

HB 2200,

HD1

Testimony

Date: 03/29/2010

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Purpose of Bill: To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2009-11 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. (\$)

Department's Position: The Department submitted the impact statement on the H.D.1 of the operating budget on March 11, 2010 and asks that the Senate Committee on Ways and Means take our concerns into consideration. These concerns include EDN 100 (Weighted Student Formula), EDN 150 (proviso limiting the amount that can be expended on contracts for special education services), EDN 200 (impact on multiple instructional support services), EDN 300 (reduction of unidentified positions and funds), and EDN 400 (elimination of funds for school maintenance contracts and reduction of student transportation funds). The Board of Education has identified program reductions which were transmitted with the impact statement. We request the Committee to consider the Board's input when making its decisions regarding the Department's budget.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Monday, March 29, 2010
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
in consideration of
HB2200, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The State Land Use Commission (BED103) respectfully asks that this Committee restore \$16,176 that the House eliminated from the Land Use Commission FY 11 General Fund appropriation in its consideration of HB2200.

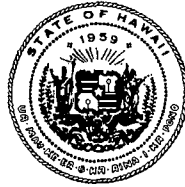
HB 2200, the Administration's Executive Supplemental Budget Request, calls for a total Commission budget of \$450,263 in General Funds. This represents a substantial cut from the FY10 amount of \$506,202 and reflects furlough savings plus no funding of a vacant secretary position.

The \$16,132 in question was included by the Administration to account for the net effect of the reduction in force (RIF) process. As a result of a RIF in another DBEDT agency, a Planner V employee from the LUC was bumped from her position. The new LUC Planner V who assumed the position has a higher salary than the bumped employee due to seniority. Accordingly, we request the restoration of \$16,132 to HB2200 HD1 to maintain the needed salary amount.

The Commission is a small agency seeking to accomplish its important work of administering the State's Land Use Law. Thus we respectfully ask this Committee to return BED 103 to its original HB2200 amount of \$450,263.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 29, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2200, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Hearing: Monday, March 29, 2010; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 2200, H.D. 1, is to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2009-11 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports the Executive Supplemental Budget for FY2011 submitted by the Governor. By contrast, DHS strongly objects to H.D. 1 submitted by the House Finance Committee.

The Governor's budget for FY 2011 would provide funding in amounts that are both sufficient and appropriately designated for the functions of DHS that are necessary to ensure that the State meets its responsibilities to Hawaii's neediest residents, without the dramatic and disastrous reductions in vital services and federal funds called for in H.D. 1.

It is important to understand that H.D.1 is deceiving in that it purports to give DHS \$5 million more in State general funds than the Governor's budget, but then the House bill **restricts DHS from spending nearly \$74 million in federal funds for SFY 2011!** This is inconceivable, especially given Hawaii's unprecedented budget shortfall. Preventing DHS from accessing \$73,716,065 in federal funds is also acutely counter-productive, resulting in increased State costs for foster care and welfare.

There is no downside, no adverse impact, from providing to DHS what is requested in the Governor's budget, especially relating to Child Welfare Services (CWS) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

The Governor's budget maximally leverages federal funds, in lieu of State general funds, to maintain vital public assistance benefits and rehabilitative services for vulnerable children and adults.

Specifically, the Governor's budget will enable DHS to build on far-reaching improvements achieved since 2005 at CWS, such as:

- Safely reducing the number of children in foster care by more than half;
- Eliminating the disproportionate removal of children of Hawaiian ancestry from their biological parents;
- Preventing child abuse and neglect by strengthening at-risk families; and
- Bringing pride to Hawaii, especially DHS staff, for gaining national recognition as a "model" CWS program.

Instead of reinforcing the progress made by DHS staff and many community partners, House Finance proposes to slash CWS funding by a staggering 52 percent – a cut of more than \$22 million.

DHS respectfully requests that the Senate restore all CWS funding (including the full TANF transfer of federal funds to CWS' Social Services Block Grant) as

provided in the Governor's budget for DHS. The Governor's budget on CWS funding is exactly what the 2009 Legislature provided in the biennium budget last session for DHS in SFY 2011.

The Governor and the 2009 Legislature were in complete agreement on all CWS funding for SFY 2010 when the biennium budget was passed last year. This is not the time to flinch and go backwards. The Governor is prepared to stay the course by maintaining Hawaii's strong commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect. We urge the 2010 Legislature to do the same.

The Governor's budget for DHS will also ensure that Hawaii can draw-down all \$49 million in extra federal stimulus monies available through the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA).

This \$49 million – an additional 50 percent of Hawaii's \$98.9 million annual TANF Block Grant – must be earned by the State. To do so, DHS must increase expenditures of TANF federal funds in one or more of three categories: (1) cash assistance benefits; (2) subsidized wages; and/or (3) short-term, non-recurring benefits (not to exceed 4 months).

TANF provisos in H.D. 1 force DHS to reduce the very categories of federal fund spending that must be increased for Hawaii to earn \$49 million in extra TANF federal funds. To make matters worse, the House inexplicably wants to spend scarce State general funds for what otherwise could be paid for with federal funds. Clearly, this is the time to spend more federal funds, not less.

There are many examples of House Finance's counter-productive "anti" federal revenue maximization strategy in the H.D. 1. DHS has provided a detailed list to your Ways and Means Committee.

The Governor's Executive Supplemental Budget proposed switches in Means of Funding from State general funds to federal funds. This will save millions in State general funds for SFY 2011, while increasing expenditures of TANF federal funds to draw-down the additional \$49 million in federal stimulus dollars.

Hawaii has a rare and fleeting opportunity to qualify for these federal stimulus funds. For every \$20 of increased spending of our existing federal funds on certain DHS programs and services, State government will receive \$80 in new federal stimulus funds. We must draw down these additional federal funds by September 30, 2010.

Unfortunately, the House budget prevents DHS from pursuing this federal revenue maximization strategy, which would help needy residents and revitalize Hawaii's economy.

This 2010 Legislative session is the last time that House Finance and WAM can authorize DHS to spend increased federal funds from our TANF Block Grant (or TANF Reserves) to draw-down the extra \$49 million in federal stimulus funds.

The House budget bill would also eliminate or sharply reduce many of the services our community partners provide for DHS clients and other vulnerable residents through purchase of services (POS) contracts.

These partners directly provide vital rehabilitative services in communities statewide, including family strengthening, child abuse prevention, life skills training, job readiness, job placement, drug treatment, domestic violence shelters, parenting classes, life skills, after-school activities and much more.

Please remember that DHS had already sustained a 29 percent budget cut to help reduce the State's revenue shortfall for the SFY 2009-2011 biennium. In addition, our Department had to make a 12 percent across-the-board cut in client service POS contracts due to TANF spending restrictions imposed by the 2008 Legislature. To now

further erode DHS partnerships with community organizations, as called for in the House budget bill, would have far-reaching negative consequences.

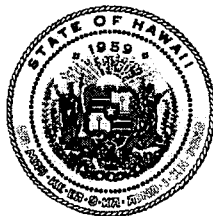
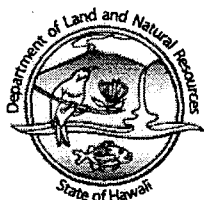
There is one more outstanding budget issue that DHS requests the cooperation of WAM and House Finance to address – the substantial shortfall in our Medicaid programs. The short-term solution is for DHS to delay payments to Medicaid health plans for approximately two months. The long-term solution is to adjust Medicaid benefits to a fiscally sustainable level.

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) represents approximately 75 to 80 percent of the DHS budget, and the single-biggest cost factor is Medicaid. Accordingly, as the largest program in the Department, reductions to MQD will minimize the impact on our smaller programs. Reducing the budgets in our smaller programs is akin to trying to bail out a sinking ship by tossing out your fishing tackle, lunch pail, and deck shoes while ignoring the huge hole in the middle of the ship's floorboards. The biggest cost factor at DHS is Medicaid. Medicaid cannot be ignored in efforts to control DHS spending – it is our biggest spender, by far. And Medicaid spending is running a significant budget shortfall this biennium – it is the huge hole in the ship's floorboards. Cutting our smaller programs will only reduce their effectiveness while the shortfall in our medical assistance programs continues to increase, inevitably sinking the ship.

In conclusion, as the Senate drafts its budget for DHS, I urge you to adopt Governor Lingle's proposals for our Department. This will maximize federal revenue while ensuring that DHS and our community partners continue to provide vital rehabilitative services for Hawaii's most vulnerable men, women and children.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

LINDA LINGLE
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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Monday, March 29, 2010
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2200, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 2200, House Draft 1 (HB 2200, HD1) appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is opposed to certain adjustments made in the HB 2200, HD1.

The Department submitted a budget proposal which balanced general, special, and federal funds across divisions and programs. The Department reduced its operating expenditures through furloughs, reduction in force, and by consolidating and eliminating programs. HB 2200, HD1 added back the abolished positions without any funding attached, with few exceptions. It is fiscally irresponsible to retain unfunded positions. The Department will be criticized for having high vacancy rates and not being able to meet their core mission.

HB 2200, HD1 didn't also agree with the proposed merger of two of the Department's Fisheries Branches into a single branch as a Recreation and Commercial Section as a result of reduction-in-force actions. Because personnel in LNR 153 (Commercial Fisheries and Resource Enhancement) and LNR 805 (Recreational Fisheries) have historically worked closely together, the reduced staffing levels have dictated a consolidation of these two programs in order to avoid significant reductions in public services and sustainable management of state fisheries. The cost savings associated with the consolidation resulted in a savings of \$327,504 from general funds and \$17,043 from special funds. Thus the proposed consolidation of these two LNR programs into a single program is prudent both fiscally and operationally.

The Department respectfully requests restoration of its original budget as it was prepared in recognition of the Department's priorities.

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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan Tsutsui, Vice-Chair

Date: March 29, 2010 - Conference Room 211 – 9:00 a.m.

Re: **HB 2200 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP strongly supports HB 2200, HD1. Its purpose is to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2009-11 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Within HB 2200, HD1 we strongly support an additional appropriation of \$2,963,411 for the Kupuna Care program in the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging (HTH 904).

As recommended in the Senate Human Services committee report to SB 2469 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, this amount is needed to maintain essential services in Kupuna Care. The base budget for Kupuna Care from Hawaii's general fund has remained flat at \$4,854,350 since 2002 and has not kept pace with the need for services resulting in cuts to core services for clients who are homebound, frail and elderly. Meanwhile our population is aging and living longer, with two out of three seniors needing long term care services in their lifetime.

This program helps people in the gap group – those who cannot afford to pay for services but do not qualify for Medicaid. Kupuna Care provides an important safety net that reduces the number of older adults from going into poverty due to the high cost of long-term care. Clients face few alternative care options where most would not afford the \$123,000 annually for nursing home care, and would more likely become Medicaid eligible with the state picking up the \$75,000 annual cost.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for HB 2200, HD1 and the Kupuna Care program.



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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 29, 2010

H.B. 2200, H.D. 1 – RELATING
TO THE STATE BUDGET

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, supports those portions of H.B. 2200, H.D. 1 that restore important positions in various departments that were adversely effected by layoffs. It is clear that the administration implemented the reduction-in-force (RIF) without regard to the resulting impact on services or how layoffs would create even greater operational problems. Based on information we received during the inadequate RIF consultation process, there was no policy rationale for these layoffs other than the positions were paid from the state's general fund. Each department was told how many positions to cut by the Governor's office.

The RIFs in several departments such as DHS, Department of Agriculture (DOA) and the Department of Health (DOH) will likely cause permanent damage to Hawaii such as leaving children in dangerous environments, shredding the safety net for those who need it, limiting the systematic inspection of airport and harbor facilities to prevent invasive species from entering the state, and endangering the state's food supply.

H.B. 2200, H.D. 1 restores about 128 positions that were subject to layoff in the Child Welfare Services program of the Department of Human Services (DHS) (HMS 301). These positions were cut in the Governor's budget. H.B. 2200, H.D.1 also restores position counts in the DOH to levels similar to those that existed before the RIF so that the department can carry out its responsibilities. 59 positions were restored in DOA, with the majority in the Plant, Pest & Disease Control Division to address the invasive species problem.

Our larger concern is that without an increase in the state's general excise tax, there may not be sufficient revenue to implement the budget. With the economy slowly recovering from this prolonged recession, the state may not be able to close a \$1.2 billion budget gap through selected tax increases, and the elimination of certain tax credits and exemptions. This could result in further program cuts and employee layoffs.

Instead of risking further program cuts, the legislature can build a foundation for future prosperity by maintaining and restoring public services through a temporary 1% increase to the state's general excise tax with certain credits and deductions for the neediest segment of our community. Almost 40% of the tax will be paid by visitors to the state. The GET has the broadest base, so it would require the smallest tax increase.

The main drawback in using the GET is that it is a regressive tax. Because the GET applies to virtually all spending, and because lower-income people spend a bigger share of their income, the tax hits lower-income people disproportionately. We can minimize the effect on lower-income people by combining GET increase with changes in Hawaii's net income tax and increasing certain tax credits.

This approach has the advantage that it can be effectively targeted and accomplished with little or no increase in tax administration or compliance costs. Therefore, to ease the burden of the GET increase on lower-income people, we suggest increasing the food, rent and child care tax credits, along with the standard deduction.

The income tax credits for food and rent are means tested, so they can be effectively targeted to needy people. Lower-income people are also the primary users of the standard income tax deduction, because more affluent taxpayers usually itemize their deductions. These tax breaks for lower-income people should largely eliminate the extra tax burden on the poor caused by the proposed increase in the GET.

Public spending gives a much greater boost to the economy than more state budget cuts or layoffs. Additional layoffs of public employees will reduce family incomes and hurt the private sector. High quality public services along with a well-educated workforce are the necessary foundations for building an economy that provides security and opportunity to Hawaii residents. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2200, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted,



Nora A. Nomura
Deputy Executive Director



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Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Monday, March 29, 2010
9:00am
Conference Room 211
Hawaii State Capitol

HB2200 HD1 - Relating to the State Budget

To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2009-2011 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Testimony of Alice M. Hall, Esq.
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB2200 HD1 Relating to the State Budget.

We have reviewed HB2200 HD1 operating and capital improvement project appropriations for FY 2009-2011 for HHSC. We appreciate the operating appropriations in HB2200 HD1 for HHSC. The financial projections for FY' 11 have not improved since we requested this funding and HHSC continues to need all of the planned appropriations in order to continue to provide safety net healthcare services. With regard to capital improvement project appropriations, we note that there are two capital improvement projects for HHSC's facilities that are scheduled to lapse (Section 80, Item E-14 for Maui Memorial Medical Center and Item E-14.07 for Kauai Region). HHSC respectfully requests that the funding for these two projects be prevented from lapsing.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment regarding HB2200 HD1 and thank you for the support provided to HHSC facilities.

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March 25, 2010

To: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 2200 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of fifty youth-serving organizations, opposes HN 2200 HD1 Relating to the State Budget.

HYSN opposes this bill because:

- This budget reduces or eliminates funding for essential health and social service programs that support low income families, children, elderly, and persons with disabilities, who are those most severely affected by the economic recession. Health and social services that support vulnerable populations are needed now more than ever.
- The furloughs in the public school system have resulted in the lowest number of instructional days of any state. Our children need and deserve adequate educational opportunities. Restoring the school calendar should be one of our highest priorities.
- The budget strongly impacts youth prevention programs that reduce future dependence on public financial assistance; and prevent crime, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, and teen pregnancy. The 2009 Youth Behavioral Risk Survey shows disturbing trends with increases in alcohol consumption and reduced use of condoms by sexually active student. We cannot afford to the consequences of ignoring the needs of our next generation.
- Funding for health, human services, and education supports economic recovery. The non-profit sector is the fourth largest employer in Hawaii, accounting for more than 41,000 jobs. Non-profit organizations are small businesses that purchase goods and services, which benefit all sectors of the economy, such as transportation and real estate.

