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March 9, 2011

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 200 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 9, 2011; 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 200 is to appropriate funds for the State for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the State budget for the fiscal biennium 2011–2013 as proposed by Governor Abercrombie. The Governor's budget will enable DHS to provide timely, efficient, and effective programs, services, and benefits to empower those who are the most vulnerable in our State to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Statement of
Denise M. Wise
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 9, 2011 10:00 A.M.
Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

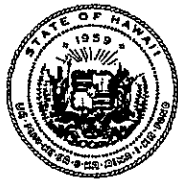
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Mister Chair and Members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill 200, relating to the state budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports enactment of the measure provided it is amended to incorporate the recommended appropriations submitted by the Office of the Governor. The Governor's suggested budget would provide the HPHA with the additional capital and operating funds necessary for the agency to fulfill the mission of providing decent, safe, affordable housing for this State's most vulnerable populations, such as those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income, the disabled, and the elderly.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Finance with the agency's position regarding H.B. 200. We respectfully request the Committee to amend this measure and pass it favorably.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Karen Seddon
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Room 308, State Capitol

In consideration of
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The HHFDC **supports Governor Abercrombie's amended Executive Biennium Budget request**, which includes Capital Improvement Project (CIP) appropriations to address the shortage of affordable rental housing in Urban Honolulu and statewide. HHFDC's two CIP requests are as follows:

<u>Senior Residence at Iwilei, Oahu</u>	FY 2012	\$26,000,000 (C)
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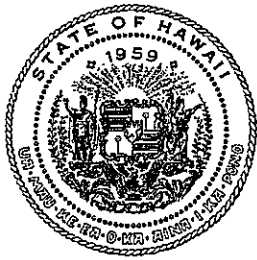
Senior Residence at Iwilei is a 160 unit affordable rental project for seniors, conveniently located within the City and County of Honolulu's Transit-Oriented Development district in Iwilei. Construction on this project could commence by fall of 2011.

<u>Rental Housing Trust Fund Infusion, Statewide</u>	FY2012	\$10,000,000 (C)
	FY2013	\$10,000,000 (C)

The infusion of General Obligation bond funds into the Rental Housing Trust Fund (RHTF) would help to address the substantial need for affordable rental housing.

Currently, there are four projects requesting \$8.87 million in RHTF loans. These four projects would add an additional 100 units to the affordable rental inventory. There are also an additional six new loan applications currently under staff review. These new loan applications, requesting a total of \$32.38 million, would add an additional 273 units to the affordable rental inventory.

Thank you for your consideration of these important CIP requests.



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Testimony of
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on
H.B. 200
Relating to the State Budget

House Committee on Finance
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The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) strongly supports the budget request for the Authority submitted to the Legislature, which requested that the funding levels for the HTA and the Hawai'i Convention Center be maintained at levels to create visitor demand and grow our tax revenues.

For the fiscal biennium 2011-2013, HTA initially submitted budget requests of \$86,947,027 for FY 2011-2012 and for FY 2012-2013 under BED113/TO (Hawai'i Tourism Authority); and \$53,992,526 for FY 2011-2012 and for FY 2012-2013 under BED113/XC (Hawai'i Convention Center).

The highest priority for the visitor industry should be to maintain the airlift to Hawai'i. The March 8th edition of the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* reported that United Continental is abandoning plans to add flights and will drop unprofitable routes because of rising fuel prices. With flights being added to Hawai'i routes by Korean Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Alaska Airlines, and United Continental, it is important that we, at least, maintain our marketing efforts to ensure that the seats on these flights are filled to justify maintaining those flights to Hawai'i. We will do this through our cooperative marketing programs with the airlines and travel wholesalers, and other incentive programs. We will also concentrate our marketing programs to maintain the Hawai'i brand at the highest levels in travel markets.

Further, we must continue to enhance our visitor experience by improving the natural resources that are a major component of Hawai'i's appeal, making improvements to our public and recreational infrastructure, and preserving our host culture through our Hawaiian culture initiative. A quality product is important for visitor satisfaction, which is important to preserving and enhancing the Hawai'i image as a business and leisure destination.

The HTA will also continue to support and implement its initiatives in the Hawai'i Tourism Strategic Plan: 2005-2015 and its HTA Strategic Plan: 2010-2013 which help guide the agency to achieve a sustainable visitor industry in the short and long-term.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Oshiro and Lee and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 200– RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 200**.
The purpose of the bill is to provide operating and capital improvement appropriations and authorizations for Executive Branch agencies and programs in Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2011-2013.

The Council's support is specific to Program ID HTH 905 – Developmental Disabilities Council (Page 22) and HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (Page 21).

