

**SB 120**

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 120

February 10, 2011

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Senate Bill No. 120 repeals certain special and revolving funds and transfers those fund balances to the State general fund. This bill also repeals exemptions from central service expense assessments and administrative expense assessments for certain special funds.

We support the general intent of periodically reviewing the various special and revolving funds as well as exemptions from central service and administrative expense assessments. The State has a myriad of special funds and it is prudent fiscal practice to conduct reviews (as being done today) to ensure that these special funds' existence continue to be appropriate and warranted.

However, we also recognize that there is legitimate and rational basis or need for the existence of certain special and revolving funds and for exemptions from the special fund assessments. To that end, we defer to the departments on specific concerns that they may have regarding this measure, and/or to identify the current operational need or relevance to maintain the practice of some of these special and revolving funds.



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Senator Michele Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

by

**Tom Mick**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 120, Relating to State Funds.

**Purpose:** Repeals certain special funds and transfers balances to the state general fund.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly **opposes** Sections 54, 144, 145, and 146 of Senate Bill No. 120 because these sections repeal four Judiciary special funds whose resources provide services essential to Judiciary clients, as well as to the public.

Specifically, Senate Bill No. 120 repeals the Judiciary's: (1) Driver Education and Training Special Fund (Section 54), (2) Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account (Section 144), (3) Computer System Special Fund (Section 145), and (4) Probation Services Special Fund (Section 146). Each of these funds supports important Judiciary programs and activities, that is, driver education programs directed at traffic law violators to reduce recidivism and promote traffic and public safety; social services' programs intended to reduce instances of domestic violence (DV) and to assist DV victims; technology programs and efforts to modernize and automate Judiciary processes and records, and continue enhanced public access to case information; and probation related programs and activities designed to ensure public safety through proper monitoring of adult offenders. Not only would the repeal of these special funds eliminate the Judiciary's ability to support these essential services, it would result in the layoff of up to 50 Judiciary employees - 35 authorized for the Driver Education Program, six authorized for adult client services' probation activities supported by the Probation Services Special Fund, and nine funded by the Computer System Special Fund.



The purpose, functions, and the number of individuals serviced by each fund, and the impact on the community and society if these funds were repealed, are described by fund in the following paragraphs.

#### **Section 54 (Driver Education and Training Special Fund)**

The Driver Education Program (DEP) is a statewide program with offices in Honolulu on O'ahu, Wailuku on Maui (also including Lanai and Molokai), Hilo and Kona on the Big Island, and in Lihue on Kauai. It provides statutorily mandated traffic education classes to individuals assigned by the court, and at the court's discretion, provides monitoring and education classes for any other traffic offenses.

Specifically, the program services referrals from court for those individuals convicted or adjudicated for certain traffic violations. By statute, the DEP provides classes for those persons convicted of drunk driving (Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) 291E-61, Operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant); underage drinking and driving (HRS 291E-63, Operating a vehicle after consuming a measureable amount of alcohol, persons under the age of 21); excessive speeding (HRS 291C-105); and child passenger restraint violations (HRS 291-111.5). In addition, general driver improvement classes are conducted for those persons adjudicated for any other traffic related violations where the court feels a defendant would benefit from re-education.

In 2009 and 2010, classes were held on all islands including Lanai and Molokai, with class size ranging from one student to over 40 students. During these two years, the DEP conducted a total of 14 classes for underage drinking drivers, 241 classes for drunk drivers, 105 driver improvement classes, and 104 classes for persons who were cited for driving with improperly restrained children. In total, 5,549 and 5,350 students completed DEP classes in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

It is noted that DEP classes are reflective of just a part of the interaction with defendants. In the case of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Child Safety Restraint violations, classes are only required for first-time offenders, but repeat violators must also report to DEP staff to go over other court requirements. In the case of DUI offenses, the defendant must also get a substance abuse assessment which DEP personnel arrange. If the court issues a recommendation for treatment, the DEP staff will also assist in finding a program or an agency where the defendant can receive the appropriate services. This is done for all DUI court referrals and for all persons who have had their licenses revoked by the Administrative Driver License Revocation Office (ADLRO).