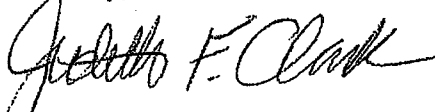


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Hawaii Youth Services Network urges the Committee to restore cuts in essential services for our most vulnerable citizens, recognizing that funding for these services is an effective way to encourage economic recovery.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Judith F. Clark
Executive Director



March 24, 2010

TO: Senator Donna Kim, Chair, Senator Shañ S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Jackie Berry, Executive Director
RE: **HB 2200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget**
Hearing: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 9:00am

Honorable Chairperson Kim, Vice Chairperson Tsutsui and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

HMHB is a statewide coalition of public and private agencies and individuals committed to the improvement of maternal and infant health status in Hawaii through education, coordination and advocacy. **HMHB is testifying today on HB 2200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget asking that you do not reduce the amount of funding for purchase of service contracts by the Department of Health, Family Health Services Division. This bill calls for a reduction of 20%, which is \$6,899,894. to community organizations, many of which provide services to women, including perinatal and family planning services. Last year, perinatal services were severely affected by a cut of approximately 600,000 to the Baby Safe Programs, a program which provided services to women and infants at risk. We can not continue to ask our most vulnerable populations to bare the brunt of the State's economic woes. And, it will be the State that ultimately will pay more to fix problems that could have been prevented.** In a recent report, done by the Children's Research Triangle covering the first 1,000 pregnant women on Hawai'i Island who were screened for alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use, 49.4% used alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana in the earliest part of pregnancy. The overall rate of women continuing alcohol and/or illicit drug use after knowledge of pregnancy was 28.9%. From the data collected in this sample, it is possible to project that among the 37,892 children under age 18 years on Hawai'i Island, approximately half, or 18,946 children have been prenatally exposed to alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs. Providing intervention and treatment to even a small proportion of these children through the mental health, education, child welfare and juvenile justice systems most likely effects the costs for childrens' behavioral health services.

Mahalo for your consideration and for hearing our testimony.

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Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 11:23:28 AM

I will testify in person on Monday but ask that you enter my letter as a record of written testimony regarding the Boarding Program at Lahainaluna High School.

Dear Chairperson Kim and Vice Chairperson Tsutsui,

My name is Rob Shelton, and I serve as President of the Lahainaluna High School Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a superior high school experience for all Lahainaluna students. The Lahainaluna Boarders Association is planning their celebration of 175 years of the boarding program in 2011. It has come to my attention that although the Board of Education has voted to keep the Boarding program active, the Senate Ways and Means Committee is considering rolling dollars from cuts to student weighted formulas which would effectively eliminate the line item for the Boarding program.

The Boarding Department of Lahainaluna High School is part of the rich culture and tradition that makes this school so special. In 1970, the Board of Education approved a selection criteria for boarding students that included those who might otherwise find it difficult to obtain a high school education, those that may benefit by a change in environment, providing Pacific basin students to benefit from the boarding and day school program, and other applicants in the state who are selected by the Boarding Department Advisory Board. The school is doing its part to ensure that these objectives are carried out each year.

Many have seen first-hand the wonderful accomplishments of the Boarding program as they nurture these students and assist them with real life lessons, focusing on team building, development of good work habits, and leadership skills. Our Lahainaluna Boarders are hard workers and contribute greatly to the school and our West Maui community.

From the Foundation's point of view, many of our ardent supporters are graduates of the Boarding Program and they take great pride in their school experience. If the Boarding Department is closed, the school would stand to lose literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and sponsorships, endowments, scholarships, and other programs that our Boarder Program alumni faithfully give to our Foundation.

We realize the many financial difficulties our state faces but really don't see any positive benefit of shutting down the Boarding Program. These students take care of the school grounds, set up and breakdown for school and community events (ie., graduation, David Malo Day programs) and offer many benefits to the Maui from their community service projects such as work with Kapalua Maui Charities and others. The DOE would certainly be faced with additional expenditures to provide the labor necessary to maintain the largest campus in the state as well.

The Westside community is proud of their school and continues to rally together to help due to lagging State funds. A recent example is during the past year, the Realtors Association of Maui Wishing Well program worked with the students to upgrade their dorms with painting projects, repairs, enhancements to kitchen areas, and a new computer lab. This also shows great support

for the Boarding program and it would be a shame to take this away from the oldest school west of the Rocky Mountains.

I urge you to restore funding to the Boarding Program which supports education through the many opportunities this program has provided. I would be happy to speak to any of you and encourage you to call me at (808) 281-4024. Please also visit our Foundation web site at www.lahainalunahighschoolfoundation.com to see the wonderful work we are doing for the benefit of Lahainaluna High School.

Sincerely,

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"Perpetuating The Torch of Excellence"

From: [Leslie Hiraga](#)
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Subject: SD1 testimony
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 9:12:06 AM

SD1 testimony for WAM committee hearing Monday March 29, 2010.

Please maintain Lahainaluna High School's boarding department program as a separate line item insuring it's funding in the upcoming annual budget. Lahainaluna has a rich history being established in 1831 commencing the boarding program in 1836. Today, approximately 174 years later the program is still valid and viable. This work - study program offers students (male & female) an opportunity to experience a vast array of classes, programs, athletic sports and personal development typically unavailable in their geographic school. In exchange for their room and board these students work for the State of Hawaii maintaining Lahainaluna High School, easily the largest high school campus in our state wide system. If the funding is terminated the State will then have to hire between 12 and 15 full time custodial employees to maintain the campus. This reason alone stands out ~ cut funding only to add funding. It is fiscally irresponsible.

Thank you for your attention to this grave concern.

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From: [Doris Lee](#)
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Subject: Lahainaluna Boarding Dept.
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 11:08:24 AM

Aloha!

Please tell me that it is not true that the WAM is contemplating closure of our beloved LHS Boarding Department! After 174 years of sending forth men and women of diverse backgrounds into the community, it would be a tragedy to curtail this unique institution.

The boarding department is a community in itself, and upon leaving the department, former boarders adjust more easily within the broader community. Boarding life commands respect for authority and nurtures respect for each other. Boarding department life cannot be taught in a classroom; the experience in itself is an important and impressionable lesson that lasts a lifetime.

For myself, boarding life prepared me for the military. I did not have to struggle with wake up calls, with the strict discipline demanded of me, nor the need to give full respect to higher authority. During my career as a civilian, it came naturally to give due respect to those in charge as well as to those whom I supervised. The structure of life as a boarder prepared me for the challenges of adulthood.

The budget cuts are a sore reality. My grandchildren are affected, including one in special education. We try to cope the best we can.

As a former boarder, I know how much the boarding department has influenced my life. If the boarding department is to be closed, the doors will also be closed to many young men and women—future citizens of this state and county—who would undoubtedly benefit from this unique institution.

Therefore, I ask for your support to spare the LHS Boarding Department from the chopping block!

Mahalo,

Michael Lee
President
Lahainaluna Boarders Association

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Testimony of:
C. Mike Kido, External Affairs
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Before the Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Monday, March 29, 2010
Conference Room 211
9:00 a.m.

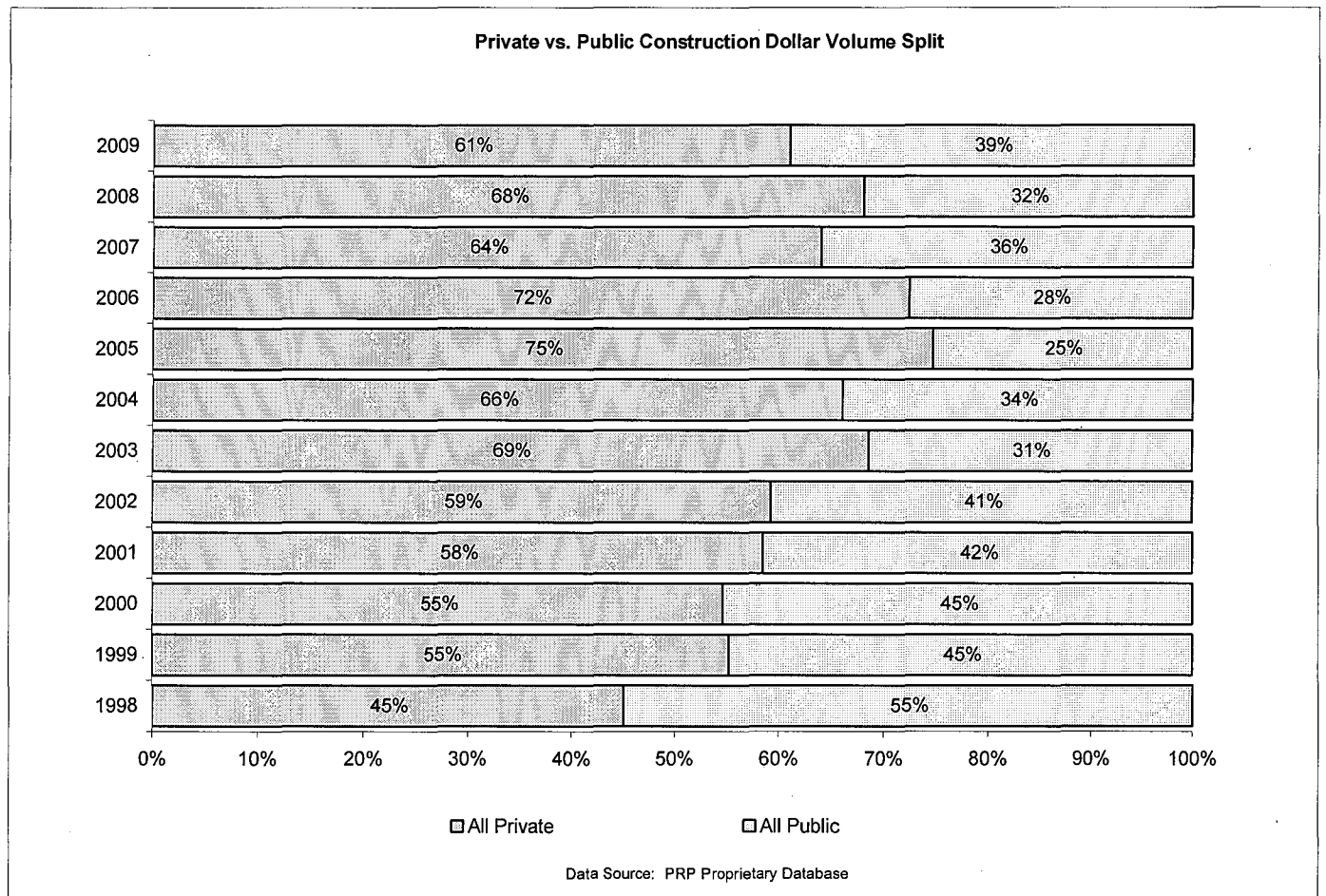
Aloha Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a joint partnership of the Hawaii Carpenters Union and their 240 signatory contractors. Our goal is to provide economic growth and jobs for our contractors and members of the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP is in strong support of HB 2200, HD1 – Relating to the State Budget - To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2009-11 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

PRP believes that the most effective way to improve our economy is to boost Hawaii's construction industry. We have included in our testimony internal construction volume update for your review; the chart illustrates the annual Private/Public construction dollar volume which provides meaningful job enrichment. In 2009, the annual volume was \$2.4 B -- \$1.5 B (61%) in Private construction and \$940 M (39%) in Public construction. For the past several years, the private sector has declined since 2005 from a 75% private/25% public split. So, although the private side has been in decline for a couple of years now and the public sector has been close to the only game in town, private construction still makes up nearly two-thirds of the construction industry -- a very significant chunk.

PRP wishes to advocate that UH-West Oahu campus development is a construction-ready project that would employ several hundred construction workers with a projected start date of summer (2010). With 50.5% union members currently unemployed, it is imperative to proceed in a timely and efficient manner with a significant allocation of governmental CIP to offset the lost of private sector construction jobs.



PRP respectfully asks that this legislative proposal be given full consideration in the course of your legislative deliberations.



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March 29, 2010

Testimony in Support: HB 2200 HD 1, State Budget

To: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair, Senator Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Andrea Anderson, Vice President of Government & Public Affairs

Re: Testimony on HB 2200, HD 1

Thank you members of the committee for hearing my comments on HB 2200, HD 1, the State Budget. I ask that you restore TANF funding to organizations that contract with the Department of Human Services to perform direct teen pregnancy prevention services, which was cut the House Finance Committee earlier this month. These contracts represent direct service work provided to some of Hawaii's most vulnerable individuals and families. For some organizations, this cut in funding will result in closed doors and termination of services.

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii serves the reproductive needs of the people of Hawaii through our clinical services, education programs, and through advocacy. We work to prevent teen pregnancy in our state by providing teens education to help them make responsibly choices about sex, assisting parents talk more openly and effectively to their children about sexual health, and providing teens with access to contraception. Our work is just one element of a wide safety net. We rely on the concerted effort of many community organizations to serve youth and prevent teen pregnancy. While PPH does not have a TANF funded contract with DHS, many of our partners do. This cut may terminate those programs.

In a recent report, the Guttmacher Institute found that in 2006 Hawaii had the 17th highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation.¹ In 2006 the national teen pregnancy rate increased by 3%. This marks the first increase after more than a decade of decline. In February 2010, data from the Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior Survey was released by the Centers for Disease Control. According to that survey while 30% of Hawaii's teens are sexually active, only 47% are using protection. Our teens cannot afford to lose programs that help them make responsible choices about sex and prevent teen pregnancy.

From providing public health care to both child bearing teens and their children to providing social services, unplanned teen pregnancies cost our state a significant amount of money. According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, unplanned teen pregnancies cost Hawaii \$22 million in 2004. Prevention programs saved the state \$21 million that year.²

¹ US Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity, January 2010, accessed from <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/USTPTrends.pdf> on January 29, 2010

² See By the Numbers: The Pubic Costs of Teen Childbearing in Hawaii, November 2006, accessed from <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/pdf/states/hawaii/onepager.pdf>

I understand that balancing the budget during this time of economic crisis is exceedingly difficult, however the cut to teen pregnancy prevention programs will exacerbate our already high teen pregnancy rate and will ultimately cost the state more money than these cuts purport to save. Hawaii cannot afford the cut to these contracts. Please restore this funding, thank you.

To: The Senate Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
The Honorable Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Date: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol Room 211

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Testimony Supporting HB220 HD1- Relating to the State Budget under
Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging (HTH 904) – Kupuna
Care

I strongly support HB 2200 HD 1-Relating to the State Budget under Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging (HTH 904). Kupuna Care has for years through the Executive Office on Aging in partnership with the county area agencies on aging provided much support to the elders throughout the State of Hawaii. The numbers of elders needing long term care assistance are ever increasing as the demographics lean heavily towards an aging society. In a few years, older adults 60 and over, will make up 25% of Hawaii's population.

Aging in place is the desire for everyone in Hawaii and assistance in various nature i.e. case management, information and referral, meals on wheels, transportation, housing, personal care, attendant care, etc. is increasing. Kupuna Care is a cost effective program and plays a vital role in maintaining seniors to live happily in their homes. Many older adults are isolated, shut-in, lonely and helpless and need some assistance in coping with daily living. Elders are our bridge to our past, our heritage and our treasured resource.