HTH 905 appropriation is the Council's operating budget and represents both Federal and State funds. The Council's budget requests for FB 2011-2013 through the Department of Health (DOH) include the following:

1. To transfer Federal funds from Other Current Expenses to Salary to cover the BJ-1A Salary Shortage (\$52,495)
Reference: DOH Briefing to the House Finance Committee on January 13, 2011, Table 10
2. To increase the Council's Federal allotment to reflect the actual Federal grant award (\$16,482)
This amount represents the increase in Federal funds from \$462,315 to \$478,797.
Reference: DOH Briefing to the House Finance Committee on January 13, 2011, Table 6-Proposed FY 12 and FY 13 Additions, and Table 7-Form B-1
3. To restore the furlough restriction (\$14,071)
Reference: DOH Briefing to the House Finance Committee on January 13, 2011, Table 6-Proposed FY 12 and FY 13 Additions

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HTH 501 represents DD Division's operating budget. The Council supports the request for additional funds of \$9,914,213 for FY 2012 and an additional \$11,212,698 for FY 2013 to restore general funds to the Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program budget. These additional amounts are necessary to restore funds due to the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for DD Division, and are the minimum amounts to maintain the current level of services being provided under the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **support of HB 200.**

Sincerely,


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**Testimony In Support of HB 200
Relating to The State Budget, ATG 100
Hearing before the Finance Committee.
March 9, 2011
10:00 am
House Conference Room 308**

Submitted by Jay T. Kimura, Prosecuting Attorney

TO: Chair Marcus R. Oshiro and Committee Members:

We support House Bill No. 200

Testimony In Support of HB 200 Relating to the State Budget, ATG 100

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawaii is in general support of HB 200 Relating to the State Budget and ATG 100 which provides funds to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney - County of Hawai'i; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney - City and County of Honolulu; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney - County of Maui; and the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney - County of Kauai for the Career Criminal and Victim Witness Programs.

The Career Criminal program under HRS Chapter 845 is designed to go after repeat and habitual offenders who commit a disproportionate amount of our crime and continue to victimize our communities. Studies have shown that future victims can be protected by prosecuting repeat offenders. Over 90 percent of prison inmates are violent or repeat offenders according to John J. Dilulilo Jr. of the Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs at Princeton University. In his article published in the Washington Post, "THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE: IT'S THE HARD CORE DOING HARD TIME," Dilulilo reported the following:

"A study by Lawrence Greenfield of the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics showed conclusively that fully 94 percent of state prisoners had either committed one or more violent

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crimes (62 percent) or had been convicted more than once in the past for nonviolent crimes (32 percent)."

"Comparable national data stretching back to the 1970's make plain that over 90 percent of the prisoners are violent or repeat offenders."

"The state-by-state data tell the same tale. For example, in 1990, Harvard economist Anne Morrison Piehl and I studied a large sample of the Wisconsin prison population. We found that in the year before they were imprisoned these prisoners committed a median of 12 crimes, excluding all drug crimes."

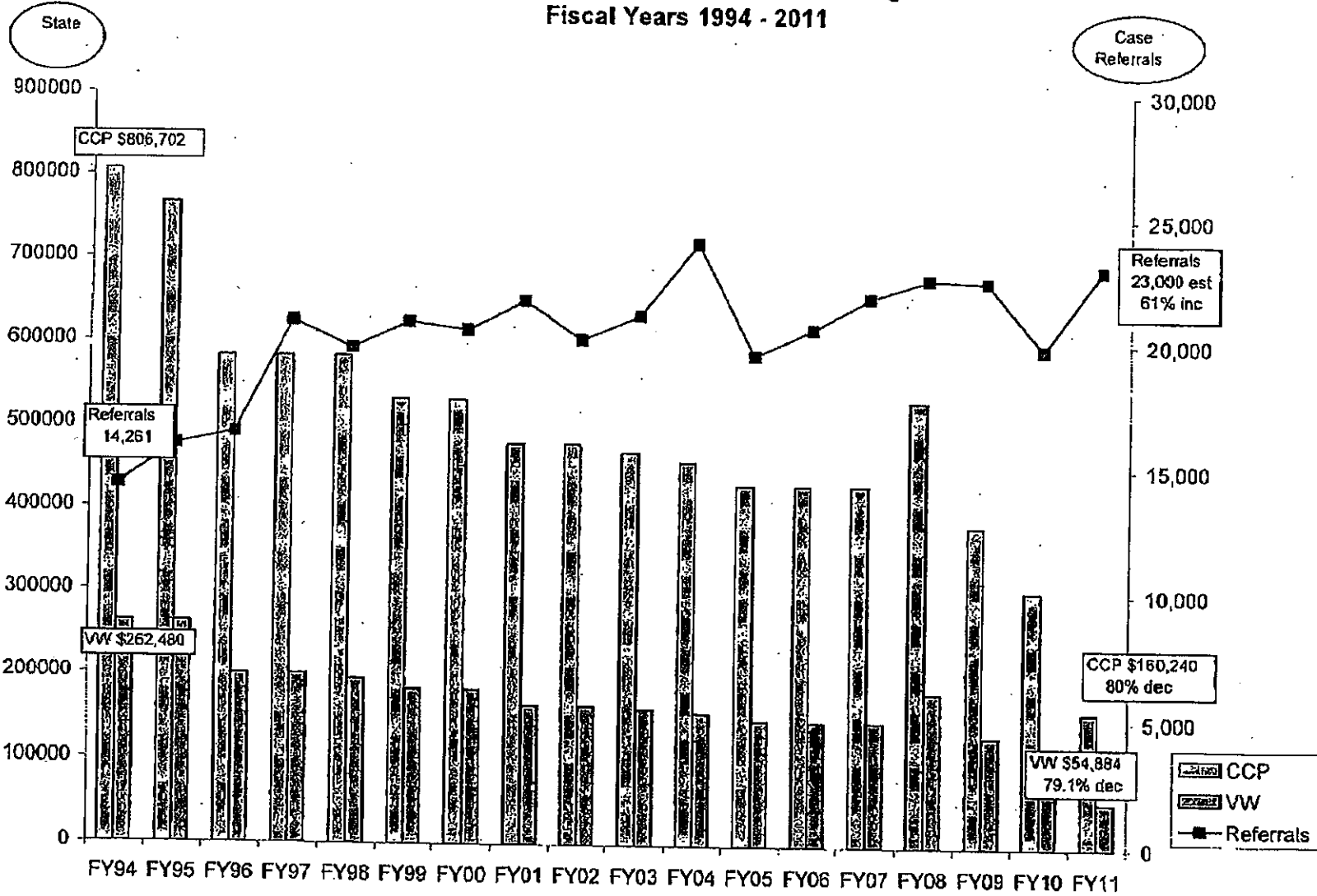
"In 1993 we studied a large sample of New Jersey prisoners and found exactly the same thing, they committed a median dozen crimes a year, again excluding all drug crimes."

