

SB 2336

Late Testimony

TRANSMITTAL COVER

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To: THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

Re: SB 2336 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Hearing Date February 24, 2010 10:00am



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Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee:

We support the intent of this bill but would like to focus on instructional hours as well as days.

As parents of Hawaii's public school children, we feel it incumbent upon us to express our deep concern for our children's education. We have conducted national research and found the following shocking statistics:

Instructional Hours:

88% of schools contacted have a longer school day.

Hawaii's students in public schools average less than 6 ½ hours a day.

Number of Instructional Days:

Hawaii schools have the **LOWEST** number of school days in the U.S. At a mere 163 days, the next lowest States at 173 are not even close. 75% of schools contacted have 180 days or more of instructional time!

Money spent per student:

80% of U.S. schools spend **LESS** than Hawaii at \$10,200 per student yet we have less instructional time than any other state in the nation.

Can Hawaii students really afford to be in **LAST PLACE**? The current situation is quite simply shortchanging our children and our future. For the money we are spending for each student we feel the school year must have at least 180 instructional days per year but include an extra hour of instructional time per day.

At 180 school days an extra hour would equal six additional weeks of school. In addition, this extra learning comes at minimal expense. Adding an additional hour does not require extra transportation, meal preparation, or payroll for salaried employees.

(One hour a day) * (180 school days) = 180 hours

(180 hours) / (6 hour school day) = 30 days = 6 weeks

Additional Expense: Minimal

Hawaii parents would like to see our children have the same length of instructional time as their counterparts on the mainland. We are looking to our elected representatives to work with the Governor, the Board of Education and the HSTA to make this happen.

See the attached spreadsheet which shows our findings. Please contact Jessica Perez-Mesa at 220-9863 or Melanie Bailey at 277-5121 with any questions.

Aloha.

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

State	Elementary School	Hours Students are in Class	Minutes Per Week	Hours Per Week	Hours Per Day	Phone
Hawaii	Aikahi	7:55am-2:05pm MTRF 7:55am-12:30pm W	1755	29.3	5.9	808-254-7944
Alabama	North Birmingham	8:00am-3:00pm	2100	35.0	7.0	205-231-3555
Alaska	Abbott Loop	9:00am-3:30pm	1950	32.5	6.5	907-742-5400
Arizona	ACE	7:45am-2:45pm	2100	35.0	7.0	602-257-3911
Arkansas	Springhill	8:00am-3:30pm	2250	37.5	7.5	501-847-5675
California	Adams	9:05am-3:35pm MTRF 9:05am-12:50pm W	1785	29.8	6.0	619-284-1158
Colorado	Denver	7:40am-2:20pm	2000	33.3	6.7	303-853-1410
Connecticut	Andover	8:30am-3:00pm	1950	32.5	6.5	860-742-7339
Delaware	Anna P. Mote	8:50am-3:35pm	2025	33.8	6.8	302-992-5565
Florida	Mamie Agnes	8:30am-3:00pm	1950	32.5	6.5	904-266-1214
Georgia	Ashford Park	7:45am-2:15pm	1950	32.5	6.5	678-676-6702
Idaho	Amity	8:40am-3:15pm	1975	32.9	6.6	208-854-4220
Illinois	Louisa May Alcott	7:55am-1:45pm MWRF 7:55am-2:15pm T Depending on funding, the extension of the school day may change during the school year.	1780	29.7	5.9	773-535-2700
Indiana	Abraham Lincoln Ele	8:50am-3:40pm MTRF 8:50am-3:15pm W	2025	33.8	6.8	317-789-3800
Iowa	Brubaker	8:35am-3:20pm	2025	33.8	6.8	515-242-8405
Kansas	Adams	9:00am-4:10pm	2150	35.8	7.2	316-973-2650
Kentucky	Able	7:45am-2:35pm	2050	34.2	6.8	859-381-4000
Louisiana	Alice N Boucher	8:30am-3:30pm	2100	35.0	7.0	337-234-8351
Maine	Fred P Hall	8:50am-3:00pm MTRF 8:50am-2:00pm W	1790	29.8	6.0	207-874-8205
Maryland	Beall	8:50am-3:05pm	1875	31.3	6.3	301-279-8460
Massachusetts	Alice B. Beal	8:50am-3:30pm	2000	33.3	6.7	413-787-7544
Michigan	Bar Nunn	8:50am-3:30pm	2000	33.3	6.7	307-577-4507
Minnesota	Anderson	7:00am-1:45pm	2025	33.8	6.8	612-668-4200
Mississippi	Baker	7:45am-2:15pm	1950	32.5	6.5	601-371-4327
Missouri	Alfred L Renner	8:45am-3:30pm	2025	33.8	6.8	816-359-4350
Montana	Emerson Elem	8:25am-3:00pm (older kids) 8:25am-2:00pm (younger kids)	1975	32.9	6.6	
Nebraska	Ackerman	8:45am-3:30pm MTRF 8:45am-2:00pm W	1935	32.3	6.5	402-715-8420
Nevada	Aggie Roberts	8:55am-3:16pm	1905	31.8	6.4	702-799-1320
New Hampshire	Bakersville	8:35am-2:35pm	1800	30.0	6.0	603-624-6312
New Jersey	Atlantic Highlands	8:25am-2:45pm	1900	31.7	6.3	732-291-2020
New Mexico	Acoma	9:00am-3:40pm MTRF 9:00am-1:40pm W	1880	31.3	6.3	505-299-3547
New York	Arbor Hill	9:05am-3:35pm	1950	32.5	6.5	518-462-7166
North Carolina	Allenbrook	7:30am-1:45pm	1875	31.3	6.3	980-343-6004
North Dakota	Bennett	8:20am-2:42pm	1910	31.8	6.4	701-446-4000
Ohio	Alpine	9:00am-3:30pm	1950	32.5	6.5	614-365-5359
Oklahoma	Arthur	8:30pm-3:00pm	1950	32.5	6.5	405-685-9553
Oregon	Abernethy	8:45am-3:00pm	1875	31.3	6.3	503-916-6190
Pennsylvania	Lincoln	8:30am-2:50pm	1900	31.7	6.3	661-726-9913
Rhode Island	Narragansett	9:00am-3:30pm	1950	32.5	6.5	401-792-9420
South Carolina	Daniel Island	7:20am-2:20pm	2100	35.0	7.0	843-471-2301
South Dakota	Canyon Lake	8:10am-2:50pm	2000	33.3	6.7	605-394-1817
Tennessee	AB Hill	8:30am-3:15pm	2025	33.8	6.8	901-416-7844
Texas	Anderson Mill	7:45am-2:45pm	2100	35.0	7.0	512-428-3700
Utah	Backman	8:00am-2:40pm MTWR 8:00am-12:20pm F	1860	31.0	6.2	801-578-8100
Vermont	CP Smith	8:10am-2:30pm	1900	31.7	6.3	802-864-8479
Virginia	Bay View	8:55am-3:15pm	1900	31.7	6.3	757-531-3030
Washington	Adams	9:15am-3:20pm	1825	30.4	6.1	206-252-1300
West Virginia	Bonham	8:30am-3:00pm	1950	32.5	6.5	304-348-1912
Wisconsin	Clara Barton	7:45am-2:25pm	2000	33.3	6.7	414-393-3900
Wyoming	Cottonwood	8:45am-3:30pm	2025	33.8	6.8	307-577-6735
AVERAGE			1965	32.7	6.5	