The DEP is the only offender-based program in the state that works with traffic violators to assist in complying with sentencing conditions through individual counseling and group education awareness classes for moving violation, child passenger safety restraint, and DUI related offenses. Where other driver education programs actually teach individuals how to drive, the DEP program is directed at traffic law violators to reduce recidivism and promote traffic and public safety programs. As indicated earlier, classes for first time DUI convictions, alcohol related zero tolerance juvenile offenses, and child passenger safety restraint violations are statutorily mandated. The DEP provides services on all islands including counseling, instruction, public information, and community education.

In conclusion, the DEP receives its sole support from the Driver Education and Training Special Fund. The abolishment of this fund would result in the end of all Judiciary driver education activities and an inability to comply with the law regarding having such classes, as well as result in the layoff of up to 35 permanent employees in the DEP (the final number dependent on the actual number of filled positions at the time of enactment).

#### **Section 144 (Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account)**

The Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account (SPC) is used for staff programs, and for grants or purchase of service (POS) contracts that support or provide spouse or child abuse intervention or prevention activities. Since the creation of this special fund by the 1994 Legislature, SPC's resources have been used for a broad range of innovative programs relating to the victims and children of DV, treatment of juvenile sex offenders, enhanced supervision of DV offenders, and supervised child visitation. Judges, staff, and others in the criminal and civil justice systems statewide have also received new training from national experts on DV, stalking, and the impact of violence on DV victims and their children.

In FY 2010, SPC resources supported supervised child visitation and exchange services to court referred families, interventions for juveniles involved in DV, services to victims of intimate partner violence and counseling for the children exposed to the violence, and assistance to victims with filing for temporary restraining orders. Special fund support also allowed judges and staff to participate in training on a range of topics focused on DV and child abuse.

Presently, SPC funds are used to contract with the following private, non-profit organizations, which are listed by island with approximate number of clients served:

Domestic Violence Action Center (O'ahu)	50
Child and Family Service (O'ahu)	30
Child and Family Service (Hawai'i)	50
Parents and Children Together/Family Peace Center (O'ahu)	75
Parents and Children Together/Family Visitation Center (O'ahu)	25



Island of Kauai YWCA (Kauai)	25
Island of Hawaii YMCA (Hawai'i)	<u>30</u>
Total Number of Clients	285

Services purchased include providing outreach, lethality and risk assessments, safety planning, and advocacy and support services to victims of DV (including assistance in the preparation of temporary restraining orders and accompaniment of victims to court hearings). Victims are also educated about the criminal and civil justice system. Services to victims focus on ensuring that they are aware of the options and supporting choices that will provide safety for themselves and their children.

Funds from the SPC are also used to fund supervised child visitation services on the islands of O'ahu, Hawai'i and Kauai. Without such services, non-custodial parents would not have access to their children, as the majority of these court ordered referrals involve temporary restraining orders or orders of protection, which prohibit contact except for supervised visitation. Also, adolescents who are referred to the family courts for domestic abuse of a family member or intimate partner are provided with specialized services designed to break the cycle of violence. Other family members are also involved in the intervention services, along with the adolescent. In addition, the SPC continues to provide funds to educate judges and staff about DV and child abuse which is critical in dealing with the issues in this area.

The SPC enables the Judiciary to develop and maintain a proactive stance in responding to DV and child abuse and neglect in Hawai'i, and maintain its commitment to use fund resources to ensure the safety and well-being of DV victims and other family members, as well as abused and neglected children in the community. Abolishment of the SPC would end an important resource supporting this commitment.

#### **Section 145 (Judiciary Computer System Special Fund)**

HRS Section 601-3.7 established the Judiciary Computer System Special Fund (CSSF) which is used for: (1) consulting and other related fee and expenses in the selection, implementation, programming, and subsequent upgrades for a statewide Judiciary computer system; (2) purchase of hardware and related software for the Judiciary computer system; (3) other expenses relating to new technology in traffic enforcement, criminal, civil, family and appellate case processing and management, jury management, and including operations and maintenance; and (4) funding for all Judiciary Information Management System (JIMS) project and operational expenses, including the salaries of the temporary JIMS Project Manager and seven temporary support staff. CSSF also provides the salary for the permanently authorized



Judiciary webmaster which is organizationally under the Communications and Community Relations Office.

The repeal of the CSSF would have an immediate, critical impact not only on current operational support and technical maintenance, but also on the long term goals of the Judiciary, especially in the JIMS area. The JIMS project scope is broad and far-reaching, and its implementation roadmap can be divided into three categories of projects, that is, delivered solutions, modules currently in development, and modules planned for implementation.

