

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Committee: House Committee on Education

Board: Education

Person Testifying: Garrett Toguchi, Chairperson, Board of Education

Title of Bill: S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2, Relating to Charter Schools

Purpose of Bill: Makes clarifying amendments to the charter school laws by, among other things: (1) Requiring charter school board compliance with Board of Education (Board) policies made in the Board's capacity as the State Educational Agency (SEA) and Department of Education (Department) directives made in the Department's capacity as the SEA regarding special education and federal programs; (2) Authorizing the Board to direct the Charter School Review Panel (CSRP) to take appropriate action to immediately address serious health and safety issues that may exist at a charter school; (3) Clarifying that CSRP is subject to the Sunshine Law; (4) Making the review, modification, and approval of the charter schools budget and Capital Improvement Projects budget, and the allocation of non-per-pupil facilities funds to charter schools, the responsibility of CSRP; (5) Specifying the composition of the budget request for charter schools, and including the budget request responsibilities under the duties of the Charter School Administrative Office Executive Director; (6) Authorizing the Board to remove a CSRP member for cause; (7) Establishing a per pupil

funding amount and formula and facilities formula for charter schools; and (8) Changing the interval in which CSRP is to conduct multi-year evaluations of each charter school.

Board's Position: Chairperson Takumi, Vice Chairperson Berg, and members of the House Committee on Education, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

The Board is in support of two provisions in S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2 that are similar to the Board-initiated legislation on charter schools.

The provisions are:

- Requiring charter school compliance with Board of Education policies made in the Board's capacity as the SEA and Department of Education directives made in the Department's capacity as the SEA, with respect to special education and federal programs; and
- Enabling the Board to remove a CSRP member for cause.

In addition, the Board recommends amending S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2 by repealing Subsection 302B-14(h), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires the Board to adopt rules for placing charter schools

on probation and for revoking a charter. This provision is no longer necessary or applicable as the Board's only role is to serve as an appeals board with respect to appeals from CSRP decisions in denying the approval of a charter school application, revoking a charter school's charter, and denying the approval of an amendment to a charter school's Detailed Implementation Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. No. 496, S.D. 2.



**S.B. 496 S.D. 2, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS**

House Committee on Education  
Representative Roy Takumi, Chair  
Representative Lyla Berg, Vice Chair

March 18, 2009

3:00p.m.

Room 309

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Mahalo for this opportunity to advocate on behalf of our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries attending charter schools across these islands, and to provide testimony on this measure, The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports this amended legislation, **S.B. 496 S.D.2.**

Since 2005, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has been a supporter of the charter school movement, and has collaborated in partnership with the Charter School Administrative Office, Kamehameha Schools' Hoʻolako Like program, ʻĀhā Pūnana Leo, Hoʻyōkākoʻyo Corporation and other non-profit organizations supporting 15+ Hawaiian-focused charter schools statewide, where Native Hawaiians make up about 88% of the student population. We support this legislation with those amendments offered by the Executive Director of the Charter Schools Administration Office that seeks to clarify the roles, duties, functions and capacity of the Charter School Review Panel and the CSAO Executive Director to determine and carry out their kuleana to ensure equitable funding and the best mechanism that will guarantee the ongoing success of Hawaiian-focused charter schools.

OHA urges your support of **S.B. 496 S.D. 2.** Mahalo.



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DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND  
LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 496, S.D. 2

March 18, 2009

RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

Senate Bill No. 496, S.D. 2, establishes a mechanism for funding Charter School operations which provides that the non-facility per-pupil funding amount for Charter School students shall not be less than the total per-pupil amount for Department of Education students. Senate Bill No. 496 also establishes a mechanism for funding Charter School facilities based on the Department of Education's debt service appropriation divided by actual enrollment.

We oppose this bill because it does not represent the true cost of operating the Charter Schools.

