

## Kaimuki Christian School

1117 Koko Head Avenue  
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Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
House Committee on Finance  
Thursday, February 25, 2010; 10:00 AM; Agenda #1

**RE: HB 2277 HD1 -Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to Assist Kaimuki Christian School**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to strongly support HB 2277 HD1, which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for Kaimuki Christian School (KCS). Founded in 1968, the school currently has 302 students enrolled in our Preschool and WASC-accredited Kindergarten to 8th grade program. While servicing mainly the East Oahu community, we draw students island-wide. Our student body, assisted by a moderate tuition level and generous financial aid program, reflects a range of academic abilities and socio-economic backgrounds. The common denominator is families looking for a quality education stressing strong values within a nurturing environment.

KCS has been adding a class per grade level for the past six years. Most of the facilities on campus were built in 1969. Two classes meet in a house built in the 1940s or earlier. KCS's campus improvement project will be accomplished in three phases. Phase 1 will include a new facility for our expanding Preschool through 8th grade classes and space for enrichment programs such as music, art, and computer sciences. A preschool playground area and new administrative offices will also be built. Phase 2 will center around a 116-stall multi-level parking structure and gymnasium. Finally, Phase 3 of construction will provide a permanent home for the high school that KCS plans to launch in the fall of 2012. When the three phases are completed, the new facilities will allow us to increase enrollment by over 70%.

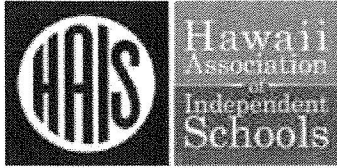
KCS has been an active member of the Kaimuki community for over forty years. We are members of the Kaimuki Business and Professional Association and proud partners with the Kaimuki Regional Library, Queen Lydia Liliu'okalani Elementary School, Leahi Hospital, and HUGS. Our students have participated in service projects to beautify Kaimuki, assist elderly residents with home projects, and provide food to those in need. Recently, students have learned the value of global outreach through our support of disaster relief efforts for Indonesia, the Philippines, Samoa, and Haiti.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2277 HD1 and for your support of Kaimuki Christian School.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Gallagher".

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TESTIMONY TO  
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

RE: HB2277, HD1 – Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to assist  
Kaimuki Christian School

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt, executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS). I am here today to testify in support of a measure introduced by one of our member schools, Kaimuki Christian School, which is seeking approval for Special Purpose Revenue Bonds.

The House Committee on Education has supported similar measures in years past, and we are here to acknowledge and recognize your advocacy and support of the ongoing effort by HAIS to encourage its member schools to use Special Purpose Revenue Bonds as an essential strategy for leveraging capital funds urgently needed for campus development and improvement projects.

Private schools in Hawaii serve everyday families from all walks of life. Many students attending private schools receive financial aid to defray the cost of tuition. It is our steadfast belief that private schools serve an important public purpose here in Hawaii by helping to prepare the next generation of young people for college, career, and citizenship.

In addition, Special Purpose Revenue Bonds do not in any way divert funds away from public schools, while stimulating Hawaii's economy via construction job creation.

For these reasons and others that may be addressed during discussion of this measure today, HAIS strongly supports HB2277 HD1 and the approval of issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds for Kaimuki Christian School.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.