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LATE TESTIMONY

Comments:

I am a 35 year resident of Volcano and we have raised 2 children there, both in the public school system. While I support this bill as a step in the right direction for charter schools in general, I wish to additionally see SB2889 reinstated, as a better bill addressing the specific needs of the Volcano community. (In the reinstatement of SB2889, may I suggest that 1 change be made: If the DOE's KOEC outdoor education program is closed, then the KOEC facility transfers to VSAS. This should have been included in the original bill but was not.) Since 2001, VSAS is "the Volcano community school" but without any facilities provided by the state. There are 162 children attending VSAS.

- The Volcano school cannot get federal, state or private facilities funds due to restrictions and complications on their current site.

Children at VSAS are still being educated in tents, because of facilities-issue gridlock on the current site. Transfer of the KOEC facility would end this immediately

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LATE TESTIMONY

Comments:

I have been with Volcano School since the beginning and have been involved with all the hassles of the lack of facilities and problems with having adequate classrooms for the students. Being able to have KOEC for our students would be so appreciated and made good use of - not only the building itself, but the play field - which we so desperately need. Thank you so much for your consideration.

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LATE TESTIMONY

Comments:

Although the entire island benefits from the use of Julie Williams and her program at KOEC, if the state decides to end her program, KOEC SHOULD go Volcano School of Arts and Sciences as I believe the property was gifted to the state specifically to be used for education/a school.

I have two children that attend Volcano School, my husband and I have volunteered hundreds (if not thousands) of hours over the years and we would like to see safe, permanent buildings as well as a suitable play area for all the students at VSAS. The school would be able to save money in so many areas and provide more services to more students. Help keep KOEC a place of learning for our community. MAHALO!