We maintain that the most accurate and fair method of budgeting for the Charter Schools would be to review actual needs and expenditures, as well as actual revenues, similar to the budgeting method for the Department of Education and other State departments.



# Ho'okako'o Corporation

*"Supporting New Opportunities  
for Student Success through  
Conversion Charter Schools"*

To:           The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair  
              Members of the House Committee on Education

              The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
              Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

From:       Lynn Fallin, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer  
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Date:        March 18, 2009  
Time:        3:00 pm  
Location:    State Capitol  
              Room 309

Subject      Senate Bill (SB) 496 SD 2 Relating to Charter Schools

The Ho'okako'o Corporation (HC) and its partner conversion charter schools, Waimea Middle School, Kualapu'u School and Kamaile Academy, thank the legislature for its efforts and support over the years to clarify and to resolve many of the policies that affect charter school students. We are encouraged by the continued legislative efforts.

We support the SB 496 to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Charter School Review Panel and the state Board of Education (BOE). The charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives.

## Three HC Conversion Charter Schools

The creation of conversion charter schools was made possible in 2002 when the Hawaii legislature passed Act 2. The Act expanded education choices through charter conversion

schools in Hawaii and allows eligible non-profit organizations to manage and operate conversion schools and to provide a \$1 match for every \$4 state dollars. The matching funds are intended to enrich and not to supplant state funding of public schools.

The three HC conversion charter schools are in communities with significant socio-economic need. On October 15, 2008, the official student enrollment count date for charter schools, the three schools enrollment for SY 2008-2009 is 1444 students or almost 19% of the charter school enrollment.

- Waimea Middle School, a 6 - 8 grade conversion charter school in Waimea on Hawai'i Island, 357 students
- Kualapu'u Elementary School, a K-6 conversion charter school on Molokai, 375 students
- Kamaile Academy, a K-8 conversion charter school in Waianae on Oahu, 712 students

Conversion charter schools have a unique role in the charter world because we are the feeder schools for the geographical communities like our DOE counterparts. We accept all children residing within the public school service area and very sensitive to fluctuations in student enrollment. During the 2008-2009 legislative session, the charter schools received cuts in the per pupil allocation from about \$8150 per pupil for SY 2007-2008 to about \$7588 per pupil for SY 2008-2009. Further reductions would be very detrimental and challenging to the schools.

#### School Challenges

In SY 2009-2010, Waimea Middle School's enrollment will be reduced by about 80 students due to the decision made by the state BOE to expand Waikoloa Elementary to a K-8 school. The WMS school community is pleased that the students of Waikoloa now have a community school and do not have to commute to Waimea; however, as a result of the K-8 expansion, WMS student enrollment has been reduced from about 530 students when it first converted to about 280 students in SY 2009-2010. At the time of conversion in 2003, WMS charter application was based on a financial plan for 530 students. The reduction in enrollment has forced WMS to reduce its budget and to make dramatic cuts in faculty, staff and programs for students. Any further reduction in the per pupil allocation will have a devastating impact on WMS students.

Kamaile Academy's enrollment fluctuates dramatically during a school year because of the large number of houseless and homeless families and therefore it is very difficult to project student enrollment. In addition to the fluctuations in enrollment, two of the five state's new homeless shelters and housing are located within the school's boundaries. HC is very concerned that the children that Kamaile serves need many more student support services because of the serious risk factors that homeless children face. For the Kamaile school community, supporting the children appropriately is about being responsive and doing the right thing and a matter of social justice for the sake of the children. Examples of student needs - Kamaile opens its doors at 6:30 am with breakfast and literacy tutoring programs; provides showering and laundering for students that may come to school and need to clean up; and opened a school store where children can get food, clothing and school supplies using the "core value" points that the children earned.

Kualapu'u School has worked very hard to moving its' NCLB status from reconstruction/reconstitution to unconditional school in good standing. Cuts will erode Kualapu'u's ability to maintain the progress made and to deliver services to the students it serves in very challenging economic times for the Molokai community. KUU employs 70 full and part time employees. Cuts may send a message to the school community and students, that

the hard work, commitment, performance and the positive results achieved by becoming an NCLB AYP in good standing do not seem to matter.