Funding for Kupuna Care for \$2.9 million in the State's base budget within the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging (HTH 904) is imminent to Hawaii's Kupuna to age in place with your whole hearted and sensitive support.

Thank you very much.

kim2 - Jo Ann

From: Pauline Pavao [pauline.pavao@usw.salvationarmy.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2010 1:02 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB2200,HD1 -Monday, March 29, 2010 - 9:00 am

Aloha -

The Salvation Army-Family Intervention Services requests your support and passage of H.B. 2200, HD 1 - Relating to the State Budget. The Salvation Army-Family Intervention Services provides services to youth, ages 5 thru 21, and their families in its residential, independent/transitional living and prevention services on the Big Island and Maui. TSA-FIS currently employs 83 full-time employees and has laid off 12 full time staff members since July 1st, 2009 due to loss of funding. With continued loss of funding, services to the community, to youth and families and further lay off of full time staff, will not in any way support our already depressed economy and will commit to future social service problems in our communities, ie homelessness, law violations, etc.

In an effort to continue basic need services in our communities and support staff employment so that they may also remain a solution to funding problems TSA-FIS supports raising the GE tax by 1% for social service/human service programs.

Mahalo nui loa -

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Subject: Testimony for HB2200, HD1, March 29, 2010, 9 a.m., Room 211

Testimony in Support of HB2200, HD1
9:00 a.m., March 29, 2010, Conference Room 211

Sen. Donna Mercado Kim
Chair, Senate Ways and Means Committee

Sen. Shan Tsutsui
Vice Chair, Senate Ways and Means Committee

Dear Madam and Sir,

My name is Serafin Colmenares Jr., executive director of the Congress of Visayan Organizations (COVO), the umbrella of Visayan organizations in the State of Hawaii. In behalf of COVO, I would like to testify in support of HB2200, HD1, in particular, the House budget for the Office of Language Access (OLA), Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (LBR 316). The Office was established by law (Act 290) in 2006 to provide oversight, central coordination, and technical assistance to state agencies in their implementation of language access requirements under the law.

The original executive budget took away and recommended the abolition of all four staff positions of the office, except that of executive director. The House version restored all four positions and funded two of them (senior legal analyst and clerk).

Right now, OLA is a one-man office, and it is just not possible for the executive director to do the basic functions of the office such as information and referral, technical assistance and training, compliance monitoring, complaints resolution, rulemaking and reporting, and the clerical/administrative support functions that go with them. Due to lack of staffing, planned activities of the office such as training, monitoring, education and outreach, technical assistance, etc., had to be cancelled, reduced, postponed, or put on hold, thereby impacting the performance of its most basic functions. It is to be noted that state agencies have started implementing their language access plans. Initial monitoring results show that most agencies are not in full compliance with the requirements of the law, and there is a need to continue monitoring and providing them with technical assistance and training. The absence of staff to monitor, train and provide assistance to agencies in the implementation of their plans could lead to further non-compliance which would hinder the ability of limited English proficient individuals to access state or state-funded services, programs or activities, thereby denying them participation in community affairs and threatening their health and well being. This could lead to the filing of complaints and possible lawsuits against the State.

We understand the financial straits the State is now in. However, for the office to perform its basic functions, it is necessary that, in addition to the executive director, the positions of senior legal analyst and clerk be retained and funded. The senior legal analyst is needed to provide legal expertise in dealing with legal questions from agencies as well as complaints from the public, and to assist in performing the rule-making, compliance, monitoring, training, and reporting functions of the office. A clerk is needed to provide clerical, secretarial and administrative support, as well as information and referral services, for the office.

It is also strongly recommended that the rest of the staff positions be retained or kept in the books and not abolished even if they are not funded, so it would be easier to fund and fill them when the economic situation improves later, instead of going through the long and difficult process of requesting for new positions.

COVO, therefore, strongly requests for your support of the House budget for the Office of Language Access (LBR 316).

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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Testimony for WAM 3/29/2010 9:00:00 AM HB2200

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Comments:

**Testimony: HB2200 HD1. WAM. 3/29/10.
Urging support for funding the boarding program at
Lahainaluna High School.**

**By James S. Kumagai,
Lahainaluna 1952**

I am presenting this testimony to urge your support to fund the boarding program at Lahainaluna High School. It is a unique and effective program that has helped many students in ways that are not otherwise available. I speak from experience. I was a Lahainaluna boarder, graduating in 1952.

The boarding program gave me a chance to attend high school and graduate at a time and under circumstances when my older brothers and sister could not. They had to quit school to work. I was lucky. I was given the chance to apply to the boarding program where room and board was free, in return for manual labor in the mornings and afternoons, before and after school. Otherwise, I never would have made it through high school.

The boarding program gave me a chance and more. It was part of the setting for a quality education. Teachers were excellent. The school stressed scholarship, citizenship, and values. The then principal, H. Alton Rogers, used to say, getting up early in the morning to work at physical labor on the farm, on the school grounds, before school and return to work after school, went hand in hand with the mental culture in the classroom; it was meant to make each of us a whole person.

Work was hard, but the labor was for producing food from the school farm for ourselves; it was for producing our own light and electricity from the power plant we maintained; it was for upkeeping the school grounds and buildings where we lived, worked, and studied. As boarders we learned to live as responsible, caring, and contributing members of our own campus community.

I credit my experience at Lahainaluna High School, especially as a boarder, for preparing me to go on in life and pursue a career in science and engineering, earning a BS from the University of Hawaii, a MS from Washington University, St. Louis, and a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. I served in the military: a Korean War veteran. I served and worked in the public sector as Deputy Director for Environmental Health, State Department of Health; in the healthcare field as Vice President for Facilities Planning and Management at the Queen's Medical Center; in the professional organizations as member and officer; in community and political affairs as Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii for three terms; and in the private sector for my livelihood as a professional environmental engineer.

The boarding program at the Lahainaluna High School gave me a chance. It gave many others the chance in unique ways over the decades to grow and become productive citizens in the community. It is a worthwhile program for the public benefit. I strongly urge your support of the Lahainaluna High School boarding program.

From: kimballmaui@gmail.com on behalf of [Kim Ball](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Save the Boarding program!!!
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 12:13:48 PM

My name is Kim Ball. I a Maui businessman employing approximately 40 people.

I have also been a coach at Lahainaluna since 1980. I have three sons who were day students at Lahainaluna, the youngest one will graduate in May. My oldest is a senior at the United State Air Force Academy.

I was really disappointed that the DOE would even consider cutting the Lahainaluna Boarding Department, a vital part of Hawaii's history. The Boarding Department is not a West Maui program, it's a state-wide program.

We've had some phenomenal kids that came from the boarding program. Kids that had family issues (single parent, no parents) kids who got in trouble, kids who couldn't get into Kamehameha, kids who had no direction, kids uprooted by families leaving the island..... The boarding department has helped so many kids that otherwise may have been way more of a burden on the state coffers than the boarding department's \$600,000+ annual budget. The discipline of the boarding program has turned kids lives around that may not have been turned around any other way.

Senators, next year will mark the 180th anniversary of the school and boarding program. Lahainaluna has the richest and oldest history of any school in the state, and the biggest reason is the boarding program. The annual David Malo Day celebration is the boarding program. If you vote to eliminate the boarding program, you will not only be canceling David Malo Day, you will be eliminating a boarding program that is as big part of Hawaii's heritage & history as surfing and hula.

Sincerely,

Kim Ball

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Sent: Mon, Mar 22, 2010 11:12 pm
Subject: Keep the Lahainaluna Boarding Department alive!!

To the Committe Members:

The Lahainaluna Boarding Department is not just an expenditure, a cost, something to be financed. It is not about money. It never has been. The proud Lahainaluna Boarding Department is about teaching kids how to live, how to become working members of the community and how to be selfless leaders. Money can not buy these characteristics. But unity and solidarity as a member of the program can. And, a belief that you are valuable to others in your community can further instill these qualities.

PLEASE validate the Boarders' worth. Don't tell them they don't matter and that funding is more important. These kids get up at 5:45 each day, work from 6:00-7:00am, go to school, work from 2:15 to 4:00pm daily and then work again on Saturday mornings. Please don't tell them that their efforts are not important.

These Boarders are the backbone of not only Lahainaluna High School, but of Lahaina Town. The neighborhoods take care of the Boarders and the Boarders take care of the town. The Boarders instill Hawaiian traditions by learning Hawaiian songs by heart in Boarders Chorus, by entertaining and sharing food they cook in the traditional Hawaiian imu for the community, and by respecting, learning about and caring for the precious Hawaiian land. If the Boarding Department is closed because of a temporary funding problem, the soul of Lahaina will be lost. Hopefully, our representatives will hear our cry.

As a Boarding Department teacher/counselor, I have watched teenagers enter the program and become self-reliant young men and women. I have seen adolescent concerns be replaced by community awareness. I have witnessed those who rarely went to class at their district schools turn around and suddenly have a purpose and not only achieve academically, but start helping the younger Boarders succeed. I saw a young girl who was from a broken home, suffered abuse, and lacked confidence turn around and within four years, become a self-reliant, poised officer in our program. I have witnessed a young man who had a mother in prison turn to the Boarding Department for his home. He is now a responsible, two-job Maui resident who married a former Boarder who, by the way, is now a nurse at Kaiser Maui Lani. I have seen a young girl who had an alcoholic mother find safety and nurturing by

becoming a Boarder. I watched an intellectually challenged boy learn how to install and maintain irrigation systems. He now works for a landscaper and volunteers as a soccer coach. And these youngsters with difficulties may have gone astray but instead they heeded the strength and guidance from the program and are now successful in many ways.

Not all Boarders are from difficult home situations. Some come because they want to pursue sports and cannot be on teams since they live on remote areas of Maui or rural areas on neighbor islands. Some come because they want to pursue the varied academic offerings that they would not be able to obtain from their district school. Some come here because they don't receive the academic support at home and as a Boarder, they study two hours nightly and can receive the benefits of dorm teachers. And some come because their grandfather was a Boarder, their uncle was a Boarder, or because they want to challenge themselves and prove they can be successful in work, in school, and in leadership skills.

Don't leave these kids out in the cold. Don't pull their lives from them.

Relatively, the amount it takes to run the Boarding Department is not significant when the long term effects of the program are realized. Or, when other funding projects of massive size are compared. Additionally, monies from private sources would definitely be secured if requested. An acquired expense from closure would be maintenance and lawn crews who would have to be hired, trained, and insured to maintain the landscape where the Boarders work daily.

Local charities such as the Salvation Army, the Maui Food Bank, the Senior Center and the Lahaina homeless shelter would feel the loss if the Boarders were no longer here to contribute their time and fund raising efforts.

Please reflect carefully before you sever this program. Too many times we have forfeited the right decision because we have lost sight of what is truly important. Don't let these kids down now.

Respectfully,
Denise DeVor
Dorm Teacher/Counselor

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Subject: Lahainaluna Boarding Department ::: stand firm against funding cuts!

Dear Senators,

As a Lahainaluna Boarding Department dorm counselor from the years 1991-2005, I am well aware, and appreciate the benefits of, the boarding program as well as continue to take pride in the tradition and history that this program represents in the State of Hawai'i. I am humbly requesting your support for the boarding department at this time.

During my 14 years as a counselor at Hoapili Dorm, I lived and worked with hundreds of young women who hailed from all across Hawai'i Nei. I also shared in the boarding life of at least that many young men, and I am extremely proud of the young people with whom I shared the daily life on Lahainaluna's historic campus. These young people have now grown into compassionate caring citizens of the Aloha State. Most of these young people struggled while at Lahainaluna as they learned to order their lives into the stuff from which their dreams could be made. Many came to Lahainaluna from very poor family situations or from homes reflecting dire economic straits and it was the Lahainaluna Boarding Program which offered them hope for a better day. These young people acquired work skills at Lahainaluna which prepared them to become independent and stable members of the communities to which they returned following their Lahainaluna graduations. These students also learned necessary skills of perseverance and self-discipline, for the boarding life is not an easy one. Finally, these students had the great pleasure of knowing what it means to be accepted and valued as part of a group with a common purpose.

There is no more turbulent time in life than the teenage years and the boarding program offered a safe harbor to many teenagers who were experiencing loss and lack of security in their home lives. As members of the boarding program, these young people forged bonds with those they lived with in the dorms and worked with on the campus that transcended other connections. To be a Lahainaluna boarder means that one has an ohana who is there for you every day. Not only are joys celebrated but sorrows are shared and there was never a day as a counselor in which I didn't feel privileged to have the opportunity to share my own life experience and knowledge with the boarders with whom I lived.

Following the death of my father, I returned to the mainland after thirty years of Maui living. I am still in touch with hundreds of the Lahainaluna boarders whose lives I shared. We share news of our lives now, and my faith in the boarding program is renewed each time I hear about the accomplishments of these fine young men and women. To a person, they always thank me for caring about them, for enduring our mutual trials, for "putting up" with them as they tried to work out their conflicts and their questions about life. I often reflect, however, that it is me, actually, who was blessed and uplifted by this experience for, as a teacher, there is nothing more satisfying than feeling that one has actually made a difference in the lives of others. It is this difference that being a member of the boarding program makes in young lives that is the reason why this honored and special program should be allowed to continue.

Please do not let this important and vital program lose funding. There are so many of Hawai'i's young people who aspire to belong somewhere, who need discipline, who crave compassion and a caring environment. Please continue to make it possible for students to *always* be able to find these things as Lahainaluna Boarders.

Mahalo for your time!

Katy Greer
Marble Hill, Missouri

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March 27, 2010

Hawaii Senate Ways and Means Committee Members

Re: Budget Vote on Monday, March 29, 2010

Aloha,

My name is Marti Wukelic and I'm writing to urge you to protect the funding for the Lahainaluna Boarder program.

Having lived in Hana for twenty years, I was able to see the positive effect that the opportunity to attend the boarding program had on the students, from their formative years through adulthood. Life in a secluded, rural community such as Hana, Lanai or even Molokai is wonderful but is not without challenge. Having the opportunity to get out "into the world" (even if it's only on the other side of the island) not only offers academic advantages, but also gives our young people the chance to experience a higher level of burgeoning independence that's not available in a very small, rural community. From an "aunty" perspective, I witnessed this first hand.

But that perspective changed in 2007 when my own son, along with eight of his Hana classmates, applied for and was accepted into the Lahainaluna Boarder program. Then it became personal. The program isn't perfect but it's strong and positive and I'm so grateful for its existence. In 2008 I was transferred to West Maui and my son is now an LHS day student. But the majority of the students who started with him, continue to attend as boarders.

Please support funding for the students of the Lahainaluna Boarder program, many of whom are second or even third generation boarders.

This program may not directly impact the majority of the state residences, but it hugely impacts the minority.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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Subject: LHS Boarding Program
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 10:55:20 AM

To Whom it may Concern,

Please keep the boarding program alive at Lahainaluna High School.

Lahainaluna is unique and wonderful for many reasons, but the singular tradition of the Boarding Program is one of the most special and remarkable pieces of our school. As a teacher and coach at Lahainaluna I have seen what the program can do for young people and the opportunities it affords them. Boarding at Lahainaluna gives hundreds of high school students a chance to enrolling AP classes, play sports like football and water polo, and go to a larger school than they might not have if they come from a small community like Hana or Molokai. It also allows children of unhappy homes a chance to escape addiction, abuse, neglect, and many other unfortunate circumstances that are well beyond their control. The Lahainaluna Boarding program is a safe refuge for these kids and allows them to make a choice to improve their lives, and learn valuable life skills, please do not take that away from them.

