

Date: February 8, 2008

Committee: Senate Education/Agriculture
And Hawaiian Affairs

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: S.B. 2728, Relating to the Hawaiian Language
Immersion Program

Purpose: Appropriates funds for teaching positions at schools with Hawaiian language immersion programs, where supplemental teaching positions are most needed.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (DOE) supports this bill to provide supplemental off-ratio positions to schools whose enrollment may not warrant a regular position based on the weighted student formula as defined by Act 51. These supplemental positions will provide the needed support for Hawaiian Language Immersion Program teachers who teach multiple grade levels and multiple content areas. However, these positions should not supplant the positions the school is required to provide the program based on student enrollment. While the DOE supports the appropriation, it should not replace the current Board of Education budget priorities.

testimony

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The Honorable Chair Colleen Hanabusa
EDU/AHW, WAM

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02-08-08 at 1:15 p.m.

Support

As the principal of a school with a Hawaiian Immersion program, I support SB2728 which proposes to provide funds at teaching positions at schools with Hawaiian language immersion programs, where these positions are most needed.

The current DOE funding formula that provides a teacher for every 27 students does not work for the Hawaiian Immersion program. Many of these programs aren't large enough to secure enough teachers to provide instruction in the variety of content areas necessary. At Kahuku, our Hawaiian Immersion teachers are teaching six grade levels (grades 7-12) and most subject areas. It's difficult for teachers to be highly qualified in multiple subject areas.

Please support our programs by passing this bill.

Thank you,

Lisa DeLong
Principal

testimony

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Statement of
Heanu Weller
Teacher
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo, PCS
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Before the
Senate Committee on Education/Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
Friday, February 8, 2008
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
1:15 pm
In consideration of
SB 2728 Relating to the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee

I, Heanu Weller from Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo, PCS, **strongly support SB 2728** and urge your Committee to vote for passage of this measure.

This bill will appropriate funds for teaching positions at schools implementing the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program where supplemental positions are most needed. Funding for these teaching positions will help to more efficiently serve and address the needs of our growing and diverse student population.

Vote for SB 2728 and support our Hawaiian Language Immersion Program.

Thank you for your continual support for students and public education.

Mahalo,
Heanu Weller

me ke aloha,
Heanu

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SB 2728 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM
Senate Committee(s) on: Education, Agriculture and Hawaiian
Affairs.

DATE: February 8, 2008
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TIME: 1:15pm

ROOM:

Aloha Chairpersons Sakamoto and Tokuda and honorable members of the committees. I am Clyde Namuo, Administrator to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

OHA is in strong support of SB 2728 which seeks to establish full-time teacher positions at kula kaiapuni, schools with Hawaiian language immersion programs. Additional teaching positions are the most needed in rural and outer-island Kula Kaiapuni schools where off-ratio positions are often needed to supplement those schools' regular allocation from the weighted student formula as defined by Act 51, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2004. The schools with Hawaiian Language Immersion Programs needing off-ratio teacher positions are Waimea Elementary School, Moloka'i Middle School, Moloka'i High School, Kahuku Intermediate School, and Kahuku High School.

Kula Kaiapuni celebrates two decades of growth, expansion and success this month. Since its inception, funding for teacher positions has always been a key strategy to ensure the growth and vibrancy of the Department of Education's Hawaiian Language Immersion program, and, as a result, contributed to the vibrancy and growth of the language and culture of our Native Hawaiian people once near the brink of extinction. The success of the program is admired nationally and internationally but much of this success is due to the commitment and diligence of 'ohana as well as the hard work of kumu or teachers. This Legislative body has consistently supported the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program over the past twenty years, seeing it as a crucial vehicle in carrying out the provisions of article X, section 4, and article XV, section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i and provisions of Act 133, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2004, and Act 159, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2005. The Hawaiian language immersion program continues to play a central role in the perpetuation of Hawaiian culture, history, language, values, and practices as provided for by the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs shares the same constitutional mandates to perpetuate the language, culture, and history of our kūpuna and therefore fully supports this bill. Again, OHA supports SB 2728 and we urge you to pass this measure. Mahalo nui loa.