*1. Delivered JIMS solutions*

A. Traffic

- 1) Description: Statewide traffic case management system used at all district court locations and the ADLRO.
- 2) Stakeholders: The public, including media, government attorneys, and the private bar, law enforcement, and state and county agencies such as the Department of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 3) Benefits: JIMS Traffic has enabled public online access to traffic cases, online payment for traffic judgments, automated interfaces with the Judiciary collections agency (delinquent judgments are sent to the contracted collection agency and payments are received electronically), electronic bench warrant delivery to law enforcement, expanded and improved interfaces with law enforcement and other state/county agencies, and improved data sharing through the availability of scanned documents. In 2010, 36,061 payment transactions from the public were by electronic means, either over the internet or by touchtone telephone. Fifty-five percent of active traffic bench warrants are in electronic format, allowing for more economic storage in electronic format and speedy, statewide sharing of warrant data.

B. Jury

- 1) Description: Statewide jury management system used for all jury trials, including summons and excuse processing, jury pool management, and juror fee payment processing.
- 2) Stakeholders: The public, jurors and potential jurors, attorneys, and litigants.
- 3) Benefits: JIMS Jury has enabled standardization of statewide jury procedures, automation of manual tasks, improved juror fee payment processing and reporting, and up to date juror and jury duty information via the internet. Since launching the eJuror website on December 15, 2010, more than 11,000 visits have been made online.

C. Appellate / eFiling



- 1) Description: Statewide appellate case management system used by the Hawai'i Supreme Court and the Intermediate Court of Appeals.
- 2) Stakeholders: The public, including media, government attorneys, the private bar, and pro se litigants in appellate cases.
- 3) Benefits: JIMS Appellate has enabled public online access to appellate cases, online payment for appellate filing fees, nearly 24 hours a day access to electronic filing, electronic service, and improved data sharing through the availability of scanned documents and online case management tools for efilers. Since its inception on September 27, 2010, more than 1,500 attorneys have access to the Judiciary's eFiling website and more than 8,000 documents in appellate cases have been filed using this new capability.

## 2. *Module in development*

### A. Criminal

- 1) Description: Statewide criminal case management used at all district courts, family courts, and circuit courts.
- 2) Stakeholders: The public, including media, government attorneys and the private bar, law enforcement, and state and county agencies such as the Hawai'i Criminal Justice Data Center under the Attorney General's Office.
- 3) Benefits: JIMS Criminal will enable public online access to criminal cases, online payment for criminal judgments, automated interfaces with the Judiciary collections agency (delinquent judgments are sent to contracted collection agency and payments received electronically), expanded or improved interfaces with law enforcement and other state/county agencies, electronic bench warrant delivery to law enforcement, improved data sharing through the availability of scanned documents, and electronic filing.

## 3. *Planned modules*

### A. Civil

- 1) Description: Statewide civil case management used at all district courts, family courts, and circuit courts.
- 2) Stakeholders: The public, including the media, attorneys, and litigants.
- 3) Benefits: JIMS Civil will enable improved public online access to civil cases, improved data sharing through the availability of scanned documents, and electronic filing.

### B. Family

- 1) Description: Statewide family case management used at all family courts.





- 2) Stakeholders: The public, including the media, attorneys, and litigants.
- 3) Benefits: JIMS Family will enable improved public online access to family cases (public information only; no juvenile or confidential information will be available online), improved data sharing through the availability of scanned documents, and electronic filing.

C. Probation

- 1) Description: Statewide integration of probation case management and criminal/traffic crime case management.
- 2) Stakeholders: The public, including the media, attorneys and probationers, law enforcement, and the criminal justice community overall.
- 3) Benefits: JIMS Probation will enable improved reporting and management for all parties on probation.

Should the CSSF no longer be available beginning in FY 2012, all project implementation and software development activities would be terminated (i.e., the Criminal project currently in progress would terminate and the planned modules for Civil, Family, and Probation would be postponed indefinitely). Operational support requirements for delivered JIMS Traffic, Jury, and Appellate modules would be provided by the JIMS Production Support staff; however, software fixes and infrastructure support would no longer be available. Licenses (e.g., Oracle database, General Ledger Oracle Financials, FileNet electronic document management, and Kofax scanning) required for maintaining the JIMS solutions already delivered will expire during FY 2012. In addition, those CSSF-funded contracts, such as the statewide Wide Area Network that support the Judiciary, would require a different funding source.

