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Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education

Hakipu'u Learning Center
Kāne'ohē, O'ahu

October 28, 2016

Hālanu Kū Māna
Honolulu, O'ahu

Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo
Keaukaha, Hawai'i

Board of Education
POB 2360

Ka Waihoā o ka Na'auao
Wai'anac, O'ahu

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804

Kamaile Academy
Wai'anac, O'ahu

ATTN: Board Chairperson. Lance Mizumoto

Kanu o ka 'Āina
Waimea, Hawai'i

RE: Hawai'i Administrative Rules

Kanuika Pono
Anahola, Kaua'i

Aloha mai kākou.

Kawaikini PCS
Lihue, Kaua'i

On behalf of Nā Lei Na'auao – Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education, we would like to recommend that the Board of Education's Student Achievement Committee and the Board, adopt the amended Administrative Rules, as it pertains in Exhibit B.

Ke Ana La'ahana
Keaukaha, Hawai'i

The Nā Lei Na'auao – Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education (NLN), was founded in 2000 by Native Hawaiian educators, parents and community members from throughout the archipelago. NLN's mission 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.

Ke Kula Niihau 'o Kekaha
Kekaha, Kaua'i

Aligning with worldwide Indigenous educational reform efforts, NLN is using the national charter school movement as a vehicle to provide viable choices in education at the community level. NLN also partners with Hawaiian organizations and others interested in closing Hawai'i's achievement gap, to create a system of education that is culturally-driven, community-based, family-oriented and results in the establishment of sustainable communities, particularly in Hawai'i's rural areas.

Ke Kula 'o
Nāwahīokalani'opu'u
Kca'au, Hawai'i

Ke Kula 'o Samuel M.
Kamakau
Kāne'ohē, O'ahu

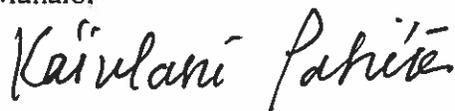
Kua o ka Lā
Pāhoa, Hawai'i

Kualapu'u Elementary
Kualapu'u, Molokai

We appreciate your consideration and support!

Kula Aupuni Niihau A
Kahiealani Aloha
Makaweli, Kaua'i

Mahalo.



Mālama Hōnua
Waimānalo, O'ahu

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Native Hawaiian Education Council

October 31, 2016

Mr. Lance A. Mizumoto, Chairperson
Mr. Brian De Lima, Vice Chairperson
State of Hawai'i, Board of Education
P. O. Box 2360
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Via: testimony_boe@notes.k12.hi.us

Subject: IV.B.(2) Recommendation for Action on public comment received on the administrative rules for multiple charter school authorizers at September 27, 2016 public hearing

Dear Mr. Mizumoto and De Lima,

After reviewing the analysis, written testimony and other documents associated with the agenda item, the Native Hawaiian Education Council provides the following written testimony **in support** of the proposed motion on the Board's general business meeting agenda:

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Sincerely,

Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino

Dr. Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino, Chair

cc: Native Hawaiian Education Council and staff





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Margaret Cox, Chair
Pat Bergin, Co-Chair
Student Achievement Committee
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P. O. Box 2360
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Dr. Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino, Chair

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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

Time: 10:30 a.m.
Date: November 1, 2016
Meeting: Hawai'i State Board of Education Student Achievement Committee
Location: Queen Lili'uokalani Building
Re: SUPPORT regarding Proposed HAR 8-515 and 8-517

Aloha! My name is Wai'ale'ale Sarsona and I serve as the Managing Director of the Kūamahi Community Education Group of Kamehameha Schools. As part of the second goal of Kamehameha Schools' strategic plan, which guides us to contribute to the communities' collective efforts to improve Hawai'i's education systems for Native Hawaiian learners, Kamehameha Schools is committed to support Hawaiian-focused charter schools. Therefore, we are writing to express our support of the Board of Education's efforts to establish and implement an authorizer in addition to the existing Hawai'i Public Charter School Commission.

Our comments are intended to support advancement of the proposed "Authorizer" rules and we are appreciative of the modifications that have been made without delay to the rules implementation process.

We support the intention to establish alternative authorizers, as we recognize that the Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission is operating at capacity with the current number of charter schools. We support policies that promote high academic, financial and organizational standards for Hawai'i's charter schools, and the establishment of an alternative authorizer would promote such standards.

Kamehameha Schools advocates for and supports the achievement of Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian public school students. As such, we have been a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with Hawaiian-focused public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe that Hawaiian-focused charter schools provide quality educational choices for our families and ultimately enhance both academic achievement and engagement for students. We encourage you, the leaders of our government to stand with us in supporting a move to improve the educational system in Hawai'i in this way.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is a statewide educational system supported by a trust endowed by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian learners. We believe that by continuing to engage in dialog around these charter school policies and proposals, we can contribute in a positive and meaningful way.

E kūlia mau kākou i ka nu'u! Let's constantly strive for the summit. Mahalo a nui.