L A T E

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION

RE: SB 2728 – RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION
PROGRAM

February 8, 2008

SHANNON KU'UIPO GARAN
FORMER IMMERSION KUMU OF KE KULA 'O 'EHUNUIKAIMALINO

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Aloha! My name is Shannon Ku'uipo Garan and I am a former kumu at Ke Kula 'o 'Ehunuikaimalino in Kealakekua on the Island of Hawai'i. Because language expresses the soul of a culture, I strongly support SB 2728 and would like to commend the Legislature's recognition of the importance of revitalizing, maintaining, and strengthening the Hawaiian language.

In the nine years I taught in an immersion school, I experienced the struggles and hardships that still continue today for many, if not all, immersion schools. There were years where we were not able to have a single class grade assigned to a teacher. As our school grew, the need for teachers became greater, but difficult to fill. Grades were eventually split and/or combined in order to accommodate the students who wanted to learn in the medium of the Hawaiian language. As difficult as it was, the teachers did what they did best, educating the students to love, not only the Hawaiian language, but our culture as well. Yes, I am no longer an immersion kumu, but still strongly support those who are. My nine year old son has been attending immersion school since Kindergarten and continues to attend immersion classes at Waiau Elementary.

I would hope that this bill will be the catalyst that will create more teacher positions not just to certain immersion schools but to all immersion schools. E ola ka 'olelo Hawai'i!

I strongly urge the committee to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Relating to Senate Bill 2728
Kāko'o

L A T E

IĀ: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

MAIĀ: Keoki McGee

KA LĀ: Pepeluali 8, 2008

'O ko'u inoa 'o Keoki McGee. Hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku. Kāko'o au i ka pila S.B. 2728. Pili kēia ia'u no ka mea, he Hawai'i au a hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i. Pono mākou i mau kumu no nā papa pākahi no ka mea ke a'o nei mākou ma ke kūlana a'o like 'ole.

Kāko'o au i ka pila S.B. 2728 no ka mea he mea maika'i no nā haumāna Kaiapuni Hawai'i no ke 'a'apo 'ana i ka mana'o e pono ai. Inā 'oi aku ka nui o na kūlana kumu, e 'a'apo ana nā haumāna i nā mana'o e pono ai.

Kāko'o au i kēia pila no ka ho'opa'a ha'awina 'ana i nā kumu no nā haumāna. He mau haumāna Hawai'i mākou a kūpono ke a'o 'ana i nā mea Hawai'i. Mahalo no ka ho'olohe 'ana i ko'u ho'ikeana.

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Relating to Senate Bill 2728
KĀKO'O

L A T E

Iā: Senator Norman Sakamoto, chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, vice chairperson
Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, chairperson
Senator J. Kalani English, vice chairperson
Committee on Agricultural and Hawaiian Affairs

Maiā: Kawehena Johnson
Haumana, Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'O Kahuku.

Ka lā: Pepeluali 8, 2008

Aloha. 'O wau 'o Kawehena Johnson. Aia au ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku ma ka papa 8.

Maikai kēia pila no nā kūlana kumu no ka mea, pono i ko'u kula i nā kūlana kumu. Inā 'a'ole lawa nā kūlana kumu 'a'ole nā haumāna e a'o ana me ka maika'i.

Kāko'o au i kēia pila no ka mea, hiki i ke kula ke ulu a'e. Aia nā haumāna ma nā papa 7-11 akā, 'a'ole lawa nā kūlana kumu no nā papa like 'ole i loko o nā papa pākahi. He mea maika'i inā 'ae 'oukou i kēia pila.

Mahalo.

