

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB
TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

JOINT COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION
And
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

LATE TESTIMONY

HOUSE BILL 712, RELATING TO HAWAIIAN EDUCATION
Wed., Feb. 09, 2011; 2:05pm; Room 309

Aloha Chairman Takumi, Madame Chair Hanohano and members of the joint committees on Education and Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, here to support HB 712 relating to Hawaiian education.

The Association is comprised of sixty component clubs in Hawaii, eleven continental states and the District of Columbia. There are twenty six clubs on Oahu alone and clubs on each of the neighbor islands. Several of our clubs were founded by Hawaiian language graduates of the University of Hawaii and the language is at the core of their existence.

These are doing their best to bring Hawaiian language back to our meetings and conventions, where fifty years ago almost all of our meetings were conducted in the Hawaiian language. Yes, we lost much over the past several generations, but we are also grateful that students that we worked hard to educate through our scholarships and advocacy are joining to help reawaken our genetic memory.

We hope to see the day that the Hawaiian language will once again be heard in streets, and restaurants, and the hallways of government, fulfilling the foresight of our State constitution that gives us two official languages – Hawaiian as well as English.

This bill is a step in the right direction and we urge its passage.

EDNtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:01 PM
To: EDNtestimony
Cc: keoladonaghy@mac.com
Subject: Testimony for HB712 on 2/9/2011 2:05:00 PM

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Testimony for EDN/HAW 2/9/2011 2:05:00 PM HB712

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joseph Keola Donaghy
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I fully support HB 712. As the parent of a Hawaiian immersion graduate who is now at UH-Manoa, I can attest to the value and quality of Hawaiian medium education. The current Hawaiian language immersion program has had great difficulty supporting the growth of immersion education and in many instances it has in fact weaken the approach through a system that maintains its primary concerns on "mainstream education". I believe that revising the language from "may" to "shall" not only strengthens the state commitment to Hawaiian language but will communicate the states interest in protecting it's special Hawaiian resource—our Hawaiian language.

EDNtestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:17 PM
To: EDNtestimony
Cc: mauigp@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB712 on 2/9/2011 2:05:00 PM

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for EDN/HAW 2/9/2011 2:05:00 PM HB712

Conference room: 309
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bonnie Friedman
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mauigp@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Poni Daines

From: Keiki Kawai'ae'a [kkawai'ae'a@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:51 AM
To: Rep. Faye Hanohano
Subject: HB 712

LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha e Represenative Hanohano,

Please support HB 712. As a Hawaiian speaking 'ohana having educated 3 children in immersion, and now my grandchildren in a full Hawaiian medium setting I can attest to the value and quality of Hawaiian medium education. The current Hawaiian language immersion program has had great difficulty supporting the growth of immersion education and in many instances it has in fact weaken the approach through a system that maintains its primary concerns on "mainstream education" . I believe that revising the language from "may" to "shall" not only strengthens the state commitment to Hawaiian language but will communicate the states interest in protecting it's special Hawaiian resource—our Hawaiian language. Appreciate your attention and support.

Me ka mahalo,
Keiki Kawai'ae'a

Poni Daines

From: Ha'amauliola Aiona [haamauliola_m@leoki.uhh.hawaii.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:58 PM
To: Rep. Faye Hanohano

LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha e Representative Hanohano,

Please support HB 712. As a Hawaiian speaking 'ohana, my husband being a part of the first class Pūnana Leo graduating class in 1985 and the second graduating class of Nāwahī in 2011, we are now parents of two children that are in a full Hawaiian medium setting I can attest to the value and quality of Hawaiian medium education. The current Hawaiian language immersion program has had great difficulty supporting the growth of immersion education and in many instances it has in fact weaken the approach through a system that maintains its primary concerns on "mainstream education". I believe that revising the language from "may" to "shall" not only strengthens the state commitment to Hawaiian language but will communicate the states interest in protecting it's special Hawaiian resource—our Hawaiian language. Appreciate your attention and support.

Me ka mahalo,
Ha'amauliola Aiona

Poni Daines

From: aguiar racing [aguiarracing@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:33 PM
To: Rep. Faye Hanohano
Subject: In Support of HB 712

LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha Representative Hanohano,

I urge your support of HB 712. We have two children who attended the Punana Leo O Hilo and who are currently attending Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalani'opu'u because of our desire to make our Hawaiian language a living language. We have seen first hand the value and importance of quality Hawaiian medium education. We support revising the language from "may" to "shall" which will not only strengthen the state commitment to Hawaiian language but will communicate the state's interest in protecting it's special Hawaiian resource—our Hawaiian language. Mahalo for your support.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Sheldon and Dawn Aguiar

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Poni Daines

From: Brandi Kaiolohia [kaiolohiasay@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:14 PM
To: Rep. Faye Hanohano; Rep. Roy Takumi
Subject: in support of HB 712

LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha,

I am in support of HB 712. I strongly urge you to support this bill as well.

