

Date of Hearing: Monday, March 22, 2010

Committee: House Committees on Education and  
Labor & Public Employment

Board: Education

Person Testifying: Garrett Toguchi, Chairperson, Board of Education

Title of Resolutions: H.C.R. No. 267/H.R. No. 192, Urging the Governor, the Board of  
Education, the Department of Education, and the Hawaii State  
Teachers Association to Reopen Negotiations to Reduce Furlough  
Fridays

Purpose of  
Resolutions: Strongly urges the Board of Education (Board) and the Department  
of Education, in concurrence with the Governor, and the Hawaii State  
Teachers Association, to return to the bargaining table to reopen  
negotiations with the intent to reduce furloughs and increase  
instructional days.

Board's Position: Chairpersons Takumi and Rhoads, Vice Chairpersons Berg and  
Yamashita, and members of the House Committees on Education and  
Labor & Public Employment, thank you for the opportunity to testify on  
H.C.R. No. 267 and H.R. No. 192.

The Board is working to address the furlough issue. Due to the  
sensitivity of the parties involved and because furloughs and  
instructional days are matters of negotiations under collective  
bargaining, we cannot disclose more information at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.

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TESTIFIER: Kathy Bryant-Hunter, President  
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Aikahi Elementary School PTSA

To: The House of Representatives  
The Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010

Re: HCR 267 / HR192  
Hearing Date March 22, 2010 2:00pm

Date: March 21, 2010

Dear House of Representatives:

We are President and Vice President of Aikahi Elementary School PTSA who are testifying as individuals. We **strongly support the reopening of negotiations** to reduce furlough days in the school year 2010-2011. We urge the Governor, The Board of Education, The Department of Education and the Hawaii State Teachers Associations to **begin compromising and stop negotiating.**

Everyone agrees:

- That negotiation that adversely affects children is unethical.
- That the decision to reduce instructional time was a mistake.
- That there are viable solutions.
- We have wasted too much time.
- We need to act now before this school year is over.

Thank you for calling attention to this educational crisis. Give the public education children in Hawaii the same opportunities for education as children in private school and on the Mainland.

Aloha,  
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