

## testimony

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**Cc:** metauvel@ksbe.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB 3252 and HB 2279

# L A T E

Aloha,

My name is Jennifer Noa and I am a 12th grade student at Kamehameha Schools. I would like to state my support for the Bills titled SB 3252 - the Omnibus Education Bill for the Teacher Shortage problem, and HB 2279 - Teacher Cadet bill.

I am currently enrolled in the Explorations in Education program at Kamehameha, which is a part of the Hawaii teacher cadet program. As a student participating in this program, I have become well informed about the detrimental teacher shortage affecting the state of Hawaii. This class has only strengthened my desire to become a teacher in Hawaii. Due to this teacher cadet program, I am now certain that I will be returning to Hawaii to teach, where there is a great need for dedicated teachers who understand Hawaii and the lifestyle of the people.

The teacher cadet program enables students, such as myself, to become acquainted with the realities of teaching. This is invaluable experience, as it is not only ensuring my decision to pursue an education major in college, but is also giving me an advantage in entering a college program. This program should be a necessity at all Hawaii schools, because without teachers there will be no schools for the students to attend.

As a future teacher in Hawaii, I would like to know that programs such as this exist and are available to schools to implement as they desire. I fully support the attempt of the Legislature to assist these programs with this Bill.

Thank you very much for your time,  
Jennifer Noa

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**From:** Bethe-Ann Oda [08beoda@ksbe.edu]  
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**Subject:** SB 3252

# L A T E

Aloha! My name is Bethe-Ann Oda and I am currently a senior at Kamehameha Schools. I am taking the class Explorations of Education this semester and I am writing in regards to A Bill for an Act S.B. No. 3252. I am well aware of what this act is for and about and I strongly support it.

I think that the legislature should really take into consideration what this act has to offer because I believe that the children of Hawaii can benefit. With the shortage of teachers being a problem in Hawaii, the class Explorations of Education was a class created for high school students to take if they are interested in education as a future profession. I am one of those students, and I took this class wanting to learn more about the profession of teaching. The funds needed to expand this program are needed because it gives other students like me an opportunity to take a look at a teaching career.

Another reason why I believe that this act should be passed is because I believe that this class can boost the amount of Hawaii students who want to become teachers in the future. With more teachers coming out of Hawaii, there would be less of a demand for teachers coming from the mainland.

A Bill for an Act S.B. No. 3252 is an act that I think the people of Hawaii, especially the children, can benefit from because of the influence the Explorations of Education course has on high school students. I strongly support this bill and I am hoping that the legislature will pass A Bill for an Act S.B. No. 3252. Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,  
-Bethe-Ann Oda

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**From:** Heather Tanonaka [08hetano@ksbe.edu]  
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**Subject:** SB 3252

**LATE**

Title of Bill: SB 3252

Aloha,

My name is Heather Tanonaka and I am a student at Kamehameha Schools participating in the Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers, teacher cadet program. After reading the contents of this Bill, I have agreed with it. As a participating student of the teacher cadet program, I support it because it encourages me, as well as other students to enter in a career of teaching. At this moment, the Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers has impacted many students. It has taught them to grow as learners and teachers. With the success of the Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers, the teacher shortage problem in Hawaii will soon change with its extreme efforts. I support the efforts and appreciation that Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers has on the young future leaders of Hawaii.

Thank you,

Heather Tanonaka

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**From:** Kaulana Kaauwai [kaulanapua08@hotmail.com]  
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**LATE**

Aloha,

My name is Kaulananapua Ka'auwai and I am a future parent of children in Hawai'i. I am writing to you today concurring with the intent of these bills;

- (1) SB 3252 - the Omnibus Education Bill for the Teacher Shortage problem
- (2) HB 2279 - Teacher Cadet bill submitted by Rep John Mizuno in the House.

I support the Hawaii Alliance for Future Teachers, teacher cadet program, as it provides high school students opportunities to explore a career in education at various levels. Personally, knowing that my children will be raised in Hawaii, my concern is for them. All Children raised in Hawai'i deserve only the best! Unfortunately, importing teachers from areas other than Hawai'i is unnecessary when it is possible for us to grow our own teachers. Teachers from other areas cannot relate to our children as well as people from Hawai'i. Luckily, we are able to provide the best of the best for our children, by encouraging people from Hawaii to become teachers. I support the appropriation of funds to the teacher cadet program.

Mahalo,

Kaulananapua Kaauwai

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# LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony to SB 2692: Making an appropriation for the teacher recruitment pipeline.

Testimony to SB 3252: Omnibus Bill

Testimony to HB 2279: Teacher Cadet Bill (Representative John Mizuno)

I fully support the Legislature's Teacher Cadet Program. I believe that having programs like the Cadet program available for students state wide in both public and private could serve well in decreasing the number of teachers needed for hire in public schools. Turning students on to teaching, helping them decide possibly if it is something that they might like to pursue or inquire could make all the difference. How else would you address the problem? Teachers are the ones shaping our leaders today, if we can't find people who are driven, passionate and qualified enough then it is a problem that needs to be addressed. Programs such as the Cadet program could benefit the public school system emaculately changing the perspective of a student to believe that teachers are the difference we need in the world. Education is the gift that keeps giving, having students embrace that would be priceless. Budgets really shouldn't be an issue when speaking of education, the Hawaii public school system really needs a boost, and this could be the boost that does it all. The Cadet program has proven successful in creating passionate students some who have gone on to pursue a teaching career. Having this oppourtunity could create teaching as a possibility for so many young adults that could ultimately lead to the end of the teacher shortage. Consider this bill as an act with great care, because the youth of Hawaii deserve the oppourtunity to enroll in this program, it would be beneficial to all.

Sincerely,  
Tiare Mahiko  
Kamehameha Schools