Aloha,
Will Hutchison

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Testimony for WAM 3/29/2010 9:00:00 AM HB2200

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Submitted on: 3/26/2010

Comments:

Funding for contracts between direct service providers and DHS that were funded through TANF were recently cut from the state budget. These contracts represent direct service work provided to some of Hawaii's most vulnerable individuals and families.

Among the services cut are teen pregnancy prevention programs. This cut may terminate those programs. In a recent report, the Guttmacher Institute found that in 2006 Hawaii had the 17th highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation. In 2006 the national teen pregnancy rate increased by 3%. This marks the first increase after more than a decade of decline

According to Feb.2010 data by the Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior survey, 30% of Hawaii's teens are sexually active, and only 47% use any form of protection. Our teens cannot afford to lose programs that help them make responsible choices about sex and prevent teen pregnancy.

The cost of teen pregnancy to our State is disproportionately higher than the cost of prevention programs. According to a study done by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, unplanned teen pregnancies cost Hawaii \$22 million in 2004. Prevention programs saved the state \$21 million that year. (According to a Jan. 2010 Guttmacher report.)

If this budget cut is actually enacted, it not only jeopardizes services to our youth, but it will inevitably cost the state money.

Please responsibly restore the funding. I'm eager to hear your response.

From: Diane Ware
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SB2200 HD1
Date: Friday, March 26, 2010 6:29:59 PM

Dear Ways and Means Committee members,

Please support this measure in order to facilitate the funding and passage of the Kapuna care program so vital for all elderly, often rural residents.

Mahalo nui,

Diane Ware
Box 698 Volcano HI
808-967-8642

Dear Chairperson Kim, Vice Chairperson Tsutsui, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Alexander D.K. Ross, and I am a director of the Lahainaluna High School Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing an excellent education for all Lahainaluna High School students.

I graduated from Lahainaluna High School in 1956 and recently chaired the 50th anniversary of my class. The participation was amazing, but the most enthusiastic group was the one comprised of alumni of the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program. As youngsters, they came from many different backgrounds, for many different reasons, but all agreed that the experience had shaped their lives in ways that would not have been possible without this program.

Three of my children also graduated from Lahainaluna High School in 1979, 1980, and 1985 respectively, as did my grandson in 2007. A year doesn't go by without a niece or a nephew, and now a grand-niece or grand-nephew graduating from Lahainaluna. The pride and traditions of the school are ingrained in each and every one of them, and the most unique is its Boarding Program.

The fact that students can come from distant areas - some of which don't offer the opportunities found at Lahainaluna – and immerse themselves in the rich culture of the school, then leave with an education and a diploma that they will be proud of for the rest of their lives, is PRICELESS!

I know that difficult decisions must be made under the present economic circumstances but our children are suffering and being short-changed enough by furloughs and cuts in the Department of Education. So please!, don't cut the funding for this special program. The Lahainaluna Boarding Program has served generations of students who might not have completed their high school education without it. Please don't deprive the present and future generations of this unique opportunity!

I humbly but strongly urge you to give your utmost consideration to this request.

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From: Art_Fillazar/LAHAINALUNA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#); [Sen. Donna Mercado Kim](#); [Sen. Shan Tsutsui](#)
Cc: [Sen. J. Kalani English](#); [Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland](#); [Sen. Carol Fukunaga](#); [Sen. Gary Hooser](#); [Sen. Brickwood Galuteria](#); [Sen. Clayton Hee](#); [Sen. Michelle Kidani](#); [Sen. Russell Kokubun](#); [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#)
Subject: SUPPOT OF LAHAINALUNA BOARDING PROGRAM
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 1:16:25 PM

My name is **Art Fillazar** and I have been at Lahainaluna since the fall of 1984. I started as the school's first teacher for the newly formed Special Motivation Program, then joined the English department for the next three years. Since the fall of 1988 I have served as the school's Student Activities Coordinator and yearbook advisor, amongst a host of other committees, projects, and events that I have had the pleasure of working.

Since my first year at "the oldest school west of the Rockies", I have learned to love and appreciate this school. I remember my first year was awful and I hated being there. My classroom neighbor encouraged me to hang on and wait till graduation to make my final decision about leaving. I followed her advise and sat through graduation that year. It was then, as I heard the Senior Boarders traditionally sing "Yonder Lahaina Mountains", that a special feeling came over me. I had "chicken-skin" and I had a smile on my face as tears rolled from my eyes. I truly understood and felt the "mana" of this great school and the meaning of "tradition" through the hearts of the senior men and women as they lovingly sang this endearing school song. I knew then that I was to stay at Lahainaluna. The lyrics below speak of what Lahainaluna is and why the Boarding Program is such an integral part of this outstanding institution.

YONDER LAHAINA MOUNTAINS

(composed by Alice K.K. Banham, Boarding dept. dorm matron from 1929-1956.)

There I gaze at yonder Lahaina mountains
Where hills are quiet and still,
Surrounded with its beauty and its glory
To thee this song shall ever be

CHORUS: Lahainaluna mau a mau
Aloha, aloha, home for all
Thy lovely fragrance of Oleander
To thee this song shall ever be

Kilakila ku'u home oia uka
Ha'aheo a Maui no e ka oi,
Whispering mai poina oe iae
Ka home kaulana o ka aina

CHORUS

The beauty and its glory is that of its people, its students. The Boarding Program is so much an integral part of its history and tradition. I've learned that this school is rich in its tradition and honors all that have come to make this school what it is today.

These students who choose to be boarders represent what school spirit is all about. They come not only to learn from within the walls of the classroom, but also learn to grow as a person. They learn how to take care of the land; how to work together; how to manage their time; but most importantly they learn how to love each other and their beloved Alma Mater. Through the years, Boarders have become the epitome of

what it means to have pride and spirit. Values that cannot be taught from a textbook. These are taught through their heart. Our Boarders have become the heart of this great school. And those of us, staff members as well as other students, have been inspired and have followed their lead. We know what "Ka home kaulana o ka aina" means: This famous home of the land. Because of my close association with the Boarders, I was inspired in the early 90s to coin a phrase which is still used today and understood by all who attend Lahainaluna: "Pride and Spirit #1 Since 1831". The Boarders taught ME what it means to have pride, love, and spirit for the rich history, tradition, and heritage of this school.

What would Lahainaluna be without Boarders? Taking the program away and what it has provided for hundreds of students from across the Hawaiian islands and beyond will be taking away the spirit and the pride that this school has grown to love and cherish. "Kilakila ku'u home oia uka": strong is this home on the mountain.

You've heard the testimony of many boarder alumni from previous hearings. Listen to them! What other school has its former students speak so highly of their alma mater, and who can recall what they learned while being part of the school, and especially as a boarder. There is more to learning that just academics. Lahainaluna and its boarding program teaches about life and giving back.

As I remember that first graduation as the "L" on Pu'u Pa'u Pa'u was ceremoniously lit, and with each ceremony that I have attended since then, I am truly blessed to have become a part of this ohana, and for the opportunities to have been part of the lives of hundreds of students, but especially my boarders who always have a special place in my heart.

"Lahainaluna mau a mau": Lahainaluna is forever. Please let it be FOREVER, do not tear our ohana apart by not funding our Boarding Program!

Mahalo,

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ART FILLAZAR
LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL
PRIDE & SPIRIT #1 SINCE 1831

From: [Jeannie Ramelb](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: LHS Boarding program facing cuts? What the..?
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 1:18:16 PM

Let me introduce myself, I'm Jeannie Ramelb. I'm currently a 9th grader (Class of 2013 <3) attending Lahainaluna High School. I am a day student with some friends from the boarding department.

I've heard that you people want to cut our Boarding Department. I believe we had this program since 1831. It's been one of our traditions for 179 years, there are many other traditions but this is one of the big ones. I want this program to stay. I've met many people and made friends with many of them. Just because our state doesn't have much money doesn't mean you should take away our boarding department away from us. By the way if you take away the boarding program... The school will be more dirty and you would have to hire workers (\$10+ and hour?) when the kids are pretty much free for work. All you have to do is give them somewhere to sleep and pay for 3 meals a day. It isn't very much and plus there are furloughs so you just have to provide them for 5 days (sunday).

If you were in my shoes you would be saying the same thing . All you people focus on is your money, not the future and what the students have to say about it.
Please do not cut our Boarding Department, I want to see more new faces in the future.

I know you people are busy , but please take these words into mind and do something right about keeping our department.

kim5 - Deborah

From: Jon Morioka [jdmn4@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 8:21 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: FW: Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department

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From: jdmn4@msn.com
To: sentsutsui@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov; senenglish@capitol.hawaii.gov; senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov; senfukunaga@capitol.hawaii.gov; sengaluteria@capitol.hawaii.gov; senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov; senhooser@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkokubun@capitol.hawaii.gov; sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department
Date: Wed, 24 Mar 2010 09:07:46 -1000

Aloha Senator(s),

I am a graduate of Lahainaluna High Boarding Department, Class of 1978. This is a school and program with a lot of "Tradition and Honor!" This boarding program gave me the skills, development, and morals to serve 23 years in the Hawaii Air National Guard, and 25 1/2 years as a Maui Police Department officer. I know the economy is in a very hard place right now, but to stop the funding for the boarding department would be a mistake. It has helped many students, and can continue to develop these youth into outstanding citizens.

Jon Morioka
(Retired Air Force MSgt., and Police Lieutenant)
3/24/2010

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To: Senate Ways and Means
Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Date: Monday, March 29, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol Room 211

Subject: Testimony on HB 2200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Kim and Committee Members. My name is Esther Ueda and I am a resident of Pearl City, Honolulu and a part-time caregiver. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget with respect to providing an appropriation for Kupuna Care.

In this current economic climate, there are many pressing community needs, especially those related to health, safety and welfare of our seniors. I understand that the AARP and other groups are requesting funding the program for \$2.9 million.

As a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Project Dana, I know how important these types of services are to help our seniors enjoy a better quality of life and to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

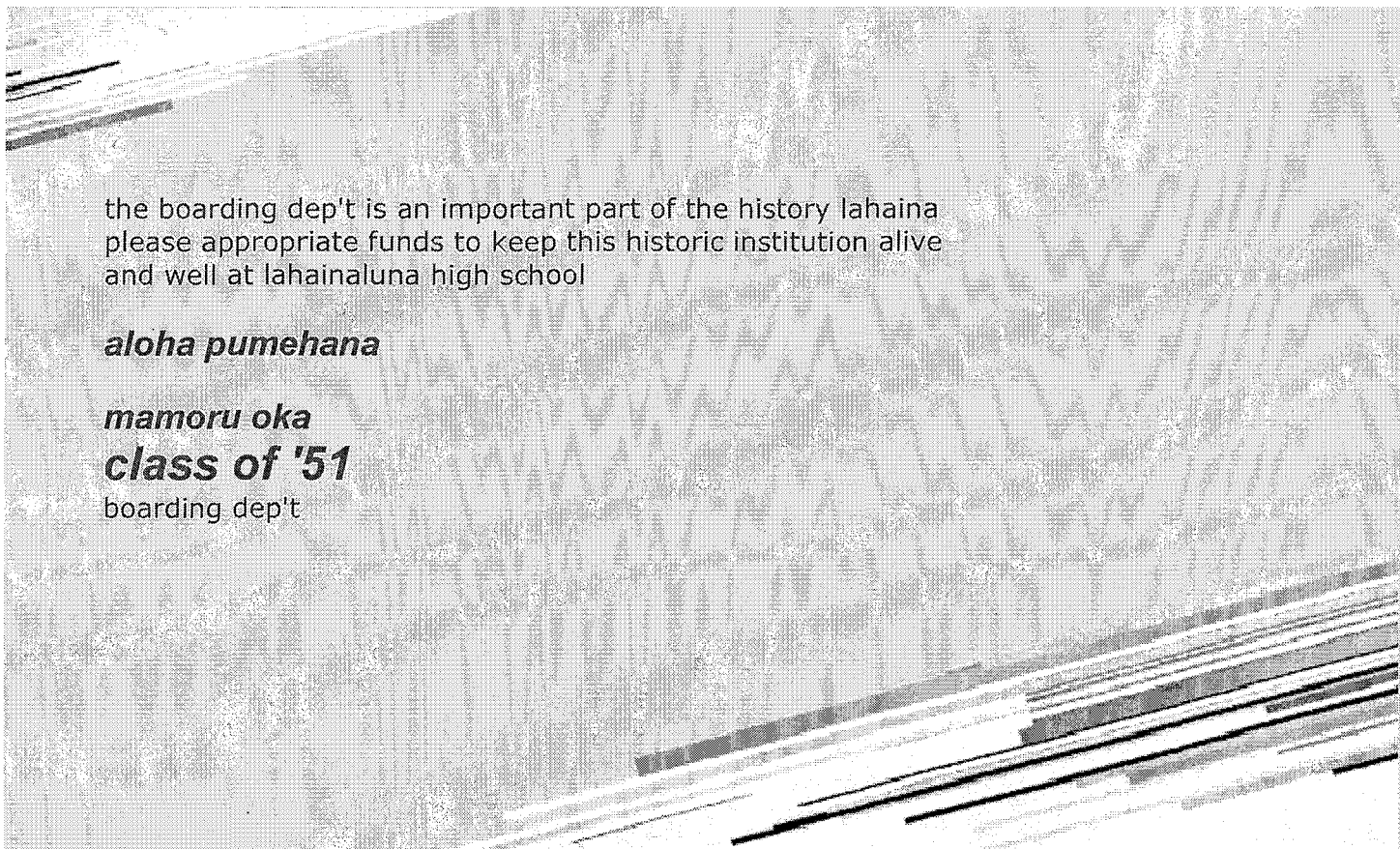
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In summary, I support funding the Kupuna Care program. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

kim5 - Deborah

From: mamoru oka [kolohekeko3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 10:22 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SAVE lahainaluna boarding department
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the boarding dep't is an important part of the history lahaina
please appropriate funds to keep this historic institution alive
and well at lahainaluna high school

aloha pumehana

mamoru oka
class of '51
boarding dep't

kim5 - Deborah

From: rha254@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 5:43 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Sen. Shan Tsutsui
Subject: Funding for the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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SFC (Ret) Rodney Abe
Class of 1972
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I was a teenage delinquent that would have ended up in the state criminal system had it not been for the boarding dept. I was given two chances the first was being allowed to attend the school this kept me off the streets. The second was when I was told not to return my senior year that put me back in the environment that would have ruined my future. I missed almost the first quarter of school because of being back in the place that had no discipline in my life. If it weren't for the boarding department advisory council and the boarder's president that allowed me to return and complete my senior year, I would have not been a successful honorable veteran and business owner. The boarding department builds character, confidence, discipline, and esteem for all those who go through it. I cannot emphasize how important the boarding department was to my success. The boarders do most of the labor that would cost the state more to upkeep the school land and campuses. The projects that are being done to preserve the rich history of the school and the boarding department are being done through the support of the Lahainaluna Foundation and the Lahainaluna Boarders association. Closure of the boarding department would put more at-risk young adults in to the care of the state and would give the state a higher cost in the end should they become a care of the state.