The potential negative impact on stakeholders currently benefitting from JIMS solutions would include, but not be limited to, the Judiciary's participation in the Hawai'i Criminal Justice Data Center's Hawai'i Integrated Justice Information Sharing project; the Judiciary's statewide eBench Warrant project with county police departments, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Transportation; and the traffic abstract projects with Hawai'i Information Consortium.

Repeal of the CSSF would also directly impact public online access to traffic and appellate cases via eCourt Kokua and through electronic filing. Public-facing case information and electronic filing systems may be maintained over the short-term by the Judiciary Information and Technology and Production Support groups, but long-term fixes, planning for enhanced data storage, and any requested feature upgrades would end. In other words, any future hardware acquisition or software defect which currently requires JIMS support and resources would be unavailable and potentially eliminate public access to these existing applications.



In closing, the repeal of the CSSF would have an extremely negative impact on traffic and appellate case management, as well as jury management. Elimination of CSSF monies would impede Judiciary plans to improve technical security, record retention, and public access to case information and would put an immediate end to all projects currently underway.

### **Section 146 (Probation Services Special Fund)**

The Probation Services Special Fund (PSSF) is established by HRS Section 706-649. Its resources are used by the Adult Client Services Branch (ACS) to support adult probation services and six staff positions, statewide, including an Interstate Compact Coordinator who handles all Interstate Compact matters relating to the transfer of probationers and parolees between states; and a Social Worker, Clerk-Typist, and Social Service Assistants to assist with the probation monitoring of low-risk offenders, including the collection of restitution from offenders on the neighbor islands. Staff supported by the PSSF help to refer offenders for community service work, monitor restitution collection, and perform client drug tests. They also assist probation officers by collecting DNA samples, and monitoring financial restitution payments and compliance with the treatment terms of probation. This allows ACS staff to concentrate on higher risk offenders who require more supervision and attention for effective treatment and rehabilitation.

The PSSF also covers costs incurred for risk assessment instruments for all offenders, including sex offenders and DV offenders. CYZAP, the Statewide criminal justice assessment management system, receives PSSF resources, as does Caseload Explorer, the probation case management information system. Presently, ACS oversees 23,084 cases, all of which are entered into Caseload Explorer. CYZAP provides the assessment information to determine the risk and criminogenic needs of offenders to help determine the best method of probation monitoring to reduce recidivism.

The Interstate Compact Coordinator is responsible for the daily activities of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAO). This individual oversees the transfer of probationers and parolees between Hawai'i and the mainland, and is responsible for reviewing incoming and outgoing cases, providing supervision for the cases, resolving any issues with mainland states, responding to inquiries regarding ICAO matters, and overseeing the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System. ICAO matters are time-sensitive and need quick, timely processing to ensure Hawai'i fulfills its obligations under Compact rules. Presently, 178 probationers and 46 parolees are supervised under the ICAO program. It is imperative to have someone overseeing the transfer of felons between states, especially when transfers involve probationers who have previously been convicted of violent offenses. Having a full-time coordinator also benefits public safety by freeing up ACS probation officers to fulfill their essential monitoring activities for their assigned probationers. (Previously, ICAO duties were



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shared among ACS staff in addition to their regular probationer caseload.) The repeal of the PSSF would effectively end the Judiciary's effort to focus full-time efforts on essential ICAO monitoring activities.

Besides the effect on essential ICAO monitoring activities, the repeal of the PSSF, the loss of PSSF funding, and the corresponding layoffs of staff would result in the loss of probationer monitoring services and reduce the Judiciary's ability to collect restitution payments. Annual expenses of nearly \$200,000 for probationer assessment and case management, which are essential to ACS operations, would have to be sustained through another funding source. This would likely mean the use of already scarce general fund resources to ensure the availability of these important probation tools. The ACS' ability to provide quality monitoring of offenders' compliance to probation conditions would be reduced, thereby adversely affecting public safety.

The Judiciary understands that the intent of Senate Bill No. 120 is to try to help resolve the State's significant funding shortfalls and projected budget deficit. However, we must emphasize in the strongest terms that the Judiciary special funds identified for repeal provide the means to sustain and improve client services and positively enhance the provision of Judiciary services to the public, and that their abolishment would effectively end these important efforts and result in a serious negative impact to Judiciary operations, to its clients needing court services, to the community in general, and to up to 50 of its employees. Therefore, the Judiciary respectfully requests that Sections 54, 144, 145, and 146 be deleted from further consideration in Senate Bill No. 120.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 120.