Relating to SB2728
Kāko'o

L A T E

Iā: Senator Norman Sakamoto, chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, vice chairperson
Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, chairperson
Senator J. Kalani English, vice chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Maiā: C. Rarotonga Saaga

Ka lā: Pepehuali, 7, 2008

Aloha e nā kenekoa o ka EDU/AHW, eia wau 'o Rarotonga Saaga. He haumāna wau ma ka papa 'ehiku mai ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i Waena/Ki'eki'e 'o Kahuku. Ua noho wau ma ka papa hana 'ōlelo Hawai'i mai ku'u wā kamali'i, mai ka Pūnana Leo 'o Ko'olauloa a hiki i ka papa 'ehā. Ma ka papa 'clima a me 'eono, ua hele wau i ke Kula Ha'aha'a pelekāne 'o Kahuku. A ua ho'i hou wau i ke kaiapuni.

Kāko'o wau i kēia pila SB2728 no ka mea, mana'o wau, inā aia 'elua kūlana kumu, e maika'i ana nā haumāna no ka mea, 'a'ole i hiki ho'okahi kumu ke a'o i nā papa mai ka papa 'ehiku a i 'umikūmālua. Pono i ke kōkua e ho'omaika'i i nā papa.

I ko'u mana'o, inā kāko'o mau i kēia pila, e maika'i nā kula 'elima: Waimea Elemenatary, Moloka'i Middle, Moloka'i High, Kahuku Intermediate, Kahuku High e a'o a e loa'a i ho'okahi kumu nō nā papa pākahi mai ka papa 'ehiku a i 'umikūmālua.

No laila, kākau wau i kēia e ho'omana'o iā 'oukou i ka pilikia me nā kumu i pono e a'o i 'elua a i 'ekolu mau papa. E kōkua iā lākou/mākou e ulu i ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i me nā kūlana kumu i lawa no nā papa a pau. Mahalo nō kou manawa, a hui hou.

Relating to SB2728- The Hawaiian Immersion Language Program
Support

Iā:

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education

L A T E

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Maiā:

M. U'ilani Nelson, Haumāna
Kula Kaiapuni 'o Kahuku

Ka Lā:

8 Pepeluali 2008

Kāko'o:

Aloha, 'o ko'u inoa 'o U'ilani Nelson, 'o au kekahi haumāna ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku. 'O ko'u mana'o e pili ana i ka pila SB2728, he mea maika'i no ka mea, inā loa'a nā kūlana kumu e pono ai hiki iā mākou ke a'o maika'i a hiki ke hana me ka pono. Inā 'ae 'oukou i ka pila hiki ke ho'opa'a maika'i i nā ha'awina. No kēia mau mana'o a me nā mana'o 'ē a'e kāko'o nō i kēia pila. Mahalo iā 'oukou no ka heluhelu 'ana o ko'u hō'ikeana, a mana'olana au e 'ae 'oukou i kēia pila.

Kāko'o: SB2728

*Iā: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education.*

L A T E

*Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson and committee members.
Senator J. Kalani English, vice chairperson and
Committee on agriculture & Hawaiian affairs.*

*Maiā: Hale Wasson, haumāna
Kula Kaiapuni Hawaii 'o Kahuku, Ki'eki'e.*

Ka lā: Pepeluāli 8, 2008.

*Kāko'o au i kēia pila no ka mea 'o kēia mau kulā, pono I ke kōkua, e la'a: nā
kūlana Kumu. Aia ho'okahi Kumu no 'elua a i 'ole 'ekolu mau papa, a he kūpono i
kekahi Kumu 'ē a'e no ke kōkua 'ana. A i kekahi manawa 'ē a'e pono e loa'a nā
Kumu i hiki ke kōkua i nā haumāna ma nā kūlana a'o 'ole. Makemake au iā
'oukou e 'ae i kēia pila no ka mea pono nā Kula Kaiapuni i nā Kumu i hiki iā lākou
ke a'o ma ke kūlana ki'eki'e loa.*

Support: SB2728

L A T E

*To: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education.*

*Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson and committee members.
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chairperson and
Committee on agriculture & Hawaiian affairs.*

*From: Hale Wasson, student
Kula Kaiapuni Hawaii 'o Kahuku, High.*

Date: February 8, 2008.