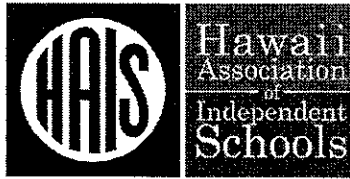
The public safety of all our citizens is a core responsibility of our government. Funding for this program will allow the prosecutors to field experienced prosecutors in the prosecution of habitual/violent offenders and provide the community with some security and protection.

The Victim Witness programs operated by the Prosecutors' offices statewide, under HRS 28-111, work to provide victims of crime with assistance through the criminal justice system. Most victims are bewildered by a system that was not designed with their interests in mind. It is very much like being lost in a foreign country and not speaking the language. Victim counselors provide the human link that helps them get through hearings, continuances, trials, appeals, parole hearings, and Rule 40 motions, to name a few. Funding for this program is sorely needed and necessary to assist victims.

Funding for these programs has been on a downward slide since the early 1990's and continues till today. Drastic cuts of 50% in 1993 have reduced these programs to less than what it used to be. I request that we be given the tools to go after dangerous offenders and assist victims of crime.

Hawaii County CCP and VW Funding Fiscal Years 1994 - 2011





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TESTIMONY TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

RE: HB 200 – Relating to the State Budget

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee,

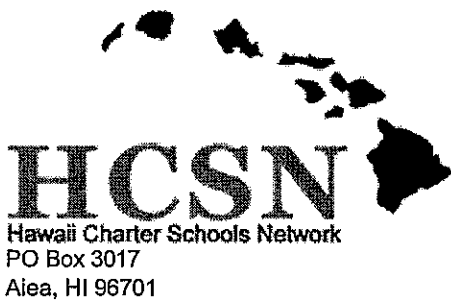
My name is Robert Witt and I am executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawaii and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

HAIS has always been an advocate for educational programming and services for young children and is an ardent supporter of the Early Learning Council.

The Association supports House Bill 200 - Relating to the State Budget, in particular the funds that have been allocated for early childhood programs in the areas of health, family education, and education. **HAIS also strongly encourages the House Finance Committee to additionally provide funding for the operations of the Early Learning Council.**

The Early Learning Council requires operational funding to continue the good work it has already begun, including coordinating, improving, and expanding all early learning programs and services.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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415 South Beretania Street

RE: HB200 as it pertains to EDN 600 Charter School Funding
Position: Support

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Hawai'i Charter School Network (HCSN) is a 501(c)(3) that represents 31 public charter schools in Hawai'i. Our mission is to advance high quality public education in Hawai'i by advocating for and providing supports to public charter schools.

HCSN is in support of HB200 as it pertains to public charter school funding. We are appreciative of the on-going discussion regarding a fair and adequate per pupil funding allocation; facilities formula and funding aligned with the work of the Charter School Funding Task Force, and need for CIP funding for specific charter schools on state land.

Our hope is that as the legislative session continues, financial support for charter schools will provide necessary supports for the charter school community in providing quality learning opportunities for Hawaii's keiki, aligned with the purposes of Race to the Top.