Thank you,
Brandi Masaoka

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Personal Testimony Presented before the
House Committees on Education
and Hawaiian Affairs
February 8, 2011
by
Ron Solis

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HB 712 –

Chairs Hanohano and Takumi, Vice Chairs Lee and Belatti Members of the Committees:

My name is Ron Solis, and I am a teacher at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language. I am presenting personal testimony here.

I strongly oppose HB 712. This bill has the potential to exterminate diversity. Many of us are deeply passionate in revitalizing the Hawaiian language, however, we need to ensure the diversity of ideas, philosophies, etc., in that movement. We need to ensure that all entities have their own resources to grow and the ability to critically think on their own. HB 712 will not promote diversity.

I reiterate my strong opposition to HB 712. Thank you for your time. Aloha.

Relating to House Bill 712
Kāko'o 'Ole
Oppose

LATE TESTIMONY

Iā: House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Education
Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chairperson

Maiā: H. Kau'ilani Perry-Kaiahua

Lā: Pepeluai 4, 2011

Welina mai,

'O wau 'o Harley Kau'ilani Perry-Kaiahua, noho au ma Hau'ula a aia au ma ka papa 12 ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku. Mahalo nui loa iā 'oukou apau no kēia manawa no ka hāpai 'ana i ko'u mana'o pili i ka pila Hale 'Elele 712.

Kāko'o 'ole au i kēia pila, no ka mea he mea laulā loa. 'A'ole i wehewehe 'ia me ka maika'i. No ke aha e 'ae ana 'oukou i kekahi pila inā 'a'ole pane kēia pila i nā nīnau o nā maka'āinana. I kekahi kumu nui no ke kāko'o 'ana 'ole i kēia pila, 'o ia ka ho'olaha 'ana 'ole i ka pila imua o ka lehulehu. 'A'ole au kāko'o i kekahi mea inā 'a'ole i 'ōlelo kekahi kanaka e pili ana ia a wehewehe 'ia ka mana'o. No ke aha 'a'ole 'oukou i hō'ike i kēia pila i ka lehulehu? 'A'ole moakāka kēia pila, no laila 'a'ole au kāko'o. Mahalo nui loa!

Hello,

My name is Harley Kau'ilani Perry-Kaiahua and I am a resident of Hau'ula. I am currently a senior in the Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku Academy, a-Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to read my thoughts relating t House Bill 712.

I do not support this bill because it is very broad. It raises more questions than it answers. Also, a big reason why I do not support this bill is the fact that it was not brought to public knowledge. Why was it kept from the public? I can not support something that I or anyone else did not get a say in. Why would you pass a bill that the public did not get a say in? Who would be affected by this bill? This bill brings more confusion to the public and leaves us with unsettling feelings. I can not support something I do not fully understand or trust. Thank you!

Relating to House Bill No. 712

KĀKO'O 'OLE

Oppose

LATE TESTIMONY

IĀ: **House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chairperson & Committee
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Education
Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chairperson & Committee
Members,
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson & Committee
Members,
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chairperson

MAIĀ: Alyson Moriwaki

KĀ LĀ: Pepeluai, 2, 2011

Aloha mai kakou,

'O au 'o Alyson Moriwaki. Noho au ma ke kauna 'o Kahuku. Aia au ma ka papa 'umikumamakahi ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku Academy. Aia au ma keia polokalamu 'ōlelo Hawai'i mai ko'u wā papa malaa'o a e puka ana au keia 'ano polokalamu. 'O ko'u mea mua a'u i makemake ai e 'ōlelo 'o ia ka mahalo 'ana aku ia 'oukou no ka heluhelu 'ana a me ka hāpai 'ana aku i ko'u mau mana'o e pili ana i ka pila 712.

'O ko'u mana'o 'elua 'o ia ka'u ku'e ana i kēia pila, no ka mea, 'a'ole au 'ike i ka mana'o o "Hawaii Medium Education." 'A'ole 'ōlelo 'ia 'o wai ke kanaka e alaka'i ana i ia ke'ena. Ua makemake au e maopopo no ke aha 'a'ole i ho'olaha 'ia i ka lehulehu e pili ana i keia pila. Ma kēia pila, 'a'ole i 'ōlelo 'ia i ka mana'o o "Hawaiian Language Medium Education Agency", a he aha ko lākou kuleana? 'O wai nā kānaka e komo ana ma lalo o kēia kanawai.