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Survey conducted February 2010

ANALYSIS OF HIGH SCHOOL HOURS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS ACROSS THE NATION:

Hawaii Public Schools all have less than a 6 1/2 hour day.

Less than 6 1/2 hours/day	12%
6 1/2 - 7 hours/day	47%
Greater than 7 hours/day	41%

INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS ACROSS THE NATION:

Hawaii Public Schools at 163 days have 10 days less than the any other State.

Less than 180	25%
180 or more	75%

AVERAGE COST PER STUDENT ACROSS THE NATION:

Hawaii Public Schools average cost per student is \$10,200-\$11,300 yet they have less instructional time than any other state in the nation.

Less than \$10,200 per student	80%
Greater than \$10,200 per student	20%

State	Average Cost Per Student	High School	Hours Students are in Class	Minutes Per Week	Hours Per Week	Hours Per Day	School Days	Phone
Hawaii	10,200-11,300	Baldwin-Maui	7:45am-2:05pm MTRF 7:45am-1:15pm W	1850	30.8	6.2	163-180	
Hawaii	10,200-11,300	Kailua	8:20am-1:50pm MTRF 8:20am-1:20pm W	1660	27.7	5.5	163-180	
Hawaii	10,200-11,300	Roosevelt	8am-2:00pm M 8am-2:20pm TWR 8am-2:40pm F	1900	31.7	6.3	163-180	
Alabama	6,500-7,000	Akron East	8am-3:12pm	2160	36.0	7.2	180	205-372-3787
Alaska	9,300-10,200	Bartlett	7:30am-2pm	1950	32.5	6.5	-	907-742-1814
Arizona	6500	Alhambra	7:45am-2:37pm	2060	34.3	6.9	180	602-764-6022
Arkansas	6500	J.D. Leftwich	7:55am-3:15pm	2200	36.7	7.3	182	479-969-2640
California	8,700-9,300	Abraham Lincoln	8:00am-3:04pm	2120	35.3	7.1	190	323-441-4600
Colorado	7,400-7,800	Boulder	7:30am-3:00pm MTRF 7:30am-2:05pm W	2195	36.6	7.3	173	720-561-2200
Connecticut	11,300-13,000	Amity Regional	7:34am-2:18pm	1880	31.3	6.3	181	203-397-4830
Delaware	8,700-9,300	Alexis I. DuPont	7:40am-2:25pm	2025	33.8	6.8	-	302-552-3700
Florida	7,400-7,800	Alonso Sr	7:24am-3:05pm	2305	38.4	7.7	-	813-356-1525
Georgia	9,300-10,200	Clarke Central	8:35am-2:35pm	1800	30.0	6.0	180	706-357-5200
Idaho	7,800-8,200	Borah	7:50am-2:56pm	2120	35.3	7.1	180	208-854-4370
Illinois	6500	Auburn	9:15am-3:20pm	1825	30.4	6.1	180	815-966-3300
Indiana	-	Arlington	7:30am-2:30pm	2100	35.0	7.0	180	317-226-2345
Iowa	8,200-8,700	Ames	7:50am-3:05pm MTRF 9:15am-3:05pm W	2090	34.8	7.0	180	515-817-0600
Kansas	6,500-7,000	Abilene	7:55am-3:05pm	2150	35.8	7.2	-	785-263-1260
Kentucky	7,400-7,800	Ballard	7:40am-2:20pm	2000	33.3	6.7	180	502-485-8206
Louisiana	7,400-7,800	Alexandria	7:19am-2:34pm	2175	36.3	7.3	174	318-448-8234
Maine	-	Cheverus	8:00am-2:20pm	1900	31.7	6.3	185	207-774-6238
Maryland	10,200-11,300	Atholton	7:20am-2:10	2050	34.2	6.8	186	410-313-7065