HCSN appreciates the work of your committee, and is grateful for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Curtis Muraoka
Vice President



Hawaii Farm Bureau

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TESTIMONY

Re: HB200 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

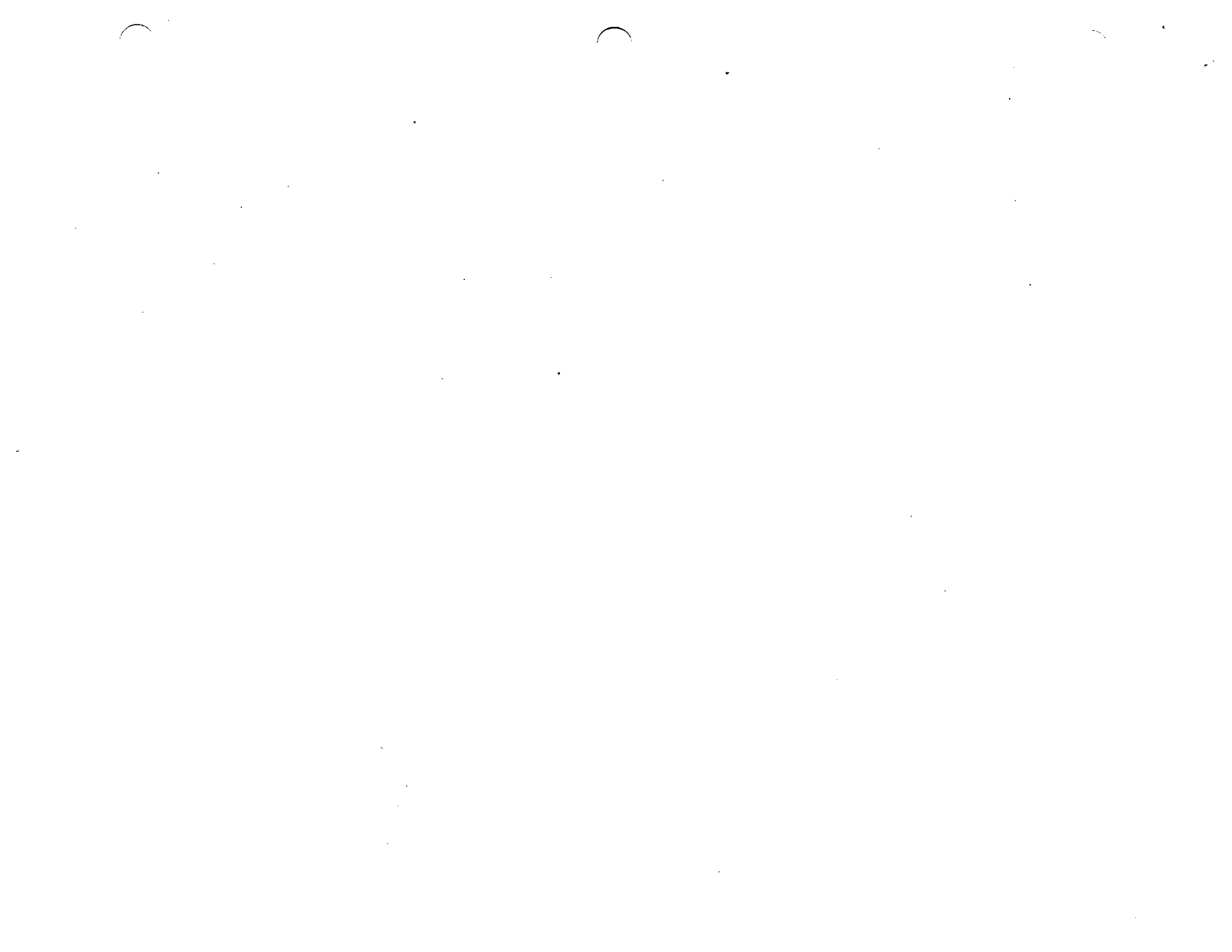
Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of commercial farm and ranch families and organizations in the State requests your support of the following provisions in the State Budget.

Agriculture .. the growing of food and other products has generally been recognized as critical to Hawaii's ability to increase our level of self sufficiency. Agriculture's success is dependent on many elements and water is among the most critical. Maintenance of existing infrastructure, expansion of new sources to address increasing drought conditions as well along with providing critical information for policy and decisionmakers are critical to our future. We respectfully request your support in providing funding for:

A. Restoring of staff in the Dam Safety Office in DLNR; The services provided by this office benefits not only users of dams and reservoirs but is really a resource protection for the public good (drinking water, public safety, etc.)
\$1,000,000

B. Repair, maintenance and New source development
For 2011-2012

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| (1) Waiahole irrigation system | \$ 500,000 |
| (2) Waimanalo irrigation system | \$1,850,000 |
| (3) Molokai irrigation system | \$2,000,000 |
| (4) Upcountry Maui irrigation system | \$1,500,000 |
| (5) Lower Hamakua ditch system | \$3,200,000 |
| (6) Ka'u irrigation system | \$ 500,000 |
| (7) Kekaha ditch system | \$ 300,000 |
| (8) Kahuku agricultural park irrigation system | \$ 110,000 |
| (9) Agricultural Water Use and Development Plant | \$ 400,000 |



For 2012-2013

(1) Waiahole irrigation system	\$2,500,000
(2) Waimanalo irrigation system	\$1,000,000
(3) Upcountry Maui irrigation system	\$1,500,000
(4) Lower Hamakua ditch irrigation system	\$1,500,000
(5) Ka'u irrigation system	\$2,000,000
(6) Kekaha ditch irrigation system	\$1,400,000

We appreciate this opportunity to provide our opinion on this important matter. If there are questions, please contact Warren Watanabe at 2819718. Thank you.



