2]. In Hawaii 8.6 percent of middle school students and 35.9 percent of high school students have ever been sexually active [3]. At the beginning of high school, 13.2 percent of ninth grade students in Hawaii reported being sexually active in the last three months, and this increased to 41.2 percent of students by twelfth grade [3]. Only 45.9 percent used a condom at last sexual intercourse [4].

Each week the Teen Clinic at Kapiolani Medical Center provides antenatal care, contraception, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections to an adolescent population. The majority of adolescents report inconsistent condom use or no condom use at all. Adolescents frequently cite limited access, cost, and concerns about public embarrassment and social stigma when purchasing condoms as the most common reasons that they do not use condoms.

Condoms are more than 80 percent effective at preventing pregnancy and are 98 percent effective at preventing the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Access to condoms is an integral part of safer sex behavior. Condom distribution programs have been demonstrated to improve condom use, decrease STIs, and delay sexual initiation among young people [5]. A condom availability program in Holyoke, Massachusetts demonstrated a 47 percent decrease in gonorrhea and chlamydia infections among male students over three years of a condom availability program [6].

The Board of Education has already prioritized sexual health education with the establishment of Policy 103.5 on Sexual Health Education, but without access to condoms and contraception adolescents in Hawai'i will be unable to implement safer sex behaviors and will continue to experience high rates of unintended pregnancies and STIs. Removing the ban on condoms will contribute to the impact of Policy 103.5 and will decrease unintended pregnancies and STIs. Providing condoms in schools will present additional opportunities for counseling on safer sex behaviors, risk reduction, and healthy relationships.

Preventing adolescents from accessing condoms does not prevent them from having sex but ensures that they are much more likely to have unprotected sex and increase their risk of unintended pregnancy and STIs. The Board of Education should strongly consider rescinding this policy to improve the health of Hawaii's students.

References

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2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *2014 Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance*. 2015: Atlanta, GA.
3. *Hawaii School Health Survey: Youth Risk Behavior Survey Module - Lifetime Sexual Activity in Hawaii*. Available from: http://hhdw.org/wp-content/uploads/YRBS_Family-Planning_IND_00001.pdf. Accessed May 2, 2016
4. *Hawaii School Health Survey: Youth Risk Behavior Survey Module - Current Sexual Activity in Hawaii*. Available from: http://hhdw.org/wp-content/uploads/YRBS_Family-Planning_IND_00002.pdf. Accessed May 2, 2016
5. Charania, M.R., et al., *Efficacy of structural-level condom distribution interventions: a meta-analysis of U.S. and international studies, 1998-2007*. AIDS Behav, 2011. **15**(7): p. 1283-97.
6. Wretzel, S.R., P.F. Visintainer, and L.M. Pinkston Koenigs, *Condom availability program in an inner city public school: effect on the rates of gonorrhea and chlamydia infection*. J Adolesc Health, 2011. **49**(3): p. 324-6.



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Subject rescind Policy 103.8

As a parent and concerned community member, I strongly request the Hawaii BOE rescind its archaic Policy 103.8 for the health and well-being of our youth and communities.

Hawaii's teens rank dead last in the country for condom use amongst those youth that are sexually active. This leads to our high teen pregnancy and STD rates. As a community, we can do better.

Condom access programs have been proven to increase condom use (which decreases pregnancy and STD rates!) and actually decrease the number of youth who report being sexually active.

In many parts of Hawaii - in particular, neighbor islands and rural areas of the state, youth cant access condoms due to shame, stigma, and lack of available resources. Its that much more important that youth be able to access condoms and educational information where they are already at- schools. This can greatly reduce the teen pregnancy and STD rates that our communities currently face.

Please do what is right for our youth - rescind policy 103.8. Our youth deserve better.

Sincerely,

Sonia Blackiston

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To: Hawaii State Board of Education Student Achievement Committee
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Queen Liliuokalani Building, Rm. 404
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii in Support of
Rescinding Policy 103.8

Dear Chair Halagao and Members of the Student Achievement Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii urges the Hawaii State Board of Education Student Achievement Committee to rescind Policy 103.8, as it will continue to harm the health and safety of our youth by preventing distribution of condoms and other prophylactic devices to students in the classroom, on the school campus or at any school-related activities.