Mahalo,
SFC (Ret) Rodney Abe
Class of 1972

kim5 - Deborah

From: Cal or Kathy [kayckk@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 7:25 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Fw: Boarding Dept. of Lahainaluna High School

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----- Original Message -----

From: Cal or Kathy
To: senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 11:22 AM
Subject: Boarding Dept. of Lahainaluna High School

Dear Senator Kim:

I have been informed that possible closure of the Boarding Department of Lahainaluna High School is on an upcoming agenda of your Senate Ways and Means Committee, and take this means to express my strong support for continuing this program. I graduated from Lahainaluna in 1960, and highly value both the financial relief provided to my family and the opportunity afforded to me by the boarding program. My father died in 1953 in an industrial accident, leaving my mother an unemployed widow, without a high school diploma and with five children ranging in age from 10 years, myself, to 4 months. Our family was immediately cast into difficult financial circumstances and we struggled along with what public welfare was available at the time and help from relatives. Three years later I was accepted into the Lahainaluna Boarding Department, where I subsequently spent all four years of high school. My family was helped financially with one less person needing support at home, and this relief continued as each of my three brothers also, in turn, became Lahainaluna boarders. My being a boarding student provided not only financial benefits to a family in real need but also considerable advantages to me. Because we lived in Kahului my situation did not involve difficulty of access to academic programs, although such access was important to other boarders from more remote areas of Maui and the other islands. For me, those daily hours of working for room and board and other experiences and responsibilities of boarding life - including those of my senior year when I was Boarders Vice President and a student farm foreman - instilled values of discipline and a work ethic, and enhanced feelings of self-worth, achievement, and confidence. Years of living, working, and closely interacting with fellow boarders also fostered awareness and appreciation of others from diverse ethnic, subcultural and socioeconomic backgrounds of the islands. Such values served me well after high school, through summers as a pineapple field laborer, college at the University of Hawaii, graduate school on the mainland, and decades of professional life. I have heard similar comments from my brothers and other boarding alumni about what they gained from their experiences and the applicability of such attributes through various aspects of life after high school. Such personal, financial, and socioeconomic advantages continue being conferred upon present boarding department students, some in great need of such benefits, and thereby enhance their prospects for personal success and fulfillment, and for becoming good contributing members of society. I urge you to support the boarding program at Lahainaluna High School.

Sincerely,

Calvin Masayuki Kaya, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of Biology
Montana State University
Bozeman, Montana

kim5 - Deborah

From: J Shigaki [jshigaki@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 11:03 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Public Testimony for the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature:

My name is Jon Shigaki. I am a graduate from Lahainaluna High School class of 1986 and currently a teacher there. I am writing to express my concern about recent discussion about a possible closure of our schools' boarding department. I understand that the decision is being considered because the legislature has to look for programs to cut due to the lack of infusion of money into our educational system.

However, I do not believe that the closure of the boarding department is a good idea because it would deprive future generations of students from experiencing the traditions and quality education offered at Lahainaluna High School. Throughout the years, I have seen how majority of our boarding department alumni become fine contributors to our school, the local Lahaina community, the Hawaii state community, and to the world. They are visible in media, businesses, health care, industrial, technological, agriculture, arts, and in the music world.

What makes them successful? 1) In my opinion, the Boarding department students learn how to co-exist with each other at a young age so most are people friendly. 2) They are assigned duties and are responsible for their areas so majority of them are ready at the task at hand when they become adults. 3) Lastly, they learn to respect the traditions that come with the school so as adults, most of them respect each other's traditions.

If the boarding department wasn't a good experience for them, why would they have their children or grandchildren enroll at Lahainaluna High School as a boarder? Why would they answer to the bell if the boarding department needed their help? As a day student, I can't say for their behalf but I think majority of them really had a great experience at school and would like their future generations to experience it as well. So please reconsider in closing the boarding department. I think it would be a travesty if future generations are deprived of this experience especially when the 175th reunion of the boarding department is coming soon in 2011. I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jon Shigaki
Lahainaluna High School Alumni and current teacher.

kim5 - Deborah

From: Myrna Ah Hee [ahhee001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 6:41 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Keep Lahainaluna Boarding Department Alive!!!

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Aloha,

Please keep the funding for Lahainaluna Boarding Department and all what it stand for alive. I know it is a difficult consideration many times, but not to have this program is a very sad thought. This program teaches these students to be indepent and learn in an environment that gives them self-esteem to know that they will be stronger and wiser when they leave. I am an alumni from Lahainaluna Class of 1980 and a Lahaina resident for all of my life. My family goes back many generations in Lahaina and at Lahainaluna. The boarding department has been a very strong force for the school and I felt proud to be a "LUNA" with the support of these students, many of whose parents went to the boarding department. The boarders are key to keeping the campus beautiful. To replace them will only need to hire people to do what they do. I cannot imagine Lahainaluna without its boarding department and it brings tears to my heart and soul to think that it is potentially not going to be there anymore. Please I plead to you to fight for the continued support of the Lahainaluna Boarding Department.

Mahalo,

Myrna Felicilda Ah Hee
Class of 1980
Lahainaluna High School

kim5 - Deborah

From: Vincent Castaneto [vkcastaneto@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 7:46 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB 2200- Funding for Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program.

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Vincent Castaneto. I was a "day student" and a 2004 graduate of Lahainaluna High School. The four years I spent at this institution were simply unforgettable! Moreover, the uniqueness and diversity of the LHS Boarding Program is what made the experience enlightening. The program does not only impact the residents of Lahaina, it impacts residents state wide. The boarding program at LHS is beacon of hope for those who want to receive quality education and a life experience that is invaluable. It exists not only to bring diversity to the school but to make education more accessible to places where it is lacking i.e Hana, Maui; Kauai; the Big Island. Without funding for the boarding program, you will effectively end a more than 175 year tradition and cut off education to students who need/want it the most. Shortening the school week is one thing, but cutting off education to hundreds of students is simply unacceptable.

The students of Hawaii already have a tough reputation to face when going to college in the continental U.S. I speak from first person experience. We are looked at as having one of the lowest SAT scores in the nation and have to face the notion that we are uneducated and lazy. By cutting this program you will be feeding in to this stereotype. Let the cuts backs stop at shortening the school week. Find other places to make the cuts. Cutting education is not the answer when the State of Hawaii is already facing a crisis. Even the Star Bulletin reports that our test scores are well below the national average.
(<http://www.starbulletin.com/news/breaking/54854987.html>)

Please save the LHS boarding program so that when I eventually send my children to school, I can send them to a school that is known for its diversity and quality education.

Regards,
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kim5 - Deborah

From: malod@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 2:33 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Boarding Department

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Please fund the boarding department. It helped many to become a man. Harry Nakamura class 1956

kim5 - Deborah

From: zenia walker [wahine332@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 2:30 PM
To: WAM Testimony; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim
Subject: Lahainaluna Boarding Program

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To Whom It May Concern,

Why is our Lahainaluna Boarding Program up for budget cuts again.

It is the only boarding public school left in the whole state of Hawaii. It teaches those kids responsibility and independance. The kids who come out of the program have the ability to live on there own without struggling with the adjustments because they have been learning during their time at the school.

Lahainaluna being the oldest school in the islands is holding on to the old traditions of the school as tight as possible. All of the children in Hawaii are suffering with their education because the state is budget

cutting in the education department. It is the wrong department to cut your budget.

Budget cuts should start with the salaries of our politicians, politician assistants, and down from their. Everyone is trying to give our kids a better future, but instead you are taking their programs away. How will we better our children in our state if we keep taking things away from them that will give them an opportunity to learn and grow from their experiences?

I think our roadways should come after our kids. I see our roadways changed from asphalt to cement 1 year later from it already being repaired while other roadways get ignored for 10 years. How about you take that money and give it to the education system. Let the road sit for 5 years before you repair it again unless it's in need of repair. It just shows us there is so much money being wasted while other parts of our state is being neglected.

Please give our kids these opportunities we all want for them.

Mahalo,

Uilani

Lahainaluna Alumni 1997

kim5 - Deborah

From: Brandon Galarita [honokowaiian@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 2:35 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Please don't cut the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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The Lahainaluna High School boarding department is a great thing and would be terrible if it were to be cut. As myself as a Day Student, i see that Boarders learn how to survive on their own and be successful. I know many boarders that really enjoy living up at the school. They keep our campus clean and keep it beautiful. So please don't cut the Program.

kim5 - Deborah

From: boise kawaiaea [boisekawai@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 3:08 PM
To: WAM Testimony

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We need the BOARDING DEPT. to continue. My family has three generations that have been thru BOARDING LIFE and are proud to be a part of it. rqback j kawaiaea

kim5 - Deborah

From: KULAMAU@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 3:44 PM.
To: WAM Testimony; Sen. Shan Tsutsui; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim
Cc: Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland; Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Gary Hooser; Sen. Michelle Kidani; senkokubun@capito.hawaii.gov; Sen. Jill Tokuda
Subject: Please Continue to Fund the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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Testimony To: Ways and Means Committee
Donna Kim - Chairperson,
Shan Tsutsui -vice-chairperson

Date: March 27, 2010

My name is Dale Mau. I was a boarder at Lahainaluna High School class of 1968. I am writing this request to urge the Ways and Means committee to continue the required funding for the Boarding Department at Lahainaluna High School for the following reasons:

The boarding department at LHS is rich in tradition of providing young men and women more than just the standard education. As a boarder I met many co-boarders that may have not been able to complete high school in their previous environment. These boarders came from isolated areas such as Hana, Molokai, Lanai, etc. Others from large cities as Honolulu, Hilo, Wailuku. The synergism of living with each other, and diversity of all of the individual boarders background provided us with the ability to live and work successfully later in life. Each of us started boarding life with uncertainty of our future, but all of us graduated with the zest to achieve and to live in harmony as we did as boarders.

The boarding program provides them with the guidance and influence that has shaped their lives to be good citizens of this great State. The boarders program is one of the many things that sets Lahainaluna apart from other Hawaii schools and is something that students, families, faculty, alumni and community will continue to be proud of."

For myself, I credit my boarding experience as the primary background that has made me successful as an employer, manager, husband, father, and citizen. I grew up quick at 14 years old as a freshman boarder. I learned to be self sufficient in washing and ironing my clothes, waking up on my own, being responsible enough to complete my homework. As a junior and senior boarder, I helped shape the lives of freshman and sophomores to not bring shame to the boarding department and to be someone that contributed in the school and in the community of Lahaina.

As other boarders have submitted, the LHS boarding department is rich in tradition. The Lahainaluna Boarding Department is:

- an integral part of the Lahainaluna High School.
- has a long and rich history that reflects Hawaiian ideals and accentuates the tradition of providing quality education. Such notables as David Malo, Samuel Kamakau, retired Federal Judge Alfred Laureta, and former Senator Wadsworth Yee are some of the graduates of the Boarding Department.
- was endorsed by the Hawaii Board of Education (BOE) in 1970 for providing an indispensable educational opportunity for students at-risk. The BOE established and approved specific criteria for the selection of boarding students from the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.
 1. those in the state who otherwise would have difficulty obtaining a high school education;
 2. those in the state that may benefit from a change in environment;
 3. applicants from Pacific Basin countries who may benefit from the boarding and day school program;

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Shan Tsutsui, vice-chairperson (sentsutsui@capitol.hawaii.gov)
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kim5 - Deborah

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Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 3:39 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Sen. Shan Tsutsui; sen; Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Brickwood Galuteria; Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Gary Hooser; Sen. Michelle Kidani; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Jill Tokuda
Subject: Support for the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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My name is Ralph Iwamoto, and I'm a proud graduate of Lahainaluna Class of 1960 and a 4 year boarder. We are having our 50th class reunion next month in Lahaina.

I would strongly support the Lahainaluna Boarding Department for the school. There is very few, if any, boarding program in the high schools in the State of Hawaii which does not provide options to the many young students living in the rural areas. I was born and raised on Maunaloa, Molokai. During my time, many of the boys of high school age, went to Lahainaluna and the girls went to MPI, because our local high school, (Molokai High) had very poor standards. For most of us, this was our first time living away from home. Lahainaluna High School was an excellent school and we were fortunate to be able to attend it. The boarding department provided an outstanding opportunity for us to learn to live and work and study away from home as well as develop relationship with other students our age. The faculty, staff and fellow students became our family and they helped to shape our very foundation in life. I sincerely cherish my 4 years as a boarder at Lahainaluna.

We used to get up early in the morning, punched the clock and went to work before breakfast. We worked for an hour and a half and took a shower before standing in line to march to the cafeteria for breakfast. Then we were off to school. After school, we rushed to the dorm to change before punching the clock again to go back to work until dinner time.

We learned to follow the rules as well as listen to the upper classmen (we had 2 years of initiation) and help our fellow students. We developed friendships and did things together. We've kept in touch with our high school friends all these years and remember all of our experiences at the school.

I worked in the kitchen my first two years and then in the banana/papaya field for my latter two. We spent the weekend going to Lahaina town, (and we didn't have transportation so we had to walk to and from the school) to shop, eat and went to the movie. We enjoyed the weekends. I became a member of the Lahaina Methodist Church and had lots of events there on the weekend.

My 4 years at Lahainaluna helped prepare me for college and I enjoyed my 4 years at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I stayed at the YMCA Atherton House on campus and developed many friendship there as well as being very active in the YMCA programs. I was on the Deputation Team and participated in the Freshmen Orientation Program during the summers and became an advisor of a YMCA club.

Through the years, I've become a people person and had a wonderful 43+ years with the Federal Government in the foreign service, and my career led me to serving overseas in different Embassies and ending up in Washington, DC in a very high position which I've never dreamed of.

Looking back at my younger days, I was very immatured and never dreamed that I would one day work in the US Embassy in Tokyo and be promoted to head the International Service of our agency. Every step of my developing starting from my childhood helped to prepare me for the future.

I owe a lot to the experience I had at the boarding department, away from home among many boys my age in the same situation. I've seen several friends leave the school and the boarding department before graduation but I felt proud that I stuck it out. I really enjoyed my 4 years there.

I would recommend that State of Hawaii and the Department of Education continue providing the opportunities for boys and girls all over the Hawaiian islands, to learn to live and study away from home at a good boarding program as the Lahainaluna High School.

Please support our boarding department.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ralph H. Iwamoto, Jr.

kim5 - Deborah

From: hisashi ito [keikis5@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 4:10 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Fw: Closure of the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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From: denidevo@aol.com
To: keikis5@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 6:18 AM
Subject: Re: Closure of the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

Aloha,

Thank you for the update.

We are trying again to secure the program and have started contacting alumni.

Just for your information, I am going to copy and paste the letter I sent last night to the senators below.

Please let me know if there is anything else we can do.

Denise

-----Original Message-----

From: denidevo@aol.com
To: senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov; sentsutsui@capitol.hawaii.gov; senenglish@capitol.hawaii.gov; senchunoakland@capitol.hawaii.gov; senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov; senhooser@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkidani@capitol.hawaii.gov; senkokubun@capitol.hawaii.gov; sentokuda@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Mon, Mar 22, 2010 11:12 pm
Subject: Keep the Lahainaluna Boarding Department alive!!

To the Committe Members:

The Lahainaluna Boarding Department is not just an expenditure, a cost, something to be financed. It is not about money. It never has been. The proud Lahainaluna Boarding Department is about teaching kids how to live, how to become working members of the community and how to be selfless leaders. Money can not buy these characteristics. But unity and solidarity as a member of the program can. And, a belief that you are valuable to others in your community can further instill these qualities.

PLEASE validate the Boarders' worth. Don't tell them they don't matter and that funding is more important. These kids get up at 5:45 each day, work from 6:00-7:00am, go to school, work from 2:15 to 4:00pm daily and then work again on Saturday mornings. Please don't tell them that their efforts are not important.

These Boarders are the backbone of not only Lahainaluna High School, but of Lahaina Town. The neighborhoods take care of the Boarders and the Boarders take care of the town. The Boarders instill Hawaiian traditions by learning Hawaiian songs by heart in Boarders Chorus, by entertaining and sharing food they cook in the traditional Hawaiian imu for the community, and by respecting, learning about and caring for the precious Hawaiian land. If the Boarding Department is closed because of a

temporary funding problem, the soul of Lahaina will be lost. Hopefully, our representatives will hear our cry.