## **BACKGROUND**

Ho'okako'o Corporation is a private, non-profit organization established in 2002.

*Our mission is helping HC conversion chart schools reinvent themselves for the purpose of improving the academic achievement and personal growth of their students. Collaborating with communities, educators, and families, Ho'okako'o provides conversion charter schools with expertise and resources to improve student achievement.*

HC helps schools reinvent themselves for the purpose of improving the academic achievement and personal growth of their students. HC provides schools with expertise and resources to improve student achievement.

As an education change agent, HC seeks partnerships with public school communities committed to implementing the following necessary conditions for conversion school success:

- Effective school leadership
- Capable teachers with high expectations and the skills to work together in focused learning communities
- Curriculum that is aligned, articulated, and integrated
- Parents and the greater community with a sense of ownership in the school and willingness to be part of the change process
- Personalized schools
- More time on instructional and co-curricular activities
- Data and results driven
- Supportive and effective policies and regulations

## **Examples of School Outcomes/Results**

Overall each school has shown a trend of steady growth. Initial measures of success include:

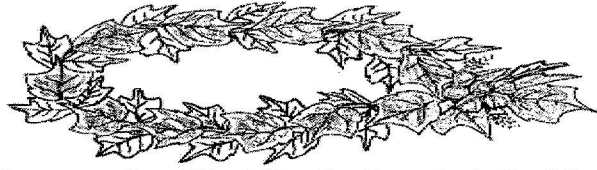
### **School Year 2006-07**

A growth in reading and math scores (at Kualapu'u); increased student attendance at Kualapu'u and Waimea; a decrease in the special education population due to improved identification, remediation, and curriculum (at Kualapu'u); new programs offered (at Kualapu'u and Waimea); greatly increased family involvement (Waimea); Waimea and Kualapu'u achieved NCLB AYP

### **School Year 2007-08**

Kualapu'u met federal NCLB AYP targets for two consecutive years and was awarded school in good standing status.

HC, Waimea Middle School, Kualapu'u School and Kamaile Academy thank the legislature for the opportunity to provide information about HC and HC schools and to testify on this legislation.



*'A'ole pau ka 'ike i ka hualau hio'akahi*

## ***Connections Public Charter School***

*A Community, Business & Education Learning 'Ohana*

Testimony in Support of the intent of SB 496  
EDN 3-18-09 3:00pm in House conference room 309  
John Thatcher, Principal, Connections PCS

Representatives Takumi, Berg and Members of the House Education Committee:

This Legislative session is historical for charter schools in Hawaii. This year we are all speaking with one voice supported by all 31 charter schools, the Hawaii Charter Schools Network (HCSN), the Charter School Administrative Office (CSAO) and the Charter School Review Panel (CSRP). I am in complete support of the specific positions taken by representatives of the HCSN, CSAO, and CSRP. I also want to speak strongly in support of all legislation that will help our charter schools with one of our most difficult problems: facilities. A coordinated, multi-pronged approach is needed to create long-term solutions.

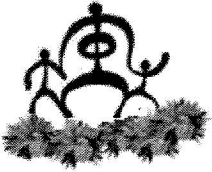
In a report titled Debunking the Real Estate Risk of Charter Schools the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation found that landlords and real estate lenders who are wary of dealing with charter schools may perceive the schools as much riskier clients than they actually are. The foundation found that of all charter schools that have ever opened in this country, 5.95% have closed in a way that impacted their landlords or real estate financiers. And, even when charter schools actually failed, the re-use rate of facilities is very high (96%). State education officials reported that landlords faced no loss in nearly all of these cases and were able to re-lease the facilities at equal or higher rates to the new tenants. Having a long-term facility solution was found to reduce the risk of charter schools failing. However, their survey sample (804 of 1,703) had only short-term leases. These schools had adequate spaces but did not have homes assured for the future.