Youth, families, communities and taxpayers, particularly those in rural and geographically remote areas, are paying the price for the condom ban.

The consequences of the condom ban are clear and severe. According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Hawaii's teens rank lowest in the nation for condom use¹, with less than half of our teens reporting that they used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse.² Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country and costs Hawaii taxpayers around \$32 million per year.

Teens in rural and geographically remote areas are especially harmed by the condom ban, as they already have severely limited access to condoms simply because of where they live. Confidentiality, cost, transportation, and embarrassment compound this problem. Can we really expect teens in Lanai, Molokai, Pahoa or any rural community to purchase condoms at a local store that may be staffed by an acquaintance or relative?

Hawaii's teen birth rate dramatically illustrates this problem: students from Waianae/Nanakuli and Molokai have the highest teen birth rates in the state, at over twice the national average. In Honokaa, over 1 out of every 2 teen girls of native Hawaiian or Pacific Island descent gives birth every year. In Laupahoehoe, the number is only slightly lower (just under 1 out of every 2).³

Condom availability programs are a positive investment in our youth with proven success.

Combined with comprehensive sexual health education, condom availability programs have successfully reduced the risk of pregnancy and STI's amongst teens. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

¹ Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Percentage of high school students who used a condom during last sexual intercourse*, (2013), available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss6304.pdf>.

² Hawaii Health Data Warehouse; Hawaii School Health Survey: Youth Risk Behavior Survey Module, *Students who responded that they or their partner used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse* (2015), available at http://hhdw.org/wp-content/uploads/YRBS_Family-Planning_IND_000051.pdf

³ Hawaii Health Data Warehouse; Hawaii State Department of Health, Office of Health Status Monitoring, *Live Births in Hawaii (Residents Only), for Females Aged 15-19 Years, by School Complex and Mother's Race/Ethnicity, for the Aggregated Years 2008-2012*, (February 17, 2015).

Prevention (CDC) states that “Condom Distribution Programs (CDPs) have been proven to increase condom use, prevent HIV/STDs, and save money.”⁴

A review of multiple studies on the effectiveness of condom availability programs in the U.S. and elsewhere found “significant intervention effects... for the following outcomes: condom use, condom acquisition/condom carrying, delayed sexual initiation among youth, and reduced incident STIs.”⁵

A study performed in Holyoke and Springfield, MA found a “47% decrease in the rates of gonorrhea and chlamydia infection combined over three years after the implementation of a condom availability program [in a Holyoke school], whereas similar aged males in a Springfield school [without a condom availability program] had a 23% increase in the rates of gonorrhea and chlamydia infection.”⁶

Together with a comprehensive sexual health education program, a condom availability program could go far to reduce the rates of unintended pregnancy and STI’s and encourage Hawaii’s youth to make healthy, safe and responsible decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, we urge you to rescind Policy 103.8.

Sincerely,
Laurie Field
Hawaii Legislative Director

⁴ Atlanta: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Condom Distribution as a Structural Level Intervention* (May, 2015), available at http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/prevention_programs_condom_distribution.pdf.

⁵ Mahnaz R. Charania et al., *Efficacy of Structural-Level Condom Distribution Interventions: A Meta-Analysis of U.S. and International Studies, 1998-2007*, *AIDS and Behavior* 15.7 (October 2011): 1283-1297, available at <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10461-010-9812-y>.

⁶ Sharon R. Wretzel, Paul F. Visintainer, and Laura M. Pinkston Koenigs, *Condom Availability Program in an Inner City Public School: Effect on the Rates of Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Infection*, *Journal of Adolescent Health* 49.3 (September 2011): 324-6, available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21856527>.



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Subject Testimony for SAC meeting 6/7/16

Regarding the following items A: multilingual C: Transgender

Aloha BOE members,

As always, mahalo for accepting my testimony in regards to items currently under your consideration. I will be attending the SAC meeting on Tuesday and look forward to hearing more.

For both Item A and Item C it seems to me that understanding the Uniqueness of Hawai'i, our new GLOs, understanding sense of place and that each individual may have a different situation is important to having "policies" that can work for all stakeholders especially the students.

