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Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 158 Proposed SD1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PURSUE A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL ON MAUI AND TO CONSIDER A DESIGN-BUILD APPROACH FOR THE SCHOOL

Purpose of Resolution: Requesting the department of education to pursue a financing agreement for the construction of the new Kihei High School on Maui and to consider a design-build approach for the school

Department's Position: The Department of Education supports this resolution. An alternative method of financing is a possible option providing the DOE a method to continue work on this project. If the Legislature adopts this resolution and does not provide bond funding, the DOE will proceed to enter negotiations with the landowner to utilize alternative financing. A design-build approach will be incorporated into any agreement reached with the landowner. Should a financing agreement be pursued, the DOE understands that this resolution expresses the intent of the Legislature to fund the lease payments by appropriating funds for this purpose. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 5:37 PM
Subject: I strongly support SCR 158

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 24, 2008
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 225

I strongly support SCR 158 - Proposed SD1: Requesting The Department Of Education To Pursue A Financing Agreement For The Construction Of The New Kihei High School On Maui And To Consider A Design-Build Approach For The School.

The County Council of Maui passed county zoning on Mar 12, 2008 for 1400 new homes to be built in the Kihei-Makena area, which can add as many as 1,000 children of high school age. Kihei currently has 2 elementary schools and one intermediate school and no high school. Students graduating from the intermediate school need a local high school to continue their education. The other 4 high schools on the island are over-filled.

The Kihei-Makena Community Plan states:

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. Existing problems include an overall shortage of facilities (especially recreational areas)... In the long term, there is a need for a third elementary school, and a high school, which would serve the Kihei-Makena region.

Because Kihei is centrally located, a high school built in Kihei will be available to all the high school students on Maui and relieve the over crowding at the other high schools. It will also

provide the much needed recreational space and give teens a place to be safe and have fun after school.

Please pursue a financing agreement to fund

the design and construction of the new Kihei High School already OK'd by the department of Education.

Thank you

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