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
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Kalei Kailihiwa
Director, Ho'olako Like
Kamehameha Schools

Good afternoon Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Finance. My name is Kalei Kailihiwa Director of Ho'olako Like of Kamehameha Schools. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 200, the state budget. Hawaii's public charter schools are funded through the "per pupil" operating funds allocated in the state budget and we support equitable funding for quality and choice in education.

Kamehameha Schools supports promoting the achievement and success of Hawaii public school students and, as such, has been a collaborator with the Hawaii public charter schools for over eight years. As part of our Education Strategic plan, KS hopes to significantly impact more Hawaiian children ages 0-8 and grades 4-16+, and their families/ caregivers over the next five years, in collaboration with others whenever possible.

Currently, Kamehameha Schools works with 13 nonprofit tax-exempt organizations, including 'Aha Punana Leo, OHA, KALO and Ho'okako'o Corporation, to assist a total of 14 start-up and 3 conversion charters with special projects, professional development, and technical assistance.

Kamehameha Schools believes that these efforts provide more positive educational choices and ultimately enhances academic achievement and greater school engagement for Hawaiian students. Through these collaborations, Kamehameha Schools currently assists more than 3,800 students in eleven communities on 4 major islands, within the public education system.

In summary, supporting and replicating the successful strategies found in Hawaiian-focused charter schools is a good way to invest in education that has potential benefits for the entire public school system.

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Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

The Early Learning Council (“ELC”) offers the following testimony in support of H.B. 200.

The Early Learning Council supports the funds allocated to early childhood programs in the area of health, family education, and education, as well as the funding of operations to continue the work of the ELC. Established under Act 14, First Special Session 2008, the Early Learning Council is entrusted with the development and administration of the state’s early learning system. The ELC was chartered to establish a cohesive, comprehensive, and sustainable early learning system that ensures a spectrum of quality early learning opportunities for young children from their prenatal period until the time they enter kindergarten.

Investment in quality early learning is an investment in the future. A recent report commissioned by the Good Beginnings Alliance, titled “The Economic Benefits of Investments in Early Education for Hawaii”, found that every \$1 invested quality early learning yields \$4.20 in state, federal, and social benefits. To quote the report:

High-quality early education supports children’s cognitive, social, and emotional development; increases their school readiness; improves their chances of graduating from high school; and enhances their prospects for the future. The benefits of high-quality early education are not limited to children and their families. These public investments yield long-term savings to taxpayers and state and federal governments in the form of reduced spending on education, crime, health, and welfare, and increased tax revenues.

In keeping with its commitment to establishing a quality early learning system, the Early Learning Council has accomplished the following towards its charter:

- Completed a framework with input of hundreds of industry experts and community stakeholders that sets the comprehensive elements and services of a system that serves children and their families. The framework outlines the four essential focus areas of an

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early learning system and specifies the strategies and actions needed to deliver quality outcomes: Early Education and Care; Health; Parent Education and Family Support; and Workforce and Professional Development.

- Established a local database of national accreditation quality components to guide the development of a state Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS).
- Completed community resource assessments.
- Completed community outreach, inputs into the plan and pilot readiness feedback.
- Implemented videoconference services to engage neighbor island stakeholder input.
- Began study of DOE Junior Kindergarten programs, methods and possible recommendations.
- Developed professional development outreach and training plan.
- Identified needs of the professional and system improvement plan developed.
- Engaged in leveraging partnerships with P-20, P-3.
- Collaborated with RTTT Zones of Innovation to increase access and availability for 4 year-olds in quality programs.
- Launched Public Will Campaign with thousands of stakeholders, families and community members supporting this initiative.

Important to the work and deliverables is the success of the ELC in establishing collaborative discussions and initiatives with public and private stakeholders in early child development and learning. The ELC has facilitated, convened, collaborated and consulted with organizations such as statewide community councils, The Department of Education, The Department of Health, and The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Careers with Young Children, Good Beginnings Alliance, Hawaii P-20, Hawaii P-3, Zero to Three, Hawaii

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Association for the Education of Young Children, Keiki Funders Network, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Community Councils and The Hawaii Business Roundtable.

The ELC's accomplishments to date and the growing willingness of both public and private organizations to work together to improve the plight of our children and families positions this State for important gains related to early learning over the next few years, despite very challenging fiscal times.