Testimony by Chancellor **Virginia S. Hinshaw**

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Mahalo for the opportunity to address this Committee.

For over 100 years, Hawai'i has built a public higher education system for the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific to provide our people with critically needed educational opportunities. The founders of this university knew that education was the key to the success of our wonderfully diverse population – that was their goal. It is our clear responsibility to fulfill that goal based on the efforts of the past generations but most importantly for the sake of future generations. This bill defeats that goal.

This proposal would repeal all UH special and revolving funds and transfer their balances to the state general fund. Such an action would be devastating for UH Mānoa. Serving as a research 1 university requires the flexibility to generate and direct funding for specific purposes, from student-led activities to research programs. Having such funds transferred to the state general fund endangers the ability to meet obligations related to those funds, from bonds to buildings to student organizations, and virtually eliminates the opportunity for planning and prioritization by the institution.

This proposes to take fees and tuition funds that students have paid for specific purposes and for which we have provided financial aid including scholarships, federal grants, and loans, to pay the costs for other agencies. Such actions would truly endanger Mānoa's ability to serve Hawai'i as a research 1 university

now and into the future – in essence, this would push Mānoa past the “tipping point”.

Our partnerships throughout the state contribute to the health and well being of our citizens. The UH is a major generator of educated citizens, new knowledge, jobs and resources for Hawai'i. This bill defeats the ability of Mānoa to serve in that capacity. Hawai'i has created a leading research 1 university at UH Mānoa—the only one in Hawai'i and one of the few in the nation which serves as a land, sea and space grant institution charged with the responsibility to solve the problems in all of those areas.

We empathize with the financial challenges the Legislature faces and your University has been working hard to be part of the solution. This bill defeats our efforts and eliminates our ability to be part of the solution. You would be making the decision that the State of Hawai'i cannot support its public university. That is a chilling message for higher education in Hawai'i.

Approval of this measure would be highly detrimental to the State of Hawai'i and I implore you to oppose its passage. Mahalo.



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**Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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State Capitol, Room 211**

**SB120 - Relating to State Funds**

The **Hawaii State Public Library System** (HSPLS) strongly **opposes** SB120. This bill proposes to repeal or eliminate the Libraries Special Fund (Section 312-3.6 HRS) and amend the Library Enhanced Services program (Section 312-21 & 22). The Libraries Special Fund is comprised primarily of fines, other library charges and fees, and privately donated moneys, and was established to support HSPLS, primarily by supplementing our book and materials budget. We have enclosed our total book and materials expenditures dating back to FY 1991, broken down by means of financing and adjusted to the Consumer Price Index to factor in the declining value of our purchasing dollar. As you can see, we have grown to rely mostly on our special fund collections because our general funds have continued to decrease. In fact, all general funds expended during the past three fiscal year's for books and other library materials have come from vacancy savings and staff turnover savings. There were no general funds budgeted for Library books and materials during these years.

The Legislative Auditor reviewed these funds in "Loss of Budgetary Control: A Summary Report of the Review of Special and Revolving Funds (Report No. 92-14)"

and its July 2001 report entitled "Update of the 1992 Summary of Special and Revolving Funds" (copies of both reports can be furnished upon your request). In both reports, the Auditor found that the Library System's Special Funds' existence was justified and recommended that they be continued. It was found that a clear linkage exists between the benefits sought from this fund and the fees charged to the users. In other words, this is a fair and equitable system under which only the public utilizing these HSPLS library services is assessed the associated fines, fees and charges.

In SB120 Section 7, it appears that the fees for the Library Enhanced Services program would continue but the HSPLS Special Fund for these revenues would be eliminated. The Enhanced Services program was permanently established in Act 327, and amended in Act 029, SLH 1999. It was initially conceived to provide HSPLS with an alternative and additional revenue stream to fund these enhanced services, but now like the Libraries Special Fund (see above) we depend on it for our book and materials purchases, which constitute the primary core service of HSPLS. The Enhanced Services program has proven to be a viable, user supported service that is an essential asset for the Library System.