I support this bill because these schools need help with teaching positions. There are probably one teacher for two or three different classes and grade levels who need other teachers for the enrichment help. Other times there is a need for teachers who can help with students who are at different learning levels or need a little more time to learn difficult concepts. There is also a need for teachers who can teach students the best ways to learn. It would be good if you pass this bill because the Kula Kaiapuni really need teachers that understand us students. We could get more help we need and be able to increase our skills within our program of 6 different grade levels.

Relating to SB2728 Support

L A T E

Iā: Senator, Norman Sakamoto (chairperson)
Senator, Tokuda, Jill N. (vice chairperson)
Committee on Education

Senator, Tokuda, Jill N. (chairperson)
Senator, English, J. Kalani (vice chairperson)
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaii Affairs

Maiā: Joaquin Kahiliaulani Lessary.

Ka Lā: Pepeluali 8, 2008

Ko'u Mana'o:

Aloha 'o ko'u inoa 'o Joaquin Kahiliaulani Lessary. Hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku a aia au ma ke Kula Waena. Kāko'o au i kēia pila no ka mea aia mākou ma nā papa like 'ole a 'a'ole hiki iā mākou ke a'o i nā mea like. Inā hiki iā mākou ke loa'a nā kūlana kumu e pono ai, e maika'i ana nō mākou nā haumāna Kaiapuni. 'Aole pono mākou e ho'opohō manawa. Mana'olana au e 'ae 'oukou i kēia pila. Inā 'ae 'oukou i kēia pila e maika'i ana no mākou nā haumāna Kaiapuni.

Mahalo Nui!

Senate Bill 2728: Kāko'o

Iā: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson & Committee Members
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education

L A T E

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson & Committee Members
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs

Maiā: M. Kēhau Kamaka'ala

Ka Lā: Pepeluali 8, 2008

Welina kākou. 'O au nō ho'i 'o Marlee Onaonake'alaoka'awapuhiikekēhau Sproat Kamaka'ala. 'O Punalu'u, O'ahu ku'u one hānau. He 15 o'u makahiki, aia au ma ka papa 10 ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Waena a me Ki'eki'e 'o Kahuku.

Aia au i 'ane'i i kēia lā e hō'ike i ko'u hō'ikeana pili i ka pila SB 2728, 'o ka ha'awi 'ana i nā kūlana kumu i kekahi mau Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i. I nā makahiki i hala, pa'akikī ke a'o 'ana me 4 mau kūlana papa i loko o ka lumi ho'okahi. I kēia makahiki kula, aia nā papa 7, 8, 9, 10 a me 11. He manawa pa'akikī nō ia e a'o iā mākou no ka mea aia 2 kumu wale nō me 5 kūlana papa.

Mana'o au inā 'ae 'ia kēia pila, e kōkua nui ana i ia pila iā mākou a me nā kumu no ka mea pono ke kōkua. I ko'u panina, e 'ac maila i kēia pila!

Na'u nō,

M. Kēhau Sproat Kamaka'ala
He Hawai'i Au, no nā kau a kau, mau a mau. Mahalo!
Haumāna, Kula Kaiapuni Waena a me Ki'eki'e 'o Kahuku

Relating to Senate Bill 2728
SUPPORT

L A T E

To: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee of Education and members

Senator Jill N. Tokudo
Senator Kalani English, Vice Chairperson
Committee of Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs and members

From: Ione Kamaka'ōhūa Sproat Kamaka'ala, student
Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku - Waena and Ki'eki'e

Date: 08 February 2008

Aloha Kākou. My name is Ione Kamaka'a'ōhūa Sproat Kamaka'ala, currently an eleventh grade student in the Hawaiian Immersion Program at Kahuku High School. I am in support of the Senate Bill 2728. There are five academic school grades at Kahuku, ranging from seventh grade to eleventh. We, along with other immersion schools, lack the teaching positions needed to educate the students to their highest ability.

There are two full time teachers that are present for the entire school day, and there are two part time teachers. We love to learn new things, but there are times when there are not enough teachers around to help us. If we do somehow get another teacher, then it would benefit us as students and we would learn more than we are currently learning.

