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Comments:

This legislative session it has become even more apparent that we need to entirely reconsider the way our State government works.

The legislature in particular is harder to communicate with than in any of the 35+ years I have been working with various legislators to try to get various measures passed.

Pass this bill and let's start the process of reinventing government.

Mahalo,
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We, concerned parents, students, and community members of Hawai'i are outraged that Governor Linda Lingle intends to slash our Department of Education budget to misapply our federal taxpayer stimulus funds. Under Governor Lingle's plan, we will lose teaching positions, not save them as Congress and President Obama intend.

We call on our federal and State officials to pressure Governor Lingle to do the right thing and improve our students' education; not just try to balance the books.

→ We request Congress to schedule immediate oversight hearings about the State of Hawai'i's intended use of our federal funds. We request that United States Attorney General Eric Holder investigate diversion of these funds from their intended purpose. We request that United States Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan clearly and unequivocally condemn the Governor's proposed actions.

We request all our officials, federal and State, to work together to save the teachers' jobs that will be otherwise lost, to preserve and improve our children's educations, and to restore our faith that our citizens' voices can and will be heard.

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Comments:

I am a Social Studies Teacher at Honoka'a High School on the Big Island. I spoke to my students the last two days about the need for education to help us overcome the very serious problems we are facing as a society. To paraphrase, I stated that we are in need of a Renaissance (rebirth) in our thinking; that it is important to nurture the creative side of the mind instead of the, check the box, No Child Allowed to Think, policies we are shoving into their collective brains. I explained to them that our governor, with the consent of the legislature, is about to steal their future so more. Funded monies dedicated to process of supporting learning will be taken away to pay off poor planning and mismanagement of the states debts. Needless to say, they are once again dismayed by this thought process of permitting the stealing from our schools. How dare you!!!! Do not allow this to happen on your watch!

Sincerely,
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