



LATE TESTIMONY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Date : March 22, 2010

To : Rep. Roy Takumi

Rep. Lyla Berg

Member of the House Committee on Education

From : Rep. Barbara Marumoto

RE : HR 192/HCR267 – In Favor

STRONGLY URGING THE GOVERNOR, BOARD OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO RE-OPEN NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE FURLOUGH FRIDAYS.

Your favorable consideration is requested on these resolutions that may serve to encourage management and labor to re-open collective bargaining talks to reduce, or eliminate, furloughs and increase teaching days.

For the committee's information, I recently sent out a legislative survey to constituents in the 19th House District, Kaimuki-Waialae-Kahala. In response to the question, should we require 180 school days/year to prevent teacher furloughs, the answers have been running 80% in favor. There is clear sentiment to reduce furlough days.

The public schools in the 19th District are: Kalani High, Kaimuki Intermediate, Wilson Elementary, Waialae Charter, Lili'uokalani Elementary, and Liholiho Elementary.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Testimony

HCR 267/HR 192

From Gaye Miyasaki (Individual citizen)

March 22, 2010

Hearing at 2 p.m.

House Education and Labor Committees

**Dear Chair Takumi, Co-chair Berg, Chair Rhoads, Co-chair Yamashita, and
Committee Members,**

**I am in favor of HCR 267/HR192 urging the Governor, the Board of Education,
the Department of Education, and the Hawaii State Teachers Association to re-
open negotiations to reduce furlough Fridays.**

**With 163 teaching days, Hawaii has the shortest school year in the nation. Good
education is the basis for our strong economy, building a skilled workforce. We
need to be competitive with other states, and having the shortest school year is
not the way to do this!**

**Additionally, having to hire a babysitter or miss work for furlough Fridays is a
strain on working parents, particularly since Hawaii's families often have both
parents working.**

**Shortening the school year also threatens Federal funding for our schools, which
seems to defeat the purpose of saving state monies!**

I urge you to vote favorably on this measure.

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Committee on Education
Committee on Labor
Monday, March 22, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309
State Capitol

Chairman Takumi and Chairman Roades
Committee Members

Please support HCR267/HR192 and end Furlough Fridays. Our children need those education days.

Thank you,

Judith Fadrowsky