Without these two special funds, HSPLS will not be able to develop even a basic set of collections (i.e. reference materials; children, young adult collections; online and print subscriptions; new formats such as e-books, etc.) for our patrons and the public. Due to rising overall costs, expensive new editions and updates, an ever-

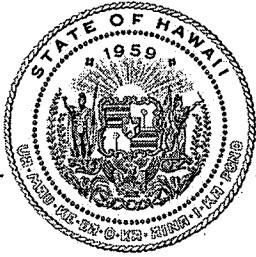
**HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM  
EXPENDITURE & ENCUMBRANCE REPORT OF LIBRARY MATERIALS  
FY 1991 THROUGH FY 2010**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Special</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative CPI*</b>	<b>Inflation Adjusted (CPI)</b>	<b>% of FY 94</b>
1990-91	2,348,476	19,826	16,428	2,384,730			
1991-92	3,026,600	346,468	54,139	3,427,207			91%
1992-93	2,973,685	599,592	37,623	3,610,900			96%
1993-94	2,643,460	973,961	144,191	3,761,612	0.0%	3,761,612	100%
1994-95	1,310,018	1,372,865	50,121	2,733,004	3.6%	2,634,615	70%
1995-96	535,344	985,385	517,603	2,038,332	6.2%	1,911,955	51%
1996-97	694,940	903,333	53,333	1,651,606	7.4%	1,529,387	41%
1997-98	225,762	1,078,894	-	1,304,656	7.0%	1,213,330	32%
1998-99	670,586	853,879	-	1,524,465	8.8%	1,390,312	37%
1999-00	763,680	791,829	-	1,555,509	11.8%	1,371,959	36%
2000-01	1,380,182	1,439,811	-	2,819,992	13.9%	2,428,013	65%
2001-02	1,804,436	747,685	-	2,552,121	15.8%	2,148,886	57%
2002-03	1,670,836	381,770	-	2,052,606	20.0%	1,642,085	44%
2003-04	1,826,754	1,403,769	-	3,230,522	26.1%	2,387,356	63%
2004-05	3,037,158	1,682,750	-	4,719,908	33.3%	3,148,179	84%
2005-06	2,052,020	2,561,658	-	4,613,678	44.9%	2,542,136	68%
2006-07	1,236,600	1,666,728	-	2,903,328	55.0%	1,306,498	35%
2007-08	1,870,931	1,603,938	-	3,474,869	64.3%	1,240,528	33%
2008-09	369,686	1,947,589	-	2,317,275	65.5%	799,460	21%
2009-10	965,917	994,923	-	1,960,840	Not Available		

Note: The expenditure does not include subscription expenses

\*CPI from 2009 State Databook Table 14.03 (1984 to 2009)





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in consideration of

**SB 120**

**RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **opposes** SB 120 which repeals special and revolving funds and deposits all unencumbered and unexpended funds into the state general fund. We appreciate the challenges lawmakers face this session and request that you consider the potential impacts that would affect our department and services to the public. We also note that this measure would require an appropriation for continued funding during this legislative session.

Several divisions are impacted: DBEDT's Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ), the Creative Industries Division, and Strategic Industries Division/Energy Office.

**Foreign Trade Zone Special Fund:**

The DBEDT Foreign-Trade Zone Division (FTZ) has a special fund as established via its enabling legislation in HRS Chapter 212 (Section 47, pages 76-77). The fund was established in the mid 1960s. All fees or other moneys collected under this chapter are deposited in the FTZ

special fund. All moneys in the fund are appropriated for the purposes of, and expended by, the FTZ for the operation, capital improvement, and maintenance of the Zone.

The FTZ is a self-sufficient agency. It receives no general funds and has returned \$5 million to the general fund over the years. The Foreign-Trade Zone provides very unique services to those companies importing to and exporting from Hawaii under a grant of authority from the federal government. We charge for all services which we provide to our clients, and, as such, a special fund for the FTZ makes good sense. In fact, we believe it is a good model to consider for other State agencies that provide these services to a specific target group of our economy and are willing to pay for such services.

The Foreign-Trade Zone provides services to nearly 250 different clients. Our clients are involved in importing and exporting goods into and from Hawaii. Revenue is received from the operation of the only FTZ warehouse complex in Hawaii (loading/ unloading of containers and movement of cargo into and out of the facility), rental of a warehouse in Hilo, small business incubator rental from offices at Pier 2, and fees from companies that operate other FTZ sites throughout Hawaii. Expenditures include payroll; maintenance services for our properties (elevator, security, landscaping, janitorial, refuse, etc.); utilities (water, electricity, etc.); repair of the building (e.g., plumbing, electrical, fire protection, etc.); and other miscellaneous costs. In this regard, we operate much like any private sector business serving a specific clientele.