Acknowledging this difficult economic period, funding for the ELC included within the Executive Program Appropriations request will be used for the ELC to continue its work as mandated in Act 14, to develop and design:

- A plan to expand and improve programs to achieve high quality standards in 4 settings affecting children 0 to 5
- A Quality Ratings Improvement System (QRIS)
- A Training plan and technical supports to improve quality in programs
- Quality curriculum and curriculum training programs
- Staff qualifications to define quality in 4 settings
- A system for achieving and rewarding professional credentials
- Incentives for achieving professional credentials
- An evaluation system for teachers, staff and administrators
- A coaching and training system for teachers, staff and administrators
- A retention plan for teachers, staff and administrators
- Policies and procedures for children with special needs
- Early learning content standards
- Child measurement standards and evaluations
- Program standards and evaluations

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- System standards and evaluations
- Family engagement and strengthening standards and evaluation
- Prenatal, screening, early intervention, referral policies and standards
- A data system that works seamlessly with P-20
- Data criteria fields and a collection system
- A data publication system and security access to the system for meaningful data mining
- Cost models and multi-year phased implementation plans for children age 0-5
- Criteria and a system to administer a family income based subsidy
- Criteria and a system to administer program grants and administration policies
- Research, Collection, Reporting of public and private funds and potential facilities to leverage existing resources
- Recommendation of public/private funding models for a future phased implementation plan

The ELC has been fortunate to have received funding from the DOE last year to continue its work, but has no other source of funding this year. This requested funding compliments the private funding that local and national foundations and nonprofit organizations such as W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation, Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii P-3, and Good Beginnings Alliance have committed to system building initiatives over the next 3 years amounting to over \$700,000.00. Their work will be complimentary and coordinated with the ELC system design and development. In addition, the Federal grant to the Hawaii State Advisory Council will begin to put some funds directly into programs, but the system planning that the ELC is charged with must still be done prior to that.

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As in the past, the ELC will continue to work diligently to identify additional sources of public and private funding for these system building efforts and work on a long-term and fiscally responsible plan to launch such a system.

Much has been accomplished by the Early Learning Council, however, further funding is necessary to continue to deliver all the directives as mandated by Act 14, and to deliver a comprehensive plan for which to build Hawaii's Early Learning System.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Robert Peters
Chair, Early Learning Council

March 6, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 200 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

My name is Helen Smalley-Bower. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of HB 200 specifically under Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD). I am also in strong support of DD Division's request for additional funds of \$9.9 million for FY 2012 and an additional \$11.2 million for FY 2013 which will restore general funds to the DD Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program budget. These additional amounts are necessary to cover the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and are the minimum amounts to maintain the current level of services being provided under the program.

I am the parent of Joshua Smalley-Bower who has been accessing the supports afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Because of Joshua's medical fragility I have had to remain home to care for him. We were under a horrible emotional strain due to his fragility compounded by the financial strain because I couldn't work since someone needed to be with Joshua 24/7. When we started receiving MR/DD Waiver services a portion of the financial burden was lifted, which in turn reduced the emotional stress on our family. Joshua, like so many other people with disabilities, functions better when he doesn't sense stress.

If we could find someone willing and able to work with our son, I could work, but without MR/DD Waiver we have no option, but to care for his health and safety. Joshua needs to be monitored 24 hours a day. We never know when the next medical emergency will happen. Even when we go into the community, we have a cell phone with us at all times in case of emergency... which happened once walking down South King Street.

Also, because we have all the equipment needed for most medical care we are able to avoid many hospitalizations; again a saving to the State. This past Christmas Eve is an excellent example. We were at the Queen's Emergency Room where they discovered Joshua had pneumonia. Because we

had the equipment, i.e., oxygen, specialized bed, and pulse-oximeter at home, we were able to save the State the cost of four days hospitalization.

We do everything in our power to provide the safest healthiest environment for our son so that he is safe. When Joshua's health allows, he participate in meaningful activities that allow him to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, our son's health and safety would be seriously jeopardized.

Thank you so much for hearing this bill and please support passage of HB 200 specifically under Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD).

Sincerely,

Helen Smalley-Bower

March 6, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 200 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

My name is Helen Smalley-Bower. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of HB 200 specifically under Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD). I am also in strong support of DD Division's request for additional funds of \$9.9 million for FY 2012 and an additional \$11.2 million for FY 2013 which will restore general funds to the DD Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program budget. These additional amounts are necessary to cover the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and are the minimum amounts to maintain the current level of services being provided under the program.

I am the parent of Joshua Smalley-Bower who has been accessing the supports afforded by the services offered in the MR/DD Waiver. Because of Joshua's medical fragility I have had to remain home to care for him. We were under a horrible emotional strain due to his fragility compounded by the financial strain because I couldn't work since someone needed to be with Joshua 24/7. When we started receiving MR/DD Waiver services a portion of the financial burden was lifted, which in turn reduced the emotional stress on our family. Joshua, like so many other people with disabilities, functions better when he doesn't sense stress.

