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Support of SB 2167, Relating to Education

Hi my name is Kelsey Christensen and I am here to represent Connections New Century Public Charter School. I strongly agree with the class reduction act. I think that the DOE should hire more teachers and teacher aid for all classes grades k-12 grade, so that there are less kids per class room and so kids and get more one to one help. I am providing comments on that students should have less student per class and more teachers because when there is less students in a class I feel that when there is less kids per class room it is easier to communicate with your teacher and understand what is going on.

When there is 20 or more student it is very hard to get the right help from your teacher. I have experienced where I had to sign on a schedule to see my teacher and get help from her. I am now in a school were there is less kids per classroom and I feel that I am more willing to do my work and I actually understand it. This could also help with the ratio of the drop outs I bet if there is less kids per class those kids that hate going to school ,because they don't understand it would want to come to school because now that there is more teachers to help them understand. When is less kids per class the teacher can pay more attention to what going on in here class room. Also there is a cut on resources lots of time you would have to share if there is too many kids in your class. I feel that more standards can be meet with less kids and more teacher in the class room.

I feel the ratio of kids should be 10-12 kids per teacher. By reducing class sizes you are helping kids get that extra help from there teachers. You are helping them get some right communication between the teacher and students. I urge that that the committee pass SB 2167 and fund all public even charter school so our kids of Hawai'i can get that help and succeed. Thank you so much for this opportunity to testify.