**Hawaii Television and Film Development Special Fund:**

Similarly, we oppose Section 39, pages 65 through 69, which seeks to repeal the Hawaii Television and Film Development Board Special Fund, HRS 201-113. There is currently no balance in this fund and therefore its elimination would have no general fund impact. The fund was created to support the development of the local film industry, and there are measures going forward in this session that would allow for the fund's expansion. It is critical to the health and sustainability of our film and creative industry sectors to promote further self sufficiency of our state's film program. Elimination of this mechanism will compromise the potential for the

deposit of non-general fund fees for services into the Hawaii Television and Film Development Special Fund.

DBEDT also opposes the repeal of the Energy Security Special Fund (Section 38, pages 63 -65); the repeal of the Renewable Energy Facility Siting Special Fund (Section 42, pages 72 - 73); and the repeal of the Hydrogen Investment Capital Special Fund (Section 46, pages 75 – 76).

**Energy Security Special Fund:**

The Energy Security Special Fund was created to support the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI), established by the State as a policy initiative, to manage the State's transition to a clean energy economy, Act 73, SLH 2010. The Funds' mandate also includes support to the Energy Division, funding staff, and conducting renewable energy projects.

The State's clean energy initiative has resulted in the adoption of major energy policies and regulatory transformation to facilitate Hawaii's transformation to clean, renewable, and sustainable energy economy. The State energy program and activities have brought in substantial amount of federal funds to help Hawaii pursue energy security and independence; induced and encouraged the inflow of capital investments for renewable energy projects totaling approximately \$345 million in 2009 and projected to increase to as much as \$1.2 billion in 2011; and induced and facilitated the creation of approximately 11,145 green jobs.

Elimination of the Energy Security Special Fund will seriously affect if not completely halt Hawaii's progress towards energy security and independence; reduce or eliminate the State's capability to support the statutory functions of the Energy Resources Coordinator mandated under Chapter 196 and 226, HRS; and diminish the State's capability to secure opportunities to obtain federal monies for energy initiatives. Eliminating the Energy Security Special Fund is not in Hawaii's best interest as it seriously affects our capability to achieve energy independence, and will instead perpetuate Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuel and vulnerability to global volatility in fuel prices.

### **Renewable Energy Facility Siting Special Fund (201N):**

The Strategic Industries Division (SID) has been assigned responsibility for the Renewable Energy Facility Siting Process, HRS Chapter 201N, which is supported by the Renewable Energy Facility Siting (REFS) special fund. The program is designed to be self-funded. Fees are collected from applicants to cover the expenses associated with the coordination and facilitation of permit review and processing by other agencies.

There is currently no balance in this fund and therefore its elimination would have no general fund impact. Elimination of the special fund would eliminate the mechanism for funding DBEDT's statutory function to facilitate permitting of renewable energy projects, and would effectively eliminate the program. This could have potentially counterproductive revenue implications, since permitting delays could lead to project cancellation and the commensurate loss of income, excise, and other taxes that would have been generated by the projects.

### **Hydrogen Fund:**

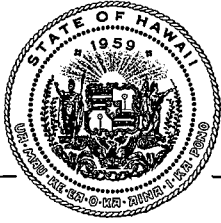
The Hydrogen Fund was created to provide seed capital for and venture capital investments in hydrogen initiatives. The investments are intended to develop partnerships with the private sector and secure federal funding in strategic renewable hydrogen technology ventures; Act 240, SLH 2006.

To date, partnerships with five companies have resulted in private equity and federal funds of \$56.6 million for hydrogen initiatives based on a State investment of \$2.9 million.

Elimination of this special fund would be counterproductive. The fund brings into Hawaii funding for hydrogen initiatives of particular interest to the federal government and the military; initiates new business opportunities; provides for employment income, excise, and other taxes generated by these projects; and offers workforce development opportunities in highly skilled positions.

The elimination of these DBEDT special funds would have a serious impact on our operations, the benefits and services we provide to our constituents, in the case of FTZ, on its clients, and ultimately the State's overall economic development efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Thursday, February 10, 2011

9:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of

**SB 120**

**RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

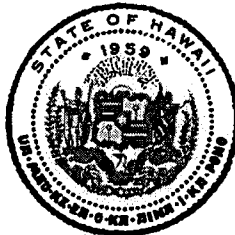
Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and means.