As a Boarding Department teacher/counselor, I have watched teenagers enter the program and become self-reliant young men and women. I have seen adolescent concerns be replaced by community awareness. I have witnessed those who rarely went to class at their district schools turn around and suddenly have a purpose and not only achieve academically, but start helping the younger Boarders succeed. I saw a young girl who was from a broken home, suffered abuse, and lacked confidence turn around and within four years, become a self-reliant, poised officer in our program. I have witnessed a young man who had a mother in prison turn to the Boarding Department for his home. He is now a responsible, two-job Maui resident who married a former Boarder who, by the way, is now a nurse at Kaiser Maui Lani. I have seen a young girl who had an alcoholic mother find safety and nurturing by becoming a Boarder. I watched an intellectually challenged boy learn how to install and maintain irrigation systems. He now works for a landscaper and volunteers as a soccer coach. And these youngsters with difficulties may have gone astray but instead they heeded the strength and guidance from the program and are now successful in many ways.

Not all Boarders are from difficult home situations. Some come because they want to pursue sports and cannot be on teams since they live on remote areas of Maui or rural areas on neighbor islands. Some come because they want to pursue the varied academic offerings that they would not be able to obtain from their district school. Some come here because they don't receive the academic support at home and as a Boarder, they study two hours nightly and can receive the benefits of dorm teachers. And some come because their grandfather was a Boarder, their uncle was a Boarder, or because they want to challenge themselves and prove they can be successful in work, in school, and in leadership skills.

Don't leave these kids out in the cold. Don't pull their lives from them.

Relatively, the amount it takes to run the Boarding Department is not significant when the long term effects of the program are realized. Or, when other funding projects of massive size are compared. Additionally, monies from private sources would definitely be secured if requested. An acquired expense from closure would be maintenance and lawn crews who would have to be hired, trained, and insured to maintain the landscape where the Boarders work daily.

Local charities such as the Salvation Army, the Maui Food Bank, the Senior Center and the Lahaina homeless shelter would feel the loss if the Boarders were no longer here to contribute their time and fund raising efforts.

Please reflect carefully before you sever this program. Too many times we have forfeited the right decision because we have lost sight of what is truly important. Don't let these kids down now.

Respectfully,
Denise DeVor
Dorm Teacher/Counselor

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From: hisashi ito <keikis5@hawaii.rr.com>

kim5 - Deborah

From: hisashi ito [keikis5@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 4:16 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Sustain Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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Dear WAM Committee:

The Lahainaluna Boarders Association, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, joins the Lahainaluna High School's efforts to insure the perpetuation of the boarding department which is an integral part of the high school.

A planning committee for the public-private endeavor is headed by West Maui Representative Angus McKelvey and Senator Rosalyn Baker and includes fund-raising support from the Lahainaluna Foundation and the involvement of the Lahainaluna Boarders Association in committing to the repair and maintenance of the facilities in the Boarding Department. Town hall meetings are also being discussed by both legislators to involve the greater Lahaina community in this effort.

The Lahainaluna Boarding program will celebrate its 175th Anniversary in 2011. The program has a long and rich history that reflects Hawaiian ideals and accentuates the tradition of providing quality education. Such notables as David Malo and Samuel Kamakau were graduates of the Boarding Department. More recent graduates include retired Federal Judge Alfred Laureta and former Senator Wadsworth Yee.

In 1970, the Board of Education (BOE) realized that the Boarding Department provided an indispensable educational opportunity for students at-risk. Consequently, the BOE established and approved specific criteria for the selection of boarding students from the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Basin. The criteria are as follows:

1. those in the state who otherwise would find difficult to obtain a high school education;
2. those in the state that may benefit by a change of environment;
3. applicants from the Pacific Basin countries who may benefit from the boarding and day school program;
4. other applicants in the state who are selected by the Boarding Department Advisory Board.

This option for providing alternative educational opportunities is unique in meeting the needs of select students. As Mrs. Sue Cooley, a frequent visitor to Kapalua stated:

It has been inspiring for me to think of the boarders who have lived and attended Lahainaluna, and the excellent education available to them and to all of the youth of Lahaina. The boarders program is one of the many things that sets Lahainaluna apart from other Hawaii schools and is something that students, families, faculty, alumni and community will continue to be proud of.

The Lahainaluna Boarders Association urges members of the Senate to sustain the Lahainaluna Boarding Department. With legislative support in exploring public-private partnerships, there is greater effort and commitment from the Lahainaluna Foundation and Lahainaluna Boarders Association in augmenting the

needs of the Boarding Department. The Lahainaluna Boarders Association pledges its commitment to this effort, and emphatically requests that the Senate provides the Boarding Department time to fully develop and implement this public-private partnership plan.

Sincerely,

s/Hisashi R. Ito
Secretary/Treasurer
Lahainaluna Boarders Association

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From: hisashi ito [keikis5@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 4:19 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Fw: boarding dept - cc

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From: [smile.intb3](#)
To: [hisashi ito](#)
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2010 9:44 PM
Subject: boarding dept - cc

Here's what I wrote to all 9: Not all that much ... just a short testimony.

Aloha Senator ~~~~~

On January 20, 1986 I suffered severe decompression sickness (more commonly known as "bends"). After two weeks in saturation recompression (and 4 months at Rehab) I regained function of my upper body. Today I am still stuck in a wheelchair paralyzed at the T-6 level which is just below the chest. I have learned over many years to cope with life as a paraplegic. And, if you can believe this, life is still very good if not better than before.

I graduated from Lahainaluna High School in '62 as a four year boarder. No one can make it as a boarder without learning one of life's greatest character trait - DISCIPLINE ... the kind that is acquired the hard way. It has carried me through the worst storm of my life. After I came to the realization that I would never walk again I entertained thoughts of ending it all. But I just couldn't do it - boarders don't give up. Quitting, for me, was not an option. If I didn't quit as a freshman (the most difficult year as a boarder), then I wouldn't do it now. Even during the darkest days when I felt like it, I still refused to give up even though my lower half no longer could carry me. The discipline that was ingrained in me at LHS was always there when I needed it most. It has been keeping me standing up (on the inside) until this very day.

Why am I telling you this? Because I'm asking you to do all that is within your powers to help in NOT allowing the closure of the Boarding Department.

Mahalo and Grace to you,

Dennis Okada

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From: Mary Navarro [mnavarro@haleopio.org]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 4:27 PM
To: Sen. Gary Hooser; Rep. Hermina Morita; Rep. James Tokioka; Rep. Roland Sagum; WAM Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Legislative Hearing on 3/29 for HB2200.HD1 (HSCR682-10)
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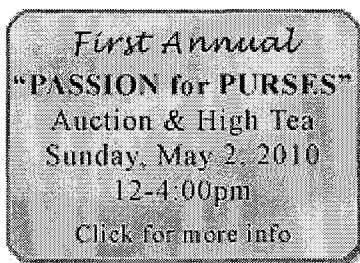
Dear Legislators.....

I am writing regarding HB2200 HD! as it includes many cuts in funding for health and human services. I clearly understand the pressure you are under to reduce costs and increase income, but some measures being considered will have long lasting effects on the youth of Hawai'i, and ultimately on all of us. To cut the TANF monies funding teen pregnancy prevention/after school programs is one such example of how being short-sighted will definitely bring even bigger costs in the very near future.

TANF funds are almost the only last standing available fund for human service support that directly helps the working and lower class families of Hawai'i. On Kaua'i, I am sure you are aware we have the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the state of Hawai'i. Not a statistic to be proud of. We are currently using evidence-based programs with well proven results in reducing teen pregnancy. To ignore our statistics simply begs for monies to be spent on babies born to teen moms as they struggle to survive. Teen pregnancy simply perpetuates the cycle of many families that keeps them in poverty. Research repeatedly shows how critical to our families' success is the education of the mother. Becoming a teen mom cuts short any dreams and talents before they even get started!! Please protect what TANF monies remain for use to protect this very vulnerable population, our teenage girls.

Mahalo for your assistance on this most pressing matter.

Mary Navarro



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"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." Charles Darwin

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From: Celine Munoz [celinem2010@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 4:28 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department Testimony

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Celine Munoz and I am a senior and the current Associated Student Body President of Lahainaluna High School. Even though I am not a member of the boarding department, I have seen it's positive effects on both our school and our community. The boarding department at Lahainaluna High School has been a tradition for the past 174 years and is one of the many things that makes Lahainaluna such a great school. With the boarding program, Lahainaluna is blessed with students from all of the Hawaiian Islands, across the United States, and from different countries in the world that make up approximately a fourth of our student body.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Department does not only benefit Lahainaluna High School but it benefits people all around the state, country, and world. There are students whose only choice is to find a public boarding school. Lahainaluna gives those students an opportunity to start over and finish their high school education, regardless of where they are from.

In the boarding department, there are many students whose parents were boarders at Lahainaluna High School and sent them here to share the experience of Lahainaluna High School. That in itself is proof that the boarding department at Lahainaluna is a tradition that touches the hearts of many Lahainaluna alumni.

In conclusion, I believe that the boarding department is a vital part of life at Lahainaluna High School and I hope that through the testimonies that you will hear today, you will be able to understand its importance in the town of Lahaina.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Celine Munoz
Lahainaluna High School
Class of 2010

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From: Rose Cramer [Rose.Cramer@DTAG.Com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 4:48 PM
To: Sen. Shan Tsutsui; WAM Testimony
Subject: *****SPAM*****
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Aloha Senators,

Please restore funding for the boarding program at Lahainaluna High School.

I am a parent of a 1st year boarder and wanted to share what my son's experience has been like this school year. When it came time for my son who is an honor roll student to choose a High School, I gave him 2 options to choose from. His options were Kamehameha and Lahainaluna. I was very pleased when he picked LHS as a Boarder. He has always been very independent and I knew he would do well. The only thing I thought he would have problem with was the wake up time. He has proven that he could accomplish what I thought would be an obstacle. My son Jazzy, is very proud to be a LUNA.... He continues to do well. Prior to becoming a Boarder, Jazzy was always a loner. He had friends but, liked being at home watching T.V. or playing video games rather than hanging out with them. He has grown to be such a blooming child and has made lots of brothers and sisters at the Dorm. He enjoys the company of everyone there along with the program and schedules. I've gotten phone calls from the Dorm counselor about how well he is doing and he has been nominated again by the National Academy of Achievement to have his Bio and picture included in this years Year Book.

To hear that this issue has come up again, is very disheartening.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T CLOSE DOWN SUCH A WONDEFUL PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 174 YEARS....

Mahalo,
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From: Karmi Ferguson [karmi@associationresults.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2010 4:52 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Do Not Close Lahainaluna HS Boarding Department

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I was notified today that the Hawaii State Senate is considering a state budget that would include the closure of the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department. I am writing today to ask that the Senate NOT pass this budget and keep this valuable program intact. Young men and women from around the state benefit from this program by having the option to attend a public school with more advanced curriculum and athletics than they may otherwise receive in their own small or remote communities. I am a graduate of Lahainaluna High School, Class of 1980, and I think back on my four years at the school knowing that without the Boarding program, many young men would not have had the kind of education needed to pursue goals of college or a trade, or participate in competitive sports such as football, baseball and basketball. In addition, and as evident from the enormous turnout of the 175th Lahainaluna Anniversary Celebration of over 3,000 people (my family included), this school is steeped in the kind of tradition that we just simply don't see any more in our society. Hawaii is so truly unique compared to other states and the elimination of this program would remove a small, but important component to maintaining Hawaiian traditions for future generations to appreciate. Please be reminded of the late Jimmy Greig who helped take the Boarding Department in the 1970s to a new level, including the creation of the annual David Malo Day festivities and the development of a young men's choir that has helped preserve Hawaiian culture for decades. Please visit the high school and look up at the impressive lime-lined L that graces Mount Ball which is an instant reminder to all that attended this great school that it is the Boarding Department that helps maintain this beautiful icon. Better yet, come to the school on graduation day when at dusk the L is lined with torches by the Boarding Department - truly amazing.

I read a recent article about the state furlough situation and how this has displaced some Lahainaluna Boarders on Fridays - please don't let this temporary issue influence your judgment. I was so moved by the number of families that stepped up to house these students on furlough days and can tell you that if my family was living on Maui we would take students in as well without any hesitation. Please use your expertise and wisdom to find a workable solution that allows the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department to continue. While I am not a constituent, my family lived on Maui for 10 years and we consider that the best time of our lives. There is no other place like Maui and Lahainaluna High School is one of the most treasured high schools in our country. Please vote against this budget and encourage your fellow Senators to do the same.

Best regards,

Karmi (Speece) Ferguson
Lahainaluna Class of 1980

Karmi A. Ferguson, MBA



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From: Linda Shigaki [linda.shigaki@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 11:06 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Lahainaluna High School

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I was born and raised in Lahaina and graduated from Lahainaluna High School in 1977. Lahaina was a smaller and somewhat insular community. We all grew up and went to school with the same kids and pretty much knew everyone's family. Then when we got to high school, things changed as we were introduced to a whole new group of kids from other parts of Hawaii through the Boarding Program. The addition of kids from different cities/towns and backgrounds with talents in all areas of study, sports, music and the arts really enhanced the richness of the high school experience--academically and socially. It helped students learn to adapt to changes, interact with new people, get exposure to different ways of thinking, expanding horizons beyond our small community.

Please do not cut funding to the Lahainaluna High School boarding program.

Mahalo,

Linda Shigaki
Lahainaluna High School 1977

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From: Shane Sinenci [ssinenci@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 8:14 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Clayton Hee
Subject: Support LHS

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Aloha,

My name is Shane Sinenci and I am a 1985 Lahainaluna graduate. Through the boarding department, I have been able to graduate from college and earn a teaching degree. I now teach high risk kids the value of a higher education in Hana. Lahainaluna High School has given me and others, the opportunities to achieve and better oneself when no other programs were available. While there, I have made lifelong friends and have forged a pride that has sustained historical precedence in Hawaii.

In closing, I humbly ask that your committee find alternative means and funding to continue to support the Lahainaluna Boarding Department and the education of Hawaii's youth. It is an investment and institution worth perpetuating.

With sincerity,
Shane Sinenci

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From: Glenn Foo Sum [Glenn@kingscathedral.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 8:09 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: My Testimony" Resolve" Keep Boarding Department Active

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My name is Glenn Foo Sum. I'm a graduate of LHS, class of 1965. I reside on Maui at 161 Kaulawahine St, Kahului, Maui.

I will keep my testimony short but I hope it will impact your hearts to restore all funding the Boarding Department of LHS. Having raised 4 children; have been blessed with 5 grandchildren; and having succeeded in my career; I believe because of the Boarding Department and my education at LHS I can share my testimony with conviction.

First, you should not shut down the boarding department and resolve the issues of budgets fallout. You are dealing with History of the Oldest school west of Rock Mountains!. There is so many like myself that owes a debt to a school and a school board that believed in us. It was so insignificant then what they were teaching us but now at the age of 62, I'm living proof how significant the core values they taught us. It was so relevant and right on target. There is a emotional tie to "History" that cannot be broken. Thats why we write, thats why we come, thats we protest, thats why we email and text. I will close with this thought The Boarding Department is not on frontpage of the Maui news, nor are they on ESPN or Fox News but they have impacted lives of thousands that expands the globe in History....that you cannot take away! Because of the cause at hand we write and say History is our culture thats all we have left" do not let it die"!!