This coming school year, 2008-2009, there will be six grades rather than five, and there will be more students in the class. There is not enough help for all of us as it is right now, so when our class size grows, it will become a bigger problem to us as the students, the teachers, and possibly even to the parents. But if we had enough teacher positions to be filled for our Looping classes, then it would go to helping the students achieve more and accomplish greater academic goals in the classroom.

In every class, there are students with different levels of understandings. There are some students that are quick to respond and understand the assignments faster than most, and there are other students who do not comprehend as quick and accurate. It is difficult to teach children with different levels of understanding, especially when there are three grades learning different things in one classroom with one teacher. There should be another position opening to fulfill the needs of every student. By passing this bill, it would be the backbone support of fulfilling the No Child Left Behind law.

Mahalo!

Relating to Senate Bill 2728
SUPPORT

L A T E

Iā: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Maiā: Ione K S. Kamaka'ala
Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i o Kahuku – Waena a me Ki'eki'e

Ka Lā: 08 Pepeluāli 2008

Welina mai e nā hoa makamaka o ko kākou one hānau o Hawai'i Pae 'Āina. Eia 'o Ione Kamaka'ōhua Sproat Kamaka'ala, he haumāna papa 'umikumamākahi ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i o Kahuku. Kāko'o au i kēia pila 'o ia ho'i 'o ka Senate Bill 2728. He mea nui kēia pila iā mākou no ka mea he 'elima mau papa kā mākou ma Kahuku, mai ka papa 'ehiku a hiki i ka papa 'umikumamākahi. 'A'ole lawa nā kumu e a'o a ho'ona'auao iā mākou me ka 'ike kūpono o ke kūlana ki'eki'e loa.

Aia 'elua kumu i a'o i nā haumāna no ka lā holo'oko'a, a laila aia 'elua kumu a'e e hana nei no ka hapalua o ka lā kula. Makemake nui mākou e a'o, akā i kekahi mau manawa pono mākou i ke kōkua a 'a'ole lawa nā kōkua e kōkua iā mākou. Inā loa'a iā mākou he mau kumu 'ē a'e, inā he aho ka maika'i o ka manawa a'o ma mua o kēia manawa.

I kēia makahiki kula e hiki mai ana, 'o ia ho'i ka makahiki 2008-2009, e ho'onui ana i 'eono mau papa kula. 'A'ole lawa nā kumu no mākou i kēia manawa no ke a'o 'ana. He pilikia nui a'e ka huina nui o nā keiki, a 'a'ole lawa nō nā kumu kula. Akā inā loa'a kekahi mau kūlana kumu hou a'e no nā papa pālua, inā he maika'i a lawa ke kōkua ma loko o nā papa.

Ma nā papa a pau, aia nā haumāna ma nā kūlana akamai like 'ole ma ka papa. 'O kekahi o lākou, 'a'apo koke i nā ha'awina, a 'o kekahi o lākou, pono e kōkua a'e. 'Ano pa'akiki ke a'o 'ana inā aia 'ekolu mau papa kula ma ka lumi ho'okahi me ho'okahi kumu kula. 'A'ole hiki iā ia ke kōkua i nā haumāna ma ko lākou kūlana pono' i o ke a'o 'ana. Kāko'o kēia pila i ke kōkua "No Child Left Behind". Mai waiho 'oukou iā mākou ma ka 'ao'ao. E kāko'o i kēia pila 'o SB2728!

Mahalo!

Relating to Senate Bill 2728
KĀKO'O

L A T E

Iā: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson and Committee members
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson and Committee members
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chairperson

Māia: Kau'ilani Perry-Kaiahua haumāna
Kula Kaiapuni 'o Kahuku.

Ka Lā: Pepeluāli 07, 2008.

Aloha, 'O ko'u inoa 'o Kau'ilani Perry-Kaiahua. Noho au ma Hau'ula a aia au ma ka papa 9 ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku.