'O kēia na kumu 'a'ole au kāko'o i keia pila.

**Relating to the House Bill 712
Kāko'o 'Ole
Oppose**

LATE TESTIMONY

IĀ: **House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**
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House Committee on Education
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Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chairperson

House Committe on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Mariyn B. Lee, Vice Chairperson

MAIĀ: Megan U'ilani Nelson

KA LĀ: 3 Pepeluai 2011

Aloha e nā kenekoa,

'O wau 'o U'ilani Nelson, sia au ma ka Papa II a noho wau ma Hau'ula. Hele wau i ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i o Kahuku Academy. Kako'o 'ole wau i kēia pila HB 712 no ka mea I ka heluhelu 'ana loa'a kekahi mau nīnau a 'o kekahi mea a'e 'a'ole maopopo i ka mana'o ma kekahi mau mahele. 'O kekahi 'o kau nīnau he aha ka Hawaiian Medium Educatio Office" a he aha kā lakou hana no mākou? I loko o keia pila 'ōlelo 'ōukou e loa'a he curricula e like me no nā papa 'ōlelo Pelekane (English Medium Education Program). Pehea 'oe hana i kēia inā 'oia ka mākou hana i kēia manawa? Pehea wau e kāko'o nō i kēia inā 'a'ole maopopo i kekahi mau mana'o he nui? Maopopo iā 'ōukou he aha nā hopena no nā kmu, haumāna, a me nā 'ohana i ka 'apono 'ana i keia pila. Mahalo i ka lohe 'ana o ko'u leka.

Kāko'o 'ole au i ka pila HB 712.

Mahalo,

U'ilani Nelson

Relating to House Bill 712

**Kāko'o 'ole
(Oppose)**

LATE TESTIMONY

Iā: House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chairperson & Committee Members,
Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Education
Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chairperson & Committee Members,
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson & Committee Members,
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chairperson

Maiā: Kūola Jared Makahilukekoahawananahe Walk

Lā: Pepeluāli 4, 2011

Aloha! Mahalo iā 'oukou pākahi nō kēia wahi manawa e hāpai aku i ko'u mana'o e pili ana i ka maika'i 'ole i ka pila Pila Hale 'Elele 712.

'O Kūola Walk ko'u inoa. He haumana au ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i o Kahuku Academy. Aia au ma ka papa Alaka'i, 'o ia no ka papa 12. Noho au ma Lā'ie.

Kāko'o 'ole au i kēia pila no ka mea 'a'ole moakākā kēia pila ia'u. Mana'o wau pono e ho'oponopoo hou i kēia pila. A mana'o wau he mea pono 'ole ka hā'awi 'ana aku i ke kūleana e ho'ololi i ke 'ano o ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Like 'ia me ka 'ōlelo no'eau: "A'ole pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi."

Kāko'o 'ole au i ka pila Hale 'Elele 712.

Relating to House Bill 712
KĀKO'O 'OLE

LATE TESTIMONY

IĀ: **House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**
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Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chairperson & Committee
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House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson & Committee
Members, Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chairperson

MAIĀ: Kauhiwaiolaokalani Umiokalani Vierra

LĀ: Pepeeuali 3, 2011

Aloha mai e nā makamaka. 'O wau nō 'o Kauhiwaiolaokalani Umiokalani Vierra, Aia wau ma ka papa 12 ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawaii 'o Kahuku Academy. Mai Hau'ula mai au a 17 o'u makahiki. Aia au i loko o ke kula kaiapuni no 13 mau makahiki, a mana'o au 'a'ole pili kēia pila me ko'u mau mana'o.

Kāko'o 'ole au i kēia pila 712 no ka mea 'a'ole i mōakaka kēia ia'u. He aha ka mana'o o Hawaiian Medium Education? Pōhihihi kēia ia'u, no ka mea 'a'ole wehewehe mai kēia pila he aha a nā wai e alaka'i ana. No ke aha 'a'ole maopopo ka lehulehu e pili ana kēia pila ma mua o ka hō'ike 'ana ma ka Aha 'ōlelo? No ke aha 'a'ole i maopopo nā kula, nā 'oihana, nā kumu, nā 'ohana a me nā mākua? Inā ua maopopo nā mākua, nā 'ohana, nā 'oihana, a me nā hāumana ma mua, malī'a paha e kāko'o ana lākou i kēia pila. Kāko'ole 'ole au i kēia pila HB 712.