A. Multilingual

I read through Superintendent Matayoshi's presentation to the BOE. I realize that it is a work in progress and I commend the DOE for the work done to date. However, I am concerned that I don't see general elementary education teachers listed as stakeholders in the discussions. As a retired educator, I can share with you that for multilingual students and students which are being classified English Language Learners, we are the front line. We are the person there greeting the family and students. Is this because the DOE has decided that the multilingual policy will only be for high school students? This is not the way I understood the intent from previous BOE meetings. Perhaps you could get clarification? It is also concerning that the community members are not listed. A diverse group, including students and people from all areas of the community including the houseless, I believe would be beneficial.

C. Transgender

I applaud the BOE and DOE for taking this step to develop policies that will help our transgender students. It is great that you listened to the community and were already working on this before the federal governments mandates. I know that there will be many thoughts on this policy but it is always important to think of the children and their families. They are our highest priority always. The only thing I want to add is that limiting the policy only to transgender (and I realize it is a start) may be too limiting? What about other kids who do not fit on the binary spectrum? Asexual, gender fluid, etc.? Has there been discussion there? Again, remembering that we are Hawai'i should help the BOE to come to policy decisions. Getting it to filter down through the schools, changing attitudes and ways will be a challenge but honestly, any educator who can not comply or follow or encourage in their school does not belong.

Again, mahalo for all that you do. It is not an easy task to be a BOE member and you are very much appreciated.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

June 7, 2016

Chair Mizumoto and Board Members,

I would first like to applaud the apparent intent of new BOE Policy E-101, entitled 'Whole Child Development.' It is my understanding that this language will frame the department's work on a wide range of areas connected to Goal 1 of the DOE Strategic plan, Student Success. I was excited to see this language because I have recently spent some time and energy exploring the academic research on 'Whole Child Education.'

There are very few adults who would argue that the attributes identified as the goals for student development in the policy are not laudable and important. However, I would like to raise some concerns, both as a parent and as a high school teacher, about the very particular approach to 'whole student development' being taken in this policy introduction, and I would request that the language of this section be revisited. I am going to focus today on the means identified in this policy to achieve the desired ends.

This overview is important because it is meant to capture the broad intention of Goal 1 and the Department's understanding of the basis for and definition of 'Student Success.' The type of attribute listing that frames this introductory policy reads, to an educator, as a list of desired behavioral patterns and dispositions. This type of approach lends itself to instructional approaches designed to elicit a specific range of behaviors from students, rather than those designed to engage students in deep, critical reflection about multiple ways of being. The Department's emphasis, in the discussion of the comprehensive system of support, on "standards-based instruction" for all students; data-driven decision-making grounded in "ongoing assessment"; and the development of an "effective single all-student database" raises questions about the extent to which the Goal is actually designed and intended to address the needs of the 'whole child.' While the Department included student support through "a range of services" and the "involvement of families and community stakeholders," I am deeply concerned with an approach to "Whole Child Education" that uses the very means that have effectively traumatized so many of our young people (suffocating standardization of curriculum and instruction without regard for the beautiful diversity of interests and aptitudes in our young people, reinforced by widespread toxic testing, and the further fetishization of data-collection) to ostensibly support the 'whole child.'

"Whole Child Education" is not about establishing behavioral goals achieved by standardization of education, but about insuring that each and every student is *healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged*. This approach is about creating the conditions that make it possible for each and every student to

1. enter school healthy and learn about and practice a healthy lifestyle;
2. learn in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults;
3. be actively engaged in learning and connected to the school and broader community;
4. have access to personalized learning and support by qualified, caring adults; and

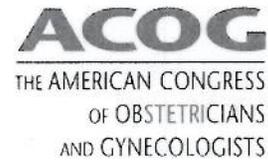
5. be challenged academically and prepared for success in college or further study and for employment and participation in a global environment (*The Whole Child*).

I respectfully ask that this policy overview and introduction (BOE Policy E-101) be revised to reflect the findings of the current academic literature on 'whole child' education.