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Massachusetts	8,200-8,700	Barnstable	7:25am-2:00pm	1975	32.9	6.6	180	508-790-6445
Michigan	7,000-7,400	Cadillac	8:00am-2:50pm	2050	34.2	6.8	178	231-876-5800
Minnesota	11,300-13,000	Arlington	7:30am-2:00pm	1950	32.5	6.5	175	651-293-6900
Mississippi	7,000-7,400	Callaway	8:20am-3:30pm	2150	35.8	7.2	180	601-987-3535
Missouri	8,200-8,700	Rock Bridge Sr	7:50am-3:00pm	2150	35.8	7.2	176	573-214-3100
Montana	7,000-7,400	Capital	8:00am-2:20pm	1900	31.7	6.3	180	406-324-2500
Nebraska	7,400-7,800	Allen	8:15am-3:35pm	2200	36.7	7.3	180	402-635-2484
Nevada	7,000-7,400	Arbor View	7:00am-1:30pm	1950	32.5	6.5	180	702-799-6660
New Hampshire	9,300-10,200	Belmont	7:25am-2:15pm	2050	34.2	6.8	180	603-267-6525
New Jersey	13,000+	Abraham Clark	8:12am-2:42pm	1950	32.5	6.5	182	908-298-2000
New Mexico	7,000-7,400	Bloomfield	8:24am-3:36pm	2160	36.0	7.2	180	505-634-3400
New York	13,000+	Albany	7:50am-3:50pm	2400	40.0	8.0	180	518-454-3987
North Carolina	9,300-10,200	Alleghany	8:00am-2:55pm	2075	34.6	6.9	180	336-372-4554
North Dakota	10,200-11,300	Burke Central	8:30am-3:25pm	2075	34.6	6.9	173	701-933-2821
Ohio	8,200-8,700	Anderson	7:20am-2:15pm	2075	34.6	6.9	180	513-232-2772
Oklahoma	7,000	Berryhill	8:00am-2:35pm	1975	32.9	6.6	175	918-446-1636
Oregon	7,000-7,400	Corvallis	7:40am-3:10pm	2250	37.5	7.5	177	541-757-5871
Pennsylvania	8,700-9,300	Altoona Area	8:00am-2:55pm	2075	34.6	6.9	180	814-946-8273
Rhode Island	-	Barrington	7:40am-2:11pm	1955	32.6	6.5	180	401-247-3150
South Carolina	7,000	Aiken	8:00am-3:15pm	2175	36.3	7.3	181	803-641-2500
South Dakota	6,500-7,000	Centerville	8:15am-3:20pm	2125	35.4	7.1	176	605-563-2291
Tennessee	8,700-9,300	Alcoa	8:00am-3:00pm	2100	35.0	7.0	180	865-982-4631
Texas	7,800-8,200	Anderson	9:00am-4:15pm	2175	36.3	7.3	175	512-414-2538
Utah	7,500	American Fork	7:45am-1:15pm M 7:45am-2:15pm TWRF	1890	31.5	6.3	180	801-756-8547
Vermont	10,200-11,300	Burlington	8:05am-3:00pm	2075	34.6	6.9	176	802-864-8411
Virginia	10,200-11,300	McLean	7:20am-2:10pm	2050	34.2	6.8	183	703-714-5700
Washington	8,700-9,300	Ballard	8:05am-2:35pm	1950	32.5	6.5	180	206-252-1000
West Virginia	7,800-8,200	Buffalo	8:03am-3:27pm	2220	37.0	7.4	186	304-937-2661
Wisconsin	8,700-9,300	Almond	8:10am-3:20pm	2150	35.8	7.2	180	715-366-2941
Wyoming	11,300-13,000	Central	7:30am-3:28pm MTF 8:00am-3:26pm WR	2326	38.8	7.8	-	307-771-2680
AVERAGE				2076	34.6	6.9		

Average Cost Per Student was from My College Options which does a Board of Education survey annually.

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