Recognizing the importance of ensuring sound financing for charter schools, the U.S. Department of Education established a "Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program" that channels funds, on a competitive basis, to other organizations to "credit enhance" charter school loans or leases. A key advantage of the program is that it uses federal money to leverage federal support with private money. Our school has benefited from this program. Our associated non-profit worked with the Raza Development Fund (RDF) to secure a loan to purchase our current facilities, the Kress Building, for our K-8 students. However, we are still having to rent facilities for our high school students because the Kress Building is too small.

One of the defining characteristics of charter schools, in Hawaii and nationally, is that every school is different. Every charter school in Hawaii has a unique program with unique needs. Together we embrace the right of individual families to choose a school

that they feel will best meet the needs of their children. And those children have a constitutionally guaranteed right to attend a public school with the State supporting the “physical facilities therefor.”

Mahalo!



# Innovations Public Charter School

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March 17, 2009

House Education Committee

Room 309

March 18, 2009 3:00 PM

## **SB496: Support**

Dear House Education Committee Chair Roy Takumi and members:

I am writing in support of SB496. We appreciate your time and consideration to secure equitable funding for charter schools. I have always believed that funding would eventually improve to the point of equity with other public schools. I believe SB496 is the right step in this direction.

Our unified charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives. We are most appreciative of Carol Mon Lee's diligence, sincerity and support during this process as we explore how best to develop a funding formula / system that gives every school the funding needed to provide quality education for all public school children.

Much aloha,

Barbara Woerner

Director

Innovations PCS



# K A W A I K I N I

*A New Century Public Charter School*

House Committee on Education

Hearing Date: March 18, 2009

3:00 p.m. – Room 309

*Mohala Aiu, Development & Community Liaison  
Kawaikini New Century Charter School*

Re: SB 496 Relating to Charter Schools

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Berg, and members of the House Committee on Education,

My name is Mohala Aiu and I am the Development & Community Liaison for Kawaikini New Century Charter School. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in **support** of SB 496. We believe that charter schools should be responsible to our communities, strive for excellence, and be fiscally accountable. In the spirit of cooperation, we, the Charter School Network, continue to work collaboratively with the BOE to agree on language concerning and defining BOE directives. We appreciate the sincere support and diligence shown to us by Carol Mon Lee of the BOE in working towards a solution.

Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School is a K-12 Hawaiian medium school located in Puhi, Kaua'i. We currently serve 79 students from communities of Hanalei through Kekaha. We are one of the 14 Hawaiian-focused charter schools located on Hawai'i Island, O'ahu, and Kaua'i. We are also part of the Hawai'i Charter School Network which represents all 31 charter schools.

Charter schools have been a part of the educational landscape since 2000. Through research done by the Kamehameha Schools, we know that we are making a difference in our children, communities, and family systems. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



**Testimony on SB496**  
Pamela Hicks  
Kona Pacific PCS, SASA  
Hawaii County Democratic Party Secretary

Committee: EDN  
Room: 309  
Hearing Date: 3/18/2009 3:00:00 PM  
Bill: SB496  
Position: Support

To the honorable Representatives Roy Takumi, Lyla Berg, and other members of the EDN:

I support Senate Bill 496. Charter Schools have made it possible for my family to stay in Hawaii. The public schools in the community do not meet my children's needs, the charter schools do. I see the increase in enrollment in Charter Schools as a manifestation of the need for change in our state. The unified charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives. I want to thank Carol Mon Lee of the BOE for her diligence, sincerity and support. Thank you for all the hard work you have done on behalf of our Keiki, Hawaii Charter Schools, and the future of our State.