If we could find someone willing and able to work with our son, I could work, but without MR/DD Waiver we have no option, but to care for his health and safety. Joshua needs to be monitored 24 hours a day. We never know when the next medical emergency will happen. Even when we go into the community, we have a cell phone with us at all times in case of emergency... which happened once walking down South King Street.

Also, because we have all the equipment needed for most medical care we are able to avoid many hospitalizations; again a saving to the State. This past Christmas Eve is an excellent example. We were at the Queen's Emergency Room where they discovered Joshua had pneumonia. Because we

had the equipment, i.e., oxygen, specialized bed, and pulse-oximeter at home, we were able to save the State the cost of four days hospitalization.

We do everything in our power to provide the safest healthiest environment for our son so that he is safe. When Joshua's health allows, he participate in meaningful activities that allow him to have a life just like every other citizen. Without the services provided under the MR/DD Waiver, our son's health and safety would be seriously jeopardized.

Thank you so much for hearing this bill and please support passage of HB 200 specifically under Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD).

Sincerely,

Helen Smalley-Bower

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
HB 200
Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD)

House Committee on Finance
Hearing: March 9, 2011 10:00 AM Conf Room 308

To: The Honorable Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair,
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaii
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Thomas and Gloria Huber
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SUBJECT: HB 200 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
Especially: Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD).
Request for funds to restore Medicaid Waiver funds

We are Thomas and Gloria Huber, parents of a middle-aged child with developmental disabilities. We are in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 200 specifically under Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD). We are also in strong support of DOH's DD Division's request for additional funds of \$9.9 million for FY 2012 and an additional \$11.2 million for FY 2013, which will restore general funds to the DD Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program budget. These additional amounts are necessary to cover the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and are the minimum amounts to maintain the current level of services being provided under the program.

Maintaining Medicaid Waiver services is essential to the well being of persons with disabilities. This program allows them to live in the community with minimal support and prevents the need for hospitalization or other more expensive treatment programs at ultimately much greater cost to the State. It also allows them to live with dignity and to grow in ability.

Our daughter receives Medicaid Waiver services in three ways. She receives a small amount to allow her group home manager to provide modest habilitation services (grooming, hygiene, manners, etc) rather than just room and board. A small amount is paid to a personal assistant to take her out into the community twice a month for a half-day of training in such things as money management and pedestrian safety. Most importantly, she receives training and habilitation 4 days per week at Goodwill. Without these programs she would rapidly deteriorate in condition and become a medical burden on the State.

Medicaid Waiver services have already been cut to assist the State's budgetary crisis. People with disabilities have already done their share. Please restore the amounts cut by the Feds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please support passage of the Bill with the DDDiv's request included. All it does is maintain current services.

Thomas and Gloria Huber

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DATE: March 8, 2011

TO: Representative Marcus Oshiro
Chair, House Finance Committee

FACSIMILE NO. (808) 586-6501

RE: HB 200 – Relating to the House Budget
Date & Time of Hearing: March 9, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308

Dear Rep. Oshiro

I urge you to pass HB 200 out of committee with a strong recommendation for passage before the entire House of Representatives.

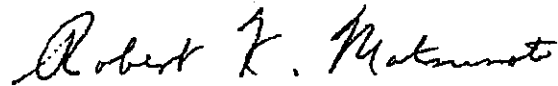
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To cover the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and are the minimum amounts necessary to maintain the current level of services being provided under the program.

As a parent of an adult son who is currently receiving services from the DD waiver program, I can see the enormous progress he is making in the said waiver program. Without this program not only my adult son but many others will regress in their development which I believe will only add to the financial liability of the State because this will force many otherwise work eligible adults to give up gainful employment, in whole or in part, to care for their adult children who are currently receiving services under the DD waiver program.

Thank you for hearing the bill, and I ask that you pass the said bill out of committee for a full vote before the entire House of Representatives.

Very truly yours,



Robert K. Matsumoto

HB 200 - Relating to the State budget
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 308

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Dear Representative Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 200 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

My name is Mike Tamanaha. On behalf of Dennis Acupido, Nicole Alfonso, Nenita Batara, Rowena Daligcon, Estrella Erice, Esmeralda B. Esperanza, Jessie Hayakawa, Amelia Jendrusch, Karlette Kaulia, Ji Eun Kim Bernadine Lim, Sharlene Kamoku, Sam Kamoku, Keoni Lizaso, Tau Moe, Jessica Palakiko, Ashley Paniagua, Christy Rilveria, Marsha Rowaihy, Christine Silva, Heidi Sorensen, Nona Takasaki, Melissa Tabanera, Lorna J. Togle-McNear, Glenn Seigaku and Alfa Ulep, we are in strong support of HB 200 specifically under Program ID HTH 501-Developmental Disabilities (DD). We are also in strong support of DD Division's request for additional funds of \$9.9 million for FY 2012 and an additional \$11.2 million for FY 2013 which will restore general funds to the DD Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program budget. These additional amounts are necessary to cover the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and are the minimum amounts to maintain the current level of services being provided under the program.