Glenn Foo Sum
Class of 65

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From: cmollybird@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:24 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: save the boarders

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that is a wonderful program
unlike any in the nation
save it please
Mahalo
Mary M corcoran
retired teacher...DOE Hawaii

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Date: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., State Capitol Room 211

Re: HB 2200, HD 1 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Donna Mercado Kim and Committee Members, my name is Kathryn Okazaki and I live in Halawa Heights (Aiea). I am testifying in support of HB 2200 HD1 relating to the State Budget and specifically **in support of added funding of \$2.9 million for Kupuna Care, a program of the Executive Office on Aging in the Department of Health.**

There are many reasons why I urge you to support funding of Kupuna Care but the compelling reason is that our community needs a strong safety net in place to support and keep as many of our frail elders at home to help them retain their health, dignity and quality of life versus the alternative of being in a nursing home or similar facilities. These facilities are expensive. Without community based services that support our seniors to live at home, many of your elder constituents will become impoverished due to high cost of long term care. Once impoverished, **the legislature will need additional funds in future fiscal years to care for the growing number of elders that will rely on State subsidized Medicaid.**

Which path is best for our elder's dignity /quality of life **and** is less costly for the State? Yes, I urge you to support and adequately fund Kupuna Care now for \$2.9 million.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Kathryn Okazaki
99-515 Kaholi Pl.
Aiea, HI
March 27, 2010

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From: Joel Rodrique [rodriquel001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 11:16 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Lahainaluna Boarding department

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I am writing you in regards to the proposed cutting of funding for the schools boarding department. As an alumni of Lahainaluna and a parent of 2 children who have also graduated from Lahainaluna I have deep feelings and love for this school. I feel that the boarding department offered students an education from a terrific school, years of history and pride from a wonderful community for kids who may not have been fortunate enough to have. A history of 174 years of boarding students cannot be given back if broken. This is the oldest school West of the Rockies, it needs to be treated as such, it needs the recognition and treatment of a very special place. Ending funding for the 174 year old tradition of boarding students takes away from its history, takes away the emersion of day students with boarders, the experience of being a boarder for kids who may never get this experience and the diversity and specialness of the school.

Aside from the loss of the diverse students and experiences for both boarders and day students with a loss of the boarding department, we lose much more too in the upkeep of this very special campus. Boarders worked the grounds as part of their role and responsibilities of being a boarder. They take care of live stock, grounds and maintenance and have had a long tradition of clubs, singing, and kinship of being in a family of boarders of long past.

This tradition of a historic school, historic in age, historic in a boarding department in a public school cannot and should not be taken away from us, the school, students, alumni, community and history. It would be a sad day for everyone.

Please keep funding for this very special program, very special school and 174 year old tradition.

Leilani (Anderson) Rodrique

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From: Helen Barrow [hbonmaui@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 12:09 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Amend HB2409 to exclude mariculture.

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Factory fish farms have had a demonstrable negative impact on our environment - including introducing antibiotics into class AA waters, interference with dolphins and impeding cultural practices. In return, they have not increased our food independence or showed significant financial returns to the state. After all the grants and federal support, each job created in Hawaii has cost tax payers over \$84,000.

These factory farms are costing Hawaii more than they are worth. Because of this I urge you to amend HB 2409 to exclude mariculture from the definition of aquaculture.

This bill would extend the leases of these operations up to 45 years, enabling them to receive more government funding. While sustainable, land-based recirculating systems should be eligible for funding - factory fish farms in our oceans should not.

Additionally, it would be imprudent to allow the extension of leases for these operations when the Department of Land and Natural Resources has failed to report to the legislature on the status of the ocean factory fish farm industry as it is required by law to do.

Again, I urge you to amend HB2409 to exclude commercial mariculture from the definition of aquaculture operations eligible for extended leases.

Mahalo,

Helen Barrow
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From: KSYazawa@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 12:20 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Please fund the boarding department

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Dear Members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I am who I am today to a large extent because I spent four formative years as a boarder at Lahainaluna. The boarding life with its structure taught me how to relate to people and the importance of self-discipline.

After high school, I came to Wisconsin to further my education at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. I taught at a small rural high school in a town named Denmark, a dozen miles south of Green Bay. I taught English there for thirty-seven years, assisted as a varsity football coach for thirty-two years, and just completed forty-five years as head wrestling coach. I know that I am only one of thousands of former boarders who have gone on to successful careers.

I ask that you continue to fund the Lahainaluna Boarding Department so others will be afforded this unique experience--hopefully for another 174 years!

Sincerely,
Stan Yazawa, Class of 1961
2066 Bluebill Street
Green Bay, WI 54311
KSYazawa@aol.com

To: Committee on Ways and Means, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Date: Monday, March 29, 2010, 9am, State Capitol Room 211
Re: HB 2200 HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Chair Mercado Kim and Committee Members:

My name is Steve Tam and I am a resident of Hawaii Kai and a caregiver for both my father in Aina Haina, and father-in-law in Maunawili. I am testifying in support of HB 2200 HD1 relating to the State Budget, as it relates to funding for Kupuna Care in the amount of \$2,900,00, in the State's base budget.

Hawaii's population is aging and living longer. Approximately 2 out of 3 seniors will need long term care services in their lifetime. Long term care is extremely expensive. Most families cannot afford this expense, and instead rely upon a combination of utilizing unpaid family caregivers, and draining life savings to pay for in-home care. It's ironic in that draining life savings will qualify seniors for Medicaid, which would in turn be more expensive and a larger cash drain for the State and all taxpayers.

I urge that you appropriate \$2.9 Million for Kupuna Care. This Home and Community Based Service allows seniors to remain in their home as long as possible, and gives caregivers respite by helping their loved ones with baths, hot meals, toileting assistance, transportation, and other household chores. These seniors are part of the unlucky "gap" group that does not have enough monies to pay for all the assistance to meet daily needs, yet have enough money and thus cannot qualify for Medicaid. This gap group is the beneficiary of Kupuna Care.

Caregivers also benefit from Kupuna Care. A staggering 1 in 4 adults in Hawaii (approximately 169,000 people), provide caregiver services worth about \$1.4 billion annually. Caregivers provide these services at no cost to the State. However, caregivers cannot do it alone, and would "burn out" without occasional help to care for parents, and allowing time to take care of themselves and their children. Cutting the Kupuna Care Program would not result in a cost savings, but instead result in a cost increase to the State, as caregiver "burn out" would mean that the State would be burdened with the entire senior long term care costs, rather than the smaller Kupuna Care costs for occasional caregiver respite and senior assistance.

As a caregiver for my father who has Alzheimer's, and my father-in-law who had a stroke, this is of great personal interest to me. I left my full-time job in part to care for my parents and in-laws. However, I need to return to work to pay for my children's college education. I have found that there are many families in similar situations. If all these caregivers were unable to give of their own time, the State would be faced with a severe social service catastrophe.

In summary, funding for Kupuna Care is essential to the senior population and their caregivers, and cannot be put off to a later date, as to do so, will severely lessen the quality of life of our seniors, and ultimately place extreme financial burdens on the State, when forced to deal with the issue. Thank you in advance for your help.

Steve Tam (Hawaii Kai)

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From: ramses934 [francismhussey@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 12:39 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: francismhussey@yahoo.com
Subject: LHS Boarding Dept continuation

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As a Lahainaluna Alumni, I am in full support of continuing this valuable institutional program. It has enriched the lives of many of our local communities by teaching the values of teamwork, family and education, while instilling pride in all of our past students. Pride for our school, pride for our local host culture, and pride for ourselves as we learned to become productive members of our communities.

Do not discontinue the boarding program. It is one of the last chances of our children from the outer islands to be able to experience life while gaining an education as well.

Mahalo,

Francis M Hussey

March 28, 2010

To: Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Senator Shan Tsutsui
Senator Kalani English
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Senator Carol Fukunaga
Senator Brickwood Galuteria

Senator Clayton Hee
Senator Fred Hemmings
Senator Gary Hooser
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Senator Russell Kokuburn
Senator Jill Tokuda

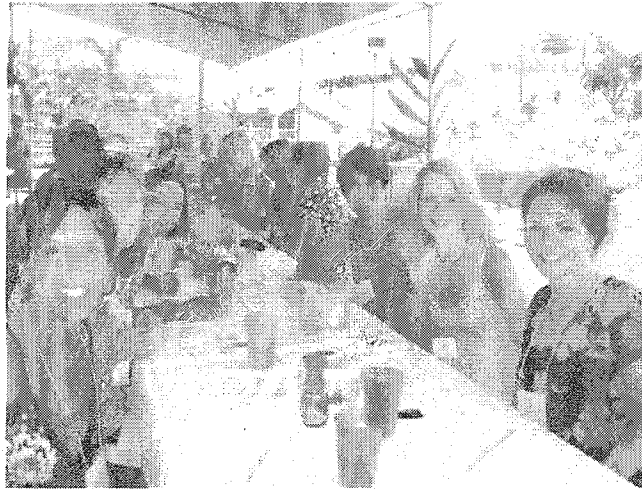
From: Lois Reiswig, 218 Plantation Club Dr., Lahaina, HI 96761

Subject: Budget Bill 2200, Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program
Funding

Realizing the times are tough and that many budget decisions must be made to balance the State's budget, it is understandable that all "line" items are reviewed with a critical eye and a probing mind. I'm writing to ask you to FUND the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program. Next year it will celebrate its 175 years of existence. This year alone, this program is providing 100 students the opportunity to attend a State supported high school that without this assistance would not be able to receive a quality level State education. These students come from remote locations (Lanai, Molokai, Kauai, Big Island, Marshall Island, etc.) and from families that do not have the means to send their children to private schools. Many of these students need the structure, tutoring, and close guidance to help them become successful stewards of our communities. We can't afford to let them slip through the cracks and end up struggling for survival just because other needs appeared more pressing. What can be more important than helping students that truly need this type of support? By supporting the LHS Boarding Program, you can stand tall and say to others, both within Hawaii and abroad, that Lahainaluna High School is the only State supported high school that offers boarding opportunities for students. We do this because it is the right thing to do. Without this funding these children could potentially become recipients of welfare programs, drug programs, emergency medical hospital visits, etc. We want them to be able to care for themselves and not have the State be their provider for survival.

As a community member of Lahaina (without children I might add) I have personally made efforts to educate others about the LHS Boarding Program. Last year I organized a group of 48 local ladies that toured the school grounds, the boarding facility, and partook in a luncheon prepared by the high school students. The children that prepared the food had not done this before. They prepared the food, plated up the food, served the food, and all was completed with grace and aloha spirit. See attached program and luncheon menu. They

are now working to establish a culinary program to encourage high school students to consider this career knowing that Univ. of Hawaii Maui College offers a full culinary program for them to sharpen their culinary skills for employment in one of our many local restaurants in Hawaii.



Luncheon Set Up outside the Lahainaluna HS Library

In addition, students spoke about what Lahainaluna High School meant to them. They all emphasized "tradition" and "values" as core ingredients in making their lives meaningful. It was a blistering hot day in Lahaina that day, but the ladies all commented about how thankful they were for the exposure to the school, the boarding facility, and the students. Many have donated furniture and helped paint the boarders' living quarters as a result. We all need to work together; the students, the educators, the community members and OUR State Legislators. Let's make a difference in the LHS boarders' lives.

Sincerely,

Lois E. Reising

cc: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Representative Angus McKelvey
Mr. Michael Nakano, LHS Principal
Mr. Rob Shelton, President LHS Foundation
Mrs. Leslie Hiraga, Exec. Director Lahainaluna High School Foundation

Aloha! My name is Nalei Kenolio-Cramer. I am a sophomore at Lahainaluna High School and it is my first year boarding. When I heard that this program was about to be dismissed I was very shocked. The boarding department has been open for over 174 years and next year it will make its 175th anniversary. The boarding department was established in 1836 and it was only open to boys. In 1980 the boarding department coed. The two dorms are David Malo Dormitory for the boys and Hoapili Dormitory for the girls. To me being a boarder has changed my life spectacularly. There are a lot of opportunities for me because I am a boarder. I learn how to live out on my own away from home. I also learn how to be independent and be responsible and it only hurts me to hear the boarding department close down because taking away the department is like taking away a part of our history. Lahainaluna high school is was the first school to be established on the island of Maui. This department helps me prepare to become the person who I want to be. It also prepares me for college and how to be an adult. Because I live in school I have more time to focus on my homework without even worrying. My grades have been much better ever since I came here. Every night we have a 2 hour study and between the 2 hour study we have a 10 min. break that we can go and drink water and use the bathroom. Being here as a boarder has changed the way I see myself I can actually be independent and know things from right or wrong. It is more than just a tradition to me over here is like home because the kids that live here are like my sisters and brothers. Especially the counselors they are very helpful for what they do for us, they are like my parents. I also learn how to follow the rules and learn from my mistakes when I do have them. It is a privilege to be here because my aunties and uncles went here as boarders and I want to make them proud. I want them to see leave this school as boarder. Ever since I came here I have the chance to be something instead of nobody. If everyone was to come to this school there would be less problems and kids getting kicked out of school. I love this program very much and I hope that you guys are not going to shut down this program because to me this is the best thing that ever happened to me

and having the chance to be a boarder. Please do not shut the program down it will have a big impact in all of us over here.

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From: dakinemauibuilt@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 12:59 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Lahainaluna boarder 2002

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Aloha, I am a 4 year boarder from Oahu. I came to Lahainaluna as a last chance before I was shipped off to a boys home in colorado. The reasons are unimportant but the place that saved me is. This school is nothing without the boarding department. The idea of Lahainaluna being without boarders is literally like taking 174 years of tradition and pride and telling the people that believed in the program and rely on the program that we can't help you. This school means more to me then my job my earthly things even my family. This school is where I learned the meaning of what a family is, how to deal with having a job waking up @ 5:30 am and going to work and also the consequences of not doing so. Also how to build relationships with people without being looked at as weird or an outcast I was accepted for who I was and that's what makes this school. I could go deep into everything I learned at Lahainaluna but to make it in short. I would be in jail right now or in a gang without lahainaluna. I love this school and you should learn why we all care so much.

Sincerely,
Charles-Yale Tang
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:03 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2200 on 3/29/2010 9:00:00 AM

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Testimony for WAM 3/29/2010 9:00:00 AM HB2200

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tony Lenzer
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone: 261-2095
E-mail: Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/28/2010

Comments:

Senator Kim and members of the Committee. My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a retired Professor and former Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. I am also a member of several senior advocacy organizations, all of which support an increase of \$2.9 million in the base budget of the Kupuna Care Program, which is part of the Executive Office on Aging, Department of Health. Why should you increase the Kupuna Care budget in these difficult times, with a huge state budget deficit? The answer requires an explanation. These added funds will be used to reduce the waitlist for the home-based services which this program provides for low income seniors who do not - yet - qualify for Medicaid. Without these services, many will become sicker and poorer, and thus eventually (if not sooner) qualify for Medicaid.

So, from a pure dollar-and-cents point of view, please ask yourselves: is it better for the State to spend a modest amount of money now to keep frail elders in their own homes, without Medicaid funding, or a lot more money to provide them with Medicaid services later on?

I hope you will agree as to the preferable course of action, and support an increase of \$2.9 million in the Kupuna Care base budget. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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From: Uehara Loa [loauehara@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:01 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Boarding Department

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Dear Senetors,

Hello, my name is Loa Uehara, I am a sophomore and a second year boarder from Hilo, attending Lahainaluna High School.

