

**SB 2889**

**Late Testimony**

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**FROM:** Maunalei Love, Executive Director

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Testimony in **support** of S.B. No. 2889

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha,

I am Maunalei Love, executive director of the Charter School Administrative Office (“CSAO”). I want to thank the chair and the entire committee for the time and effort being spent to remedy the issue of adequately providing needed resources to all public schools students to give them the educational opportunities that will enable them to succeed. The CSAO supports providing the charter schools access to available facilities to maximize the use of our facilities for our students to give them the educational opportunities that will enable them to succeed.

We support SB2588, transferring the Keakealani outdoor education center to the Volcano School of Arts and Sciences. This bill serves to benefit a public charter school without creating a significant fiscal impact on the state budget.

We support this bill for providing facility support for a public charter school. We believe that this approach could be used as a model that will better position Hawaii in competition for U.S. Department of Education’s Race to the Top (RTT) initiative. States with policies in place supporting equitable funding for all public school students are at greater competitive advantage to qualify for RTT and other federal grant programs.

The CSAO is ready, willing, and able to help with any revisions. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.