

EDNtestimony

From: Amy Brinker [amybrinker@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 6:32 PM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: HB 1213

I strongly support HB1213.

As a law student, I recognize that DOE may want to avoid certain liabilities in this overly litigious American society. I also recognize that donations of goods and services to help fix our public schools alleviates another kind of liability: the liability of a public that gives up caring about the appearance and functionality of their schools. Parents and community members that want to make the school in their area a beacon of hope and pride cannot continue to be turned away because "someone might put an eyeball out." While the overworked facilities crews make their way down a never ending to-do list, the schools deteriorate to the point where one would want put their own eyes out!

I probably do not even need to add that in an economic crunch, taking what we can get is a no brainer.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Aloha,
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From: Glen Blomgren [glen.blomgren@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 7:59 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Cc: Dotty Kelly
Subject: HB 1213

I am writing in support of this bill as the Executive Director of a candidate charter school intended to serve Hawaii's rural population. One of the main objectives of our school is to involve local community members in every aspect of our operation. One very good way for them to do that is to contribute in-kind labor for construction of facilities. It is my understanding that this bill would allow that.

I urge passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

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From: Moana Kaluau [kaluaum@yahoo.com]
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To: EDNtestimony
Subject: HB1213

Aloha,

I am writing to express my support for Bill HB1213. I feel it will alleviate expenses from the DOE where money can be put to areas that need more attention academically from the funds each school is allotted. Therefore, when donations come in from community, contractors, and even pro athletes, it is a way of them giving back to their schools. I don't see why not this can not be done, understanding there are liabilities, but the school should have them sign waiver forms where the school will not be liable. But don't take away their pride and freedom to give back to their schools. They have a lot to offer and who wouldn't want to make their school a better place for their children and for generations to come.

It is unfortunate, when you have to turn down offers from the community, contractors, and pro athletes that are willing and want to donate but cannot because of the government system. I have heard from the mouths of those in government how Education is important, but it's one of the first items of business that is cut, why is that? Our children can not get a good education and job if we don't have schools and teachers. Does the government prefer the children to be uneducated, lazy, and dependent on welfare, I don't think so. So it all starts from pre-school, elementary, high school and all the way up to College where our children need to be in school, otherwise, crime, homelessness, etc., will be increased.

Education is a must, don't take it out on the children because adults can't figure out how to get along and make things work.

Concerned Parent

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From: R. Kevin Salts [r.kevin.salts@byuh.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:38 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: HB 1213 - Support Measure

I support this measure as it will reduce the cost of educating our Keiki. We need to pass more measures like this one to reduce the tax Burdon on our citizens!

Kevin Salts

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From: Dotty KELLY [dotty.kelly@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 6:22 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1213 -- Relating to Education

I support HB 1213. I believe that the DOE should allow for individuals (i.e., community members) to volunteer and help fix or work on school facilities.

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I support HB1213

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From: Brew Rudd [thelordrudd@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 7:57 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: Testimony HB1213

Aloha,

I am in favor of passing the bill to allow community members to donate labor and materials to educational institutions.

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From: Alex M Luka [lukalex1@gmail.com]
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I am in support of HB-1213, so please pass it. Alex M. Luka