Given the closure of the state operated Waimano Training School and Hospital, it is essential that the state's commitment to families to provide and maintain community supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities be funded at a level to at least maintain current services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testifier:

Morgan E. Davis, Lead Archaeologist, Maui Island Section

State Historic Preservation Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Committee: FIN

Hearing: Wednesday, March 09, 2011, 10:00 A.M.

Measure Number: HB 200, State Budget

Aloha Representatives,

I am testifying on behalf of HB 200, the state budget, in particular the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). We are requesting new positions, among those archaeologists. Because I understand how much pressure everyone is under to reduce expenses, I would like to take this opportunity to explain why I think the additions are needed by using as an example the Assistant Archaeologist position for Maui.

Currently, I review all federal, state and county permits and reports for Maui, Lanai, and Molokai, as well as some for Kauai. I moved into my current position as Lead Archaeologist for Maui in July 2010; prior to that I was the Assistant Archaeologist for the Big Island.

In conducting historic preservation reviews for the County of Maui, I review projects ranging from the installation of new water lines, building projects, subdivisions, special management areas, etc. Each one of these permits affects a number of people: the owner; the contractors; project managers; architects; and all their employees. I regularly get phone calls requesting a quicker turnaround time than I can currently provide, with the callers stating "we are all ready to go and my people need work." Each and every one of these permits, when overdue, is holding up someone's planned project. As of today, I have approximately 200 overdue permit reviews, and they are coming in at a rate faster than I can match on my own.

Each of our offices is designed to conduct reviews with a minimum of two people: the lead and assistant archaeologists. Currently we have only three archaeologists: two leads and one assistant, for the entire state. There should be eight plus a branch chief to meet basic requirements. This lack of sufficient resources is a main reason for our current "high risk grantee" status with the National Park Service, status we need to retain to keep our Federal funding. Please note that this funding does go towards our payroll although I do not have much information on it as I am not one of the grant administrators.

I am urging you to support our budget and request for funding positions. This is something you can do that will result in work for your constituents.

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Comments:
Chair, FIN Committee
Members of the Committee

We support HB 200 Relating to the State Budget.

We are somewhat concerned that prolonged discussions and debate may prevent meeting the deadline(s) for crossover.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide a written testimony in support.

Mé Ke Aloha Pumehana,

Arvid Tadao Youngquist
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Comments:

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Please consider GET as more painless and fair.

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Aloha Committee members,

I strongly support this bill, however I would like to see us not have to beg and plead every year to keep the benefits that I need to uphold a healthy life style. Hearing from my case worker that I don't have enough money for the things that I like doing such as going to the day at the capitol, is very frustrating. I'm lucky to have good parents that will do anything in their power not to let that happen. Once again I strongly support this bill and urge you too pass it.

Many blessings, Disabilities advocate, Ramoda Anand

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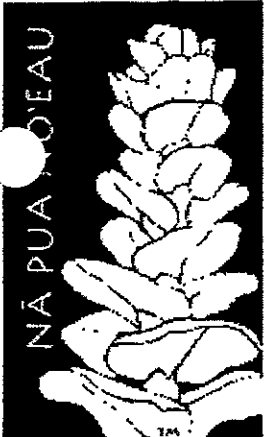
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March 8, 2011

RE: HB200

Aloha mai,

HB200 proposes to institutionalize Nā Pua No'eau's positions (total of 18) throughout all of its centers across the University of Hawai'i's campuses, and with that said, I humbly ask for your advocacy. Nā Pua No'eau has gone through the protocol of seeking and gaining approval from all of the University of Hawai'i Campuses' Native Hawaiian Councils, President Greenwood and her administrative team, all of the University of Hawai'i's Campuses' chancellors and the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. President Greenwood has made this initiative one of her top priorities within the University of Hawai'i's Biennium Budget.

Nā Pua No'eau has provided over 20 years of enrichment programs, servicing over 18,000 Hawaiian children through continuous participation. President Greenwood and her administrative team, supports this effort, for it fits within the University of Hawai'i's Strategic Plan. If approved, HB 200 will allow Nā Pua No'eau to provide career pathways in STEM fields along with those other fields that Hawaiians are underrepresented in. The initiative will also increase opportunities and leadership development while also conducting programs with the foundations and philosophy of Nā Pua No'eau at all of the University of Hawai'i's campuses, reaching all of the communities throughout the state.

Nā Pua No'eau has developed models and data that supports the success and potential of our Hawaiian youth in both school and post high school settings. These successes are a reflective measure of the strong relationships we have and honor with our students, families and our community and university constituents and collaborators.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a list of over 1700 names of individuals and over 100 letters of support who are in support of Nā Pua No'eau. Many of these letters come straight from the hearts of our students and they share their stories on how our center has made positive impacts on their educational and personal lives.

With that said, I humbly ask for your support and mahalo you for your time,

Kinohi Gomes
Assistant Director