Kāko'o au i kēia pila 2728 no ka mea 'a'ole au makemake e 'ike i kekahi kumu kaumaha. 'A'ole lawa nā kūlana kumu no nā papa Kaiapuni.

Kāko'o au i ka pila 2728 no ka mea pono mākou i nā kumu e a'o iā mākou. 'A'ole lawa ho'okahi kumu pā papa a i 'ole ho'okahi kumu pā kanakolu haumāna.

I ko'u makahiki mua loa ma kēia kula ua loa'a 'clua mau papa 'ē a'e a ho'okahi kumu no nā papa 'ekolu. No laila ua loa'a iā kumu Ka'umealani wale nō, a ua pono 'o ia e a'o i ka papa 7, papa 8 ame ka papa 9 a 'a'ole i ma'alahi nona.

I kēia makahiki aia au ma ka papa 9 a loa'a iā mākou 'ekolu mau kumu a 'ano ma'alahi, no ka mea 'a'ole pono ho'okahi kumu wale nō e a'o i na papa apau 7 a i 11.

Mana'o au inā ho'onui 'ia nā kūlana kumu, e maika'i ana no nā haumāna me ho'okahi kumu no ka papa Hawai'i. Mana'o au e hau'oli ana nā kumu i pono ai ke kokua.

Eia nā kumu no ka'u kāko'o 'ana i kēia pila.

Mahalo!

Pili SB2728
Kāko'o

L A T E

Iā: Senator Sakamoto, Chairperson & Committee Members
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair & Committee Members
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs

Maiā: Kulamanuonākuahiwikēhauanokapaka Uli'i, haumāna.
Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i o Kahuku

Ka lā: Pepeluāli 8,2008

Aloha mai! 'O au 'o Kulamanuonākuahiwikēhauanokapaka Uli'i. He haumāna au ma ka papa 'umikūmākahi ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i o Kahuku.

'O ka papahana Kaiapuni kekahi polokalamu ho'onui 'ike ma ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i no nā keiki kamali'i a i ke kula ki'eki'e. Kāko'o nui au i kēia pila SB2728, pili i nā kula kaiapuni, e hā'awi i ke kūlana kumu e pono ai i mea e kāko'o i ka holomua 'ana o nā keiki.

'O kekahi kumu kāko'o 'ē a'e he kāko'o nō i ka pila "No Child Left Behind." Ma kēia pila, 'ōlelo 'ia e hana ana ke aupuni i nā mea a pau e pono ai no ka holomua 'ana o nā keiki: nā keiki a pau. Ua hō'ike 'ia kēia me ko mākou mau kumu a'o 'elua akā i kēia makahiki e hiki mai ana, e ho'onui ana nā papa. 'A'ole hiki nā kumu a'o 'elua wale nō ke a'o i 'eono kūlana haumāna i kamanawa ho'okahi.

Nui ka pono o nā kūlana kumu hou no ka mea inā 'a'ohe kūlana kumu hou, noho wale ka hapanui o nā haumāna me ka huikau o nā ha'awina like 'ole. 'A'ole lawa ka manawa e noho me nā keiki pākahi a kōkua iā lākou i ko lākou wahi e pono ai.

Nolaila, he leka kēia c hō'ike iā 'oukou pili i ko mākou, nā haumāna Kula Kaiapuni, mau pilikia me ka lawa 'ole o nā kumu. Inā 'a'ole lawa nā kumu a'o, 'a'ole hiki i nā haumāna ke a'o pono. Ke 'ōlelo nei au i kēia mai ka 'ao'ao haumāna, e 'olu'olu e 'ae i kēia pila i hiki iā mākou, nā haumāna, ke holomua.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Kulamanu Uli'i

Relating to SB2728
Support

L A T E

To: Senator Sakamoto, Chairperson & Committee Members
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair & Committee Members
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture & Hawaiian Affairs

From: Kulamanuonākuahiwikēhaulaniokapaka Uli'i, student
Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku

Date: February 8, 2008

Aloha my name is Kulamanuonākuahiwikēhaulaniokapaka Uli'i. I am a student in the eleventh grade currently attending Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku.