I am aware that the government is wanting to shut down the boarding department to save funds, but I think that Lahainaluna won't be the same without boarding. First of all, boarding has been a tradition at this school for many years and there are many current and past boarders that are very proud of this place. Also, taking away the boarding department will mean that there will be about 80 to 90 less students in the school. Wouldn't this mean that the school will have to cut down on teachers too?

Personally, I think it is thanks to the boarding department for having two hours of study time each day that I can keep my grades up. Also, at the dorms, there are students that are taking or have taken the same classes as me, so I can go to them for help if I need it, compared to home, where I only have younger siblings and one parent that isn't too good in English. The boarding department has also given me the chance to interact with many students that I would have never considered talking to if I weren't a boarder. I don't hang out with other boarders at school but at the dorms, we have to interact with each other through work or other activities. Last, the boarding department gave me the chance to get out of Hilo and see different places, meet new people and find new interests. One thing I found while at Lahainaluna is band. The school I attended in Hilo was a small charter school without a band. But last year I got introduced to it and this year I participated in the marching and pep band. I am planning on being in the marching band for the next two years in Lahainaluna, so please don't close the boarding department down.

Sincerely,
Loa Uehara

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From: Robin Elcock [relcock001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:13 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Jackie McCarter Boland
Subject: Testimony

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To: Committee on ways and Means, Donna Mercardo Kim, Chair
Date: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 9.m., State Capitol Room 211
Re: HB 2200, HD 1 Relating to the State Budget

I urge you to support funding Kupuna Care. As more and more citizens reach the age when this will be of assistance is vital that this be adequately funded. I realize that this is a difficult time for the State, but I hope you will fund Kapuna Care.

Yours Sincerely
Margaret Elcock Hilo

Hearing on HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Monday, March 29, 2010 9:00 AM
Conference Room 211
State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

RESTORE DHS TANF FUNDING FOR TEEN PREGNANCY
PREVENTION

We urge that the Senate Ways and Means Committee amend HB 2200, HD1 to restore TANF funding for DHS contracts for non-profits that provide services aimed at preventing teen pregnancy.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy study documented that unplanned teen pregnancy **cost Hawaii \$22,000 in 2004**. Prevention programs **saved Hawaii \$21 million**. Teen pregnancy rates are increasing. Cutting the DHS TANF funds would end up **costing Hawaii at least \$25 million** adjusting for inflation and increases in our teen pregnancy rate.

It is foolish to cut DHS TANF funding for teen pregnancy prevention programs both in terms of budgetary policy and harm to our teenagers!

Phil and Dorothy Morris
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From: Jean Miyahira [auntyjean58@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:53 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Fw: LAHAINALUNA BOARDING PROGRAM

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Aloha, Senators:

It has come to my attention that you are seriously considering not to restore funding for the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program. This news saddens me. Not to restore funding for this historic program will have a huge impact on our community, present and future student boarders throughout the State and the Pacific Basin Area. Future boarders who will be deprived from experiencing the privilege of being a Lahainaluna High School Boarder. The present boarders who may not be able to graduate with pride as a Lahainaluna Boarder not to mention a diploma from Lahainaluna High School.

I graduated from Lahainaluna High School over fifty years ago. My one dream was to be employed at my Alma Mater to give back what I gained from Lahainaluna as a student and to continue the traditions, pride and spirit of this historical school. I am not alone here; there are many graduates employed here which is a testament of the kind of school Lahainaluna is.

Today, March 27, 2010 is my 31st anniversary as an employee at Lahainaluna, the Oldest School West of the Rockies. Thirty-one years ago my dream was realized when I was hired as an Account Clerk for two years and then became the SASA (School Administrative Services Assistant).

Throughout these thirty-one years, I have met many young, immature, shy and timid students enter our Boarding Program only to leave us in four years becoming very responsible, confident, and mature young men and women due to their experiences as a boarder. They learned to live among others with many different cultural backgrounds as one big "Ohana".

The boarders are assigned various chores on campus maintaining our grounds, chores in the cafeteria, in the dormitories, and on the farm. Many times they provide the labor to help set up for many of our school activities like our annual David Malo Day, graduation, our annual Kalua Pig fundraiser, etc.

These boarders learn to operate various small equipment like the lawn mowers, weed eaters, and learn to trouble shoot a broken sprinkler or leaking pipe. They are part of the Lahainaluna Boarders Chorus learning our Alma Mater which is the only school song sung in Hawaiian in Hawaii.

Should this program not be funded, our enrollment will decrease which means we may lose teaching position(s), our boarding staff of about ten will be unemployed, and more custodians will need to be hired to carry out the maintenance of our vast campus to keep our environment free of trash and safe for our students and staff.

The Boarding Department will be celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2011. A grand reunion of all former and present boarders is planned by the newly organized Lahainaluna High School Boarders Association on April 16, 2011. Please do not disappoint these boarders by not restoring funding for our Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program...175 years is a milestone for such a prestigious program.

Please keep our Boarding Program alive. Lahainaluna will not be the same Lahainaluna without it. I MUA LAHAINALUNA!!

Mahalo,

Jean H. Miyahira
Class of 1958

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From: Kawehi Kina [hawaiian_wahine93@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:33 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: SAVE THE LAHAINALUNA BOARDING DEPT!!!

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Hi my name is Kawehi Kina and I am a 3 year boarder and an officer in the Lahainaluna Boarding Department from Waihe'e, Maui. I understand that you want to shut down the Boarding Dept. but I don't think you understand the tradition, love, and pride from the school and boarding. I am the 4th generation in my family (Ayers) to be going to this wonderful school. If I wasn't going to this school I don't think I would be the person I am today. I learned responsibility, time management, pride, and much more. My friends from other schools tell me that my school is weird because we have so much pride. In school we wear clothes representing our school, we go and support our school at events/games like football or band, and that everyone gets along together. If it wasn't for the boarders supporting events and games it wouldn't be the same anymore. They say that their school is divided into groups but for Lahainaluna we are just one big family. If you shut this down you will be upsetting the whole Lahaina town, Maui, Hawai'i, and probably some states too. This our home, this is MY home. Without the boarding dept I don't know what I would be doing in my life. I made so much friends that would last a lifetime and learned so much just for being a boarder. So if you take this boarding dept away... I'm not sure... it's to hard to explain... it's like taking my heart from my body and burning it right in front of me and then laughing in my face. And that's not a good thing. So please think about your decision on Monday. Thank you.

Aloha,
Kawehi Kina
3 year boarder
Junior officer

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From: Michael_Nakano/LAHAINALUNA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:40 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB 2200 Testimony

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Dear Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Lahainaluna Boarding Program is a work study program that has been in existence for approximately 174 years. About 100 boarding students live on campus and do various chores in lieu of room and board. Boarding students apply to become boarders. In 1970, the Board of Education established the following criteria for boarding. 1) Those who would find it difficult to obtain a high school education, 2) those in the state who would benefit from a change in environment, 3) those who come from the Pacific Basin countries who may benefit from the boarding and day school programs and 4) others who are selected by the Boarding Department Advisory Board.

I'm quite sure you have received many letters or memos sharing the many positive learning opportunities that the Lahainaluna Boarding provides youngsters from Hawaii, Micronesia and the mainland. However, I would like to share one aspect of boarding program that impacts the lives of the participants who board at Lahainaluna High School.

A least known concept that the Boarding Program imbeds is *resiliency*. Our program accepts many students who are considered "at risk." According to Benard, 1995, a researcher on "resiliency", "Half to two-thirds of children growing up in families with mentally ill, alcoholic, abusive, or criminally involved parents or in poverty-stricken families do overcome the odds and turn a life trajectory of risk into one that manifest "resilience." Many of our Boarders fit this definition. We have seen this in our Boarders; they are learning to be resilient in their work-study, service-learning environment. Our program give these students a second chance to bounce back from adversity and are able to give life another shot. Having been taught coping skills through the Department of Education General Learner Outcomes provide these boarders the opportunity to face the world and many succeed in becoming academically and socially proficient in school as well in our global society.

As principal of Lahainaluna High School, I am asking you NOT to cut this very productive program. I have seen the many successes and can share many wonderful stories of how our boarding students have overcome diversity in their lives. These Boarders will become important and influential and contributing members of our society. This program is very important to the state of Hawaii. The program needs your support. Once again, please preserve this wonderful program at Lahainaluna High School, the oldest public high school west of the Rockies.

Mahalo!

Michael M. Nakano, Principal

Lahainaluna High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Michael Nakano, Principal, 808-662-4000.

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From: Judee Mae Aki [Judee@oldlahainaluau.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:51 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Sen. Shan Tsutsui; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Brickwood Galuteria; Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Gary Hooser; Sen. Michelle Kidani; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Jill Tokuda
Subject: *****SPAM***** Please please do not cut Lahainaluna High School's Boarding Department

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Aloha!

Please please do not cut Lahainaluna High School's Boarding Department.

Being a former 4 year boarder (C/O 1993) I can say that this program has positively impacted my life tremendously. I had experiences as a boarder that has proven to be worthwhile as an adult. The boarding department has taught me a sense of worth as an individual, it has taught me how to hold on to my dreams and work toward my goals, it has provided me with a family that was as important to me as my birth family, the skills I learned as a boarder through work has taught me about the world of work in general and how to navigate through things, my life was touched by many people as a boarder at Lahainaluna to name a few Mr. Ariyoshi, Miss Lindsey, and Miss Greer. These adults worked with me and guided me; they stood up for me, and cared for me and gave me hope for the future. They and The Lahainaluna Boarding Department has made me the person that I am today!

After graduating I have gone to college and acquired an AS degree in Culinary Arts which lead me to Hoaloha Na Eha Ltd DBA Old Lahaina Luau, Aloha Mixed, Hoaloha Culinary Center and Star Noodle. I started as a purchasing agent and in 11 months got promoted to Food and Beverage Manager. I have been working there for 14 years now.

Our company has a adopt an organization program which all 14 departments pick an organization and adopts them for a year. Last year we adopted the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department. We all had some really great memories with the kids. Through working with these kids I know some of them have some really sad stories which I must say I am so happy that they have the Boarding Department to guide them and I am also relieved that they have another ohana that they can count on to be there for them.

I had an opportunity again to spend time with some boarders recently and it was so rewarding to see the same pride, courage, and respect that these young adults possessed I told my husband Sam Aki who is the LHS Boys Soccer Coach these young adults are going to be really successful in life, and its all because of Lahainaluna's Boarding Department just look at me, I am a prime example that this program truly works. My life is my life because of what Lahainaluna's Boarding Department has taught me and has made me the person who I am today. It is truly amazing seeing the impact that the boarding department is making today.

All in all, I BEG, BEG you please do not take this program away. These kids are our future and The Boarders of Lahainaluna is truly the heart of Lahainaluna!

Mahalo,

Judee Mae L. Aki

Food and Beverage Manager

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Aloha Ways & Means Committee,

My name is Keola Eharis Rogat. I am a teacher at Lahainaluna High School. I am also a 4-year boarder alum. The Boarding Department at Lahainaluna has been in existence for almost 175 years. It is rich in tradition in Hawaiian values and teaches young men and women on how to be productive citizens. It has taught me independence and life skills at an early age. Many of us began our high school careers as boys and girls and left Lahainaluna as men and women. The program allows students to reach their given potential. Many graduating boarders have become business leaders, lawyers, military service men, and teachers. In the dormitory, I have lived with people from all different races and from distant places. I have had roommates from the Marshall Islands, Waianae, and Maui. We all learned to become one ohana, one family. At times, it was not easy, but that is what brothers and sisters go through.

The work-study program at Lahainaluna shows students the value of hard work and discipline. For a teenager to wake up at 5:45 am before school to tend to work duties, is very impressive. Student's jobs vary in the yard, garden, or farm. All of the grounds at Lahainaluna High School are cared for by the Boarding Department. They do know the value of hard work.

Today, the Lahainaluna Boarding Program are finding ways to be a sustainable energy community. We are trying to harness our most valuable resource on the west side of Maui, the sun. With our growing Biotechnology program, our Boarding Department and the school can find ways to become an eco friendly school.

The Boarding Department and its traditions have been around since the 1830's, the inception of the school. It is one of the oldest schools west of the Mississippi. We also have the distinction of having the only alma mater that is entirely in Hawaiian. Graduating boarders have a deep love of the school and the Boarding Program. I know I do, that is why I came home to become a teacher. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Keola Eharis Rogat
Lahainaluna High School Teacher
Boarder class of 1994.

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From: bifuller@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 2:19 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: PLEASE SAVE THE LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL BOARDING PROGRAM

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Hi. This email is intended to convey a very important plea regarding the Lahainaluna High School (LHS) boarding program.

The LHS boarding program is very valuable for students and deserves to be funded rather than thrown into the weighted student formula pot. Please restore, or assure that there is, funding for the boarding program at Lahainaluna High School. I would be pleased to share with you numerous supportive statements as to the value of this program and the associated pride shared by the boarders, the student body, the staff/administration and the community, but I think it is most important at this time that you simply hear directly from a voter who does not want to be further disappointed by the failure of our government to find ways to support our educational system.

Please step up to the plate and do not allow the LHS boarding program to go unfunded. Thank you for your consideration of this plea.

With aloha,
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Testimony submitted for WAM public hearing on HB #2200

Madam Chairperson:

My name is Richard Nishihara. Many know me by my nickname "Noosh", a name bestowed on me by my fellow boarders in 1959. I am a 1962 graduate of Lahainaluna High School where I was a boarder and the President of the Boarding Department during my senior year. I am now a member of the Lahainaluna High School Foundation Board of Directors and chair the Public Events and Activities Committee.

I am here today to request the Senate Ways and Means Committee consideration to restore the funds that were cut from the current DOE budget for the Lahainaluna Boarding Department. Ending a 175 year-old tradition in this manner is irresponsible, even in the best of times.

If it is the wish of the Legislature to permanently shut-down the Boarding Department at Lahainaluna, then any such cessation must be done in a planned, orderly fashion. If the justification for zeroing out the Boarding Department's budget at this time is only for

budgetary reasons, then the funds must be restored. Ending the 175-year old legacy with the stroke of a pen is irresponsible and can only creat havoc and leave Maui's westside with irreperable harm to it's psyche. Current and future boarders lose too.

If permanent closure is the Legislature's plan for the Boarding Department, then you must continue funding the program until appropriate alternatives can be identified and a sustainable program be put in place. The consequences of any other action on the Legislature's part is, in the minds of all who have been associated with the Boarding Department during its 175-year history nothing short of a slap in the face.

Thank you for allowing me to speak present my views today.

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March 26, 2010

To: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
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Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 2200, HD 1: Relating to the State Budget

Hearing: WAM, March 29, 2010 in Room 211 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 2200, HD 1. My name is LaVerne Bishop, Program Director with Hale 'Opio Kaua'i, Inc. where I have worked for thirty-four years.

I urge you to stop cutting funding for health and human services. I do not believe we can justify taking more from our most disenfranchised community members. The reduction/elimination of physical, mental, and educational services is a cost we can not afford now, nor the future exponential negative impacts.

It is time for those of us who have chosen to be of service to our community to stand together to increase the GET, designating these funds to health and human services. We all know the positive impact of social programs that were available to Hawai'i's youth: significant reduction in teen pregnancy; increase in after-school activities that reduce juveniles' contact with the justice system; and access to skill building that strengthens our workforce and improves social functioning.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment in opposition to HB2200, HD 1. Please take out all the language that would eliminate TANF funding for teen pregnancy prevention/after-school programs and cuts that will cripple our young people. Thank you for strongly considering increasing the GET to move Hawai'i's youth into the 21st century with solid social, health, and education opportunities.

Sincerely,



LaVerne Bishop