Māhalo,

Kauhiwaiolaokalani Umiokalani Vierra

Relating to House Bill 712
KĀKO'O 'OLE

LATE TESTIMONY

IĀ: **House Committe on Hawaiian Affairs**
Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chaiperson & Committee
Members, Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chaiperson

House Committee on Education
Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chaiperson & Committee
Members, Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chaiperson

House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chaiperson & Committee
Members, Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chaiperson

MAIĀ: Keahilani Anuheia Ku'umomimakamae Ka'ahu

LĀ: Pepeluai 3, 2011

LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha mai e nā hoamakamaka,

'O Keahilani Anuheia Ku'umomimakamae Ka'ahu ko 'u inoa, Aia au ma ka papa 12 ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawaii 'o Kahuku Academy. Mai Hau'ula mai au a 17 o'u makahiki. Aia au mā ke kula kaiapuni no 13 mau makahiki, a pili 'ole kēia pila i ko 'u mana 'o.

Kāko'o 'ole au i kēia pila 712 no ka mea 'a'ole mōakaka kēia ia'u. He aha ka mana'o 'o Hawaiian Medium Education? Pōhihihi kēia ia'u, no ka mea 'a'ole wehewehe moakaka kēia pila, 'o wai nā alakai o'ia mea? A no ke aha 'a'ole i maopopo ka lehulehu e pili 'ana kēia pila. A no ke aha 'a'ole lākou i hō'ike ma ka Aha 'ōlelo? No ke aha 'a'ole i maopopo nā kumu, nā 'ohana a me nā mākua? I nā ua maopopo mākou a pau nā kumu, nā 'ohana a me nā mākua maliapaha e kāko'o ana mākou i kēia pila HB 712. Kāko'o 'ole au i ka pila HB 712.

Mahalo,

Keahilani Anuheia Ku'umomimakamae Ka'ahu.

**Relating to the House Bill 712
Kako'o 'Ole
Oppose**

LATE TESTIMONY

IĀ: **House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**
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Representative Chris Lee, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Education
Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chairperson

MAIĀ: Joaquin Kahiliaulani Lessary

KA LĀ: 4 Pepeluai 2011

Welina,

'O Joaquin Kahiliaulani Lessary ko'u inoa. Noho au ma Lā'ie, Hawai'i. He haumāna au ma ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i 'o Kahuku Academy, ma ka papa 'umikūmākahi. A kāko'o 'ole au i kēia pila.

Kāko'o 'ole au i kēia Pila Hale 'Elele 712, no ka mea 'a'ole moakāka. Loa'a nā kānaka ma kēia 'āina he mau nīnau pili i kēia pila. A 'a'ole maika'i ka mana'o hiki kekahi mau kānaka e koho i ho'okahi 'ano 'ōlelo 'ōiwi ma Hawai'i nei. A pehea lākou e koho ana i ke 'ano o ke a'o 'ana ma nā Kula Kaiapuni ma Hawai'i.

KĀKO'O 'OLE AU I KA PILA HALE 'ELELE 712!

Relating to house Bill No. 712

Kāko‘o ‘ole

Oppose

LATE TESTIMONY

IĀ: **House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**
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Representative Chris Lee , Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Education
Representative Roy M. Takumi , Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Della Au Belatti , Vice Chairperson

House Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro , Chairperson & Committee Members
Representative Marilyn B. Lee , Vice Chairperson

MAIĀ: Uluwehi Uli‘i

KA LĀ: Pepeluai 3, 2011

Welina,

‘O Uluwehi Uli‘i ko‘u inoa mai Hau‘ula mai au a he Umikūmāono o‘u makahiki. Hele au i Ke Kula Kaiapuni Hawai‘i ‘O Kahuku Academy. A kāko‘o ‘ole au i kēia pila 712, no ka mea nui nā nīnau i pane ‘ole ma kēia pila. Eia kekahi mau nīnau, heaha ka pili o kēia pila i nā kula a i ‘ole nā ‘ahahui? Heaha ka mea “Hawaiian Education?” A ‘o wai nā ‘alaka‘i i loko kēia mea? Ua lohe au a‘ohe “Public Input”, no keaha? Mana‘o au pono nā po‘e e maopopo mau i ka pili o kēia pila. A ‘o wai nā lehulehu i maopopo pili i ka “Hawaiian Language State Education Agency.” No laila ‘o kēia ko‘u mana‘o pili i kēia pila.

KĀKO‘O ‘OLE AU I KA PILA 712.