The Hawaiian Immersion program is a program set up to educate students in the Hawaiian language, ranging from pre-school through high school. I support SB2728, relating to the Hawaiian Immersion, which gives this program the teaching staff they need in order to move forward in education.

Another supportive reason is the "No Child Left Behind" law. This law states that the government is in agreement not to let any child fall behind: any child. This was shown with our teachers we currently have but in this coming year, the number of students will increase. We cannot have our two teachers trying to teach six grade levels at one time.

We are in dire need for these new teachers because without them, the majority of the class will just sit there totally confused about the current subject being taught. If we do not receive the new teaching positions, not everyone can move forward as they should. I am stating all these facts from a student's point of view. Please pass this bill, allowing us, the students, to gain the education that we deserve.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Kulamnu Uli'i

Relating to Senate Bill 2728
KĀKO'O

L A T E

Iā: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Maiā: Kilipoheluahua'akeakala'eokumupiku Sproat Johnson
Haumana, Ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i o Kahuku

Ka lā: Pepeluali 8, 2008

Welina mai e nā hoa makamaka mai ka moku 'o Keawe a i ka Mole'olu 'o Lehua. 'O wau 'o Kilipoheluahua'akeakala'eokumupiku Sproat Johnson, he haumāna papa 'umikumamākaahi a ka papahana Kaiapuni ma ke Kula Ki'eki'e 'o Kahuku. He kāko'o ikaika kēia no ka Senate Bill 2728.

Kāko'o au i kēia pila no ka mea, i ku'u mau makahiki 'elima ma ke Kula Kaiapuni ma Kahuku, hiki nō ho'i ke 'ike he kūpono ka loa'a 'ana i nā kūlana kumu no ka mea, 'a'ole hiki i 'elua kumu ke a'o pono i 'elima kūlana papa. 'A'ole he kūpono kēlā i nā kumu a me nā haumāna! Inā nō aia ho'okahi kumu wale nō i kēia makahiki a'e e a'o i 'eono kūlana, 'a'ole hiki i nā haumāna ke holomua me ke keu o nā keu, a 'a'ole hiki ke ho'okō i ka pila "No Child Left Behind."

'O kekahi mana'o 'ē a'e, kāko'o nui au i kēia pila no ka mea, inā loa'a he mau kumu a'e, hiki nō ke kōkua i nā haumāna like 'ole me nā kūlana 'oko'a. 'Ano pa'akikī kēia 'ano hana inā 'a'ole lawa nā kumu. Hiki paha iā 'oukou ke 'ike me nā maka kumu kaiapuni a 'ike i ka pa'akikī o kā lākou hana.

'O kēia ku'u mau wahi mana'o no ka 'ae 'ana i ka SB2728. Makemake wale nō au i ka ho'ona'auao maika'i loa no nā kaikaina a me nā haumāna e hiki mai 'ana ma hope o'u.

Relating to Senate Bill 2728
SUPPORT

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From: Kilipohelehuaha'akeakala'eokumupiku Sproat Johnson
Student, Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku.

Aloha, I am Kilipohelehuaha'akeakala'eokumupiku Sproat Johnson, a Junior in the Hawaiian Language Immersion program at Kahuku High School. I am in strong support of Senate Bill 2728.

I have been in the immersion program on the Kahuku Campus from the beginning, five years ago. In these five years that I have been in the program, I have seen the importance of having more teaching positions available for the program. Next school year there is only one teaching position for the entire program that will run from grades seven to twelve, thus being six grade levels taught by a single teacher. This is not right at all. I believe that if this be the case we, students are being cheated of a good education, and the No Child Left Behind law will not be met.

I also support this bill because if more teachers are provided, students on different learning levels will be able to be helped equally. It's hard for one teacher to provide the help needed to all six grade levels. I hope that you can put yourselves in the position of immersion teachers that deal with a number of grade levels and realize what they go through to try and help the students.

In conclusion this is the reasoning for why I am in full support of Senate Bill 2728. All I want is the best education for the generations coming after me.