Sincerely,  
Pamela Hicks  
Kona Pacific PCS, SASA  
Hawaii County Democratic Party Secretary

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House Committee on Education  
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Vice-Chair Rep. Lyla Berg

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House Conference Room 309

Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg and Esteemed Members of the Committee:

With respect to SB496, the Hawai'i Charter Schools Network supports the legislature's ongoing effort to clarify and improve this bill for the benefit of Hawai'i's public charter school keiki, parents and extended `ohana.

I respectfully point out to the committee that for all the growing pains, misperceptions and pilikia swirling around public charter schools for the last eight years, the focus should always remain on children and their families.

Please be assured that Hawaii's public charter schools are first and foremost focused on their communities in close support of student learning. We ask that you work to balance funding without regard to what kind of public school is involved. Active and measurable support of children and families is noticed and appreciated.

Be further assured that the unified charter school community has been working collaboratively with BOE members to agree to language concerning State Educational Agency policies and directives.

In particular, we express thanks to member Carol Mon Lee for her diligence, sincerity and candor.

Finally, we are encouraged by the frequent supportive remarks of the new President and his Education Secretary regarding public charter schools nationally. It is our genuine hope that we may find support likewise from our state policymakers.

Sincerely,

Curtis Muraoka, Secretary  
Hawaii Charter Schools Network  
Representing the Unified Voice of Hawaii's 31 Public Charter Schools

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**Comments:**

The unified charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning DOE directives. A special thanks to Carol Mon LEE of the BOE for her diligence, sincerity and support

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**Comments:**

I support public charter schools. I have seen first-hand the positive impact they have on the quality of education provided to our children.

The unified charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives.

I would like to thank Carol Mon Lee of the BOE for her diligence, sincerity, and support. Please support SB496.

Mahalo.

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**Comments:**

I express my support of this bill as a parent of a student at Innovations Public Charter School. Please note that the unified charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives. Thanks to Carol Mon Lee of the BOE for her diligence, sincerity and support. Please pass this bill for support to our fine charter schools.

## Jennifer Wilbur

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**Comments:**

The Unified Charter School Community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives.

Thanks a ton to Carol Mon Lee of the BOE for her diligence, sincerity and support.

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**Comments:**

I am intensely interested in the quality of education available to my 10 year-old daughter, Maianna. Last year she attended 1 of 2 "Blue-Ribbon" Public Schools in Hawai'i, Holualoa Elementary. We were on the waiting list for Innovations Public Charter School for 3 years before her admission this year. In the interim, she attended Ehu Nui Kaimalino Hawaiian Language Immersion School and learned to speak and read Hawaiian. "Innovations" is also a "Blue Ribbon" school, although in the Public Charter category at BOE. I can testify from personal knowledge that the education provided at IPCS is superior to that provided at Holualoa, and I have heard from both parents and students that Holualoa is having increasing difficulty in maintaining their level of proficiency. Please support the provisions of SB496 to benefit ALL schools.

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**Comments:**

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### Comments:

Hawaii's Charter's Schools offer great opportunities for keiki to thrive, learn, and develop into good community members. Part of why we love living in Hawaii is because of Innovations Public Charter School. Our daughter is thriving there, and we dream of sending our two-year-old when she is old enough. The keiki love school and the teachers are enthusiastic and committed. Please make it possible for Charter schools to receive equitable funding, based on increased enrollment. Please help keep President Obama's vision for public charter schools alive!

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**Comments:**

The unified charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives. Thanks to Carol Mon Lee of the BOE for her diligence, sincerity and support.

Please give equitable per pupil funding for the charter schools!

## Jennifer Wilbur

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Conference room: 309  
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**Comments:**

Re SB496

The unified charter school community strongly supports passage of this bill. We have been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives. Thanks to Carol Mon Lee of BOE for her diligence and sincere support.

Please pass this legislation.

## Jennifer Wilbur

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**Comments:**

I would first like to thank Carol Mon-Lee of the BOE for her diligence, sincerity, and support. Second, I would like to emphasize that the unified charter school community has been working collaboratively to agree to language concerning BOE directives.

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