Sincerely,

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**American Congress of Obstetricians and
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District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section**



Tuesday – June 7, 2016
8:30 AM

To: Hawaii State Board of Education

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

Re: **Policy 103.8, Prophylactics in the Public Schools**

Position: **Support Availability of Condoms in Public Schools**

Dear Board of Education Members:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section strongly supports the availability of condoms in public schools.

Unfortunately, Hawaii's teens rank lowest in the nation for condom use. Additionally, our state has significantly higher rates of chlamydia and adolescent pregnancy than the U.S. national average. Further, although in Hawaii adolescents 14 years old and older are able to consent for reproductive health care, such as sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment and contraception, without parental permission, many teens still face substantial barriers in accessing such care.

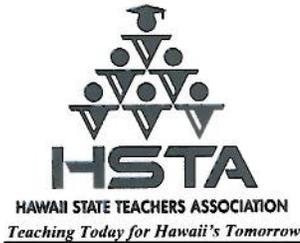
Based on the best available scientific evidence, ACOG strongly advocates that condoms and condom information should be available through a variety of channels, including families, medical facilities, commercial channels, and schools. Making condoms available at schools

can increase condom use among sexually active students but does not increase sexual activity.

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

Reference:

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



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

RE: AGENDA ITEM IV, C, TRANSGENDER STUDENT GUIDELINES

Chair Halagao and Members of the Board:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association applauds the Department of Education's openness to all children, including transgender students. As the DOE proclaimed in its Nā Hopena A'ō (HŌ) framework, our schools should strengthen our communal sense of aloha. We commend the DOE and BOE for setting forth, in state policy, an agenda that recognizes gender identity diversity throughout Hawai'i's public school system. Our schools must be welcoming for all keiki, regardless of their race, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Yet, too often, transgender and gender non-conforming students face challenges that impair their learning environment and academic progress. According to a national survey by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, 75 percent of transgender youth feel unsafe at school nationwide, with transgender students overall having lower grade point averages, being more likely to miss school because of safety concerns, and reporting a lack of desire to continue educational advancement.

This May, President Obama sent a letter to all schools mandating equal treatment for transgender students. In announcing the administration's directives, Attorney General Loretta Lynch urged us to "summon our national virtues of inclusivity, diversity, compassion, and open-mindedness" in extending the promise of education to all of America's youth. As teachers, we must embrace Obama's call for inclusivity by confronting ignorance with information. And to the greatest extent possible, we must teach our children the lessons of history, which bend discrimination to the unending arc of justice.

Late Testimony



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Subject BOE Testimony on policy 2245

Old BOE policy 2245 should be abolished.

The old DOE policy is over 20 years old. Since then, it has become widely known that transmission of the deadly infection HIV and a variety of other sexually transmitted infections can be halted by use of prophylactics. In the last month, we have learned that the potentially devastating Zika virus can be sexually transmitted. And, of course, the use of prophylactics will prevent unwanted pregnancies.

This old policy is outdated and continuing it will mean students will continue to engage in risky unprotected sex. If we are interested in the future health and success of our students we need to provide accurate education and encourage the use of the tools with which to keep themselves healthy. Eliminating the ban by abolishing the old DOE policy on prophylactics will do this.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony.

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Hawaii State Board of Education
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Dear State Board of Education,

I am writing to urge that you please oppose policy 103.8, the ban on access to condoms in schools.

Right now, youth, families, communities and taxpayers are paying the price for a Board of Education policy that bans condoms at schools. Hawaii's teens rank dead last in the nation for condom use and the consequences are devastating. Hawaii teens rank 12th in the nation for chlamydia infections, and their pregnancy rate is 9th highest in the country and costs Hawaii taxpayers around \$32 million per year.

Teens in rural and geographically remote areas are especially harmed by the school condom ban, as they already have severely limited access to condoms simply because of where they live. Confidentiality, cost, transportation, and embarrassment compound this problem.

Condom availability programs are a positive investment in our youth with proven success. Combined with comprehensive sexual health education, condom availability programs have successfully reduced the risk of pregnancy and STI's among teens by increasing condom use and promoting abstinence.

Thank you for considering this important policy change to stop banning condoms in public schools.