SB 120, in part, repeals Chapter 225M-7, HRS which establishes the Statewide Geospatial Information and Data Integration Special Fund.

The Office of Planning **opposes** the repeal of this fund. The primary purpose of the Statewide Geospatial Information and Data Integration Special Fund is to enable the Office of Planning (OP), as the overall coordinating agency for Geographic Information System (GIS) activities in Hawaii State Government, to have the opportunity to more effectively expend funds for GIS-related activities through better coordination of purchases that could benefit multiple agencies as well as the general public. Typically, State agencies do not have line items in their budgets to directly support GIS activities. As a result, purchases of data, licenses, applications and other GIS-related activities tend to be done in a piecemeal manner and lead to disjointed efforts. The Special Fund helps facilitate better coordination of such activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 120  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

by

**Jodie Maesaka-Hirata**, Interim Director  
Department of Public Safety

Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly **opposes** this bill to remove special funds. There are several programs within PSD that are totally dependent on their special funds that are listed in this measure to be repealed. One special fund is the Crime Victim Compensation Special Fund (Section 351-62.5). We concur with the testimony provided by the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) that the repeal of their special fund would mean the end of their entire commission and function, thereby leaving many victims without the compensation they have been receiving, including hospital, medical, funeral, or burial, expenses suffered by the victim.

The second special fund identified is the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Fund (Section 353C-7). This fund is known as the State Criminal

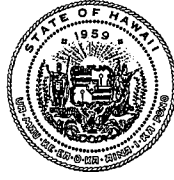
Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). According to the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, "beginning with FY 2007 SCAAP awards, SCAAP funds must be used for correctional purposes only." This would eliminate PSD's ability to strengthen its programs that promote inmates to be appropriately released back into the community. Among the programs that benefit are prison industries, pre-release and reentry, and training/education of offenders programs. PSD also uses this fund for construction and training for correctional officers.

The elimination of these two funds would be detrimental to victims of crimes and to the public that has the right to be safe in their communities with expectations that PSD will continue to safely detain inmates while providing programs to help rehabilitate them.

Based on these reasons, PSD strongly opposes this measure and requests that it be held.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.





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February 8, 2011

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: **Dwight Takamine**, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**Re: S.B. 120 Relating to State Funds: Unemployment Insurance Division**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

S.B. 120 proposes to repeal special funds, including the Unemployment Compensation fund under §383-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and the special unemployment insurance administration (SUIA) fund under §383-127, HRS, and transfer all balances to the state general fund effective July 1, 2011. This measure also authorizes separate special accounts within the general fund to enable the continuation of purposes funded by federal funding sources.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

The unemployment fund was statutorily established in 1937 as a special fund to provide temporary income to unemployed individuals as required by the federal Social Security Act (SSA).

The SUIA fund was statutorily established in 1987 as a special fund to augment federal administrative grants due to reductions in federal funding in order to maintain the level of services to unemployed individuals that is necessary to preserve the quality and integrity of the UI program.

### III. SENATE BILL

The Department is strongly **opposed** to this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Attorney General's Office issued a legal opinion dated January 23, 1992, which concluded that the UI trust fund account is a "trust fund." According to the opinion, "... the unemployment compensation trust fund is clearly a "trust fund" since it is specifically designated as such. Further the Legislature ..... directed that the account be used only for payment of unemployment benefits or refund of contributions. The benefit account, therefore, seems to squarely fall within the definition of "trust fund" since only a designated class of persons can receive benefits from the fund." (attachment)
  - a. Congress intended the unemployment compensation fund to be a trust fund and should not be treated as a special fund. Section 903, SSA, established an Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF) in the U.S. Treasury and authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to hold all moneys deposited by a state from a state unemployment fund.
  - b. Section 3304(a)(3), Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA), the immediate deposit standard requires that all moneys are considered to be in the unemployment fund at the instant of receipt by the state and cannot be used by the state for any other purpose other than the unemployment fund. Under section 3304(a)(4), FUTA, the withdrawal standard prohibits withdrawals from the state's unemployment fund for purposes other than payment of unemployment compensation. Violation of federal law would raise a conformity issue and jeopardize the FUTA tax credit offset and withholding of administrative grants to operate the UI program in Hawaii. In addition, all Hawaii employers would be liable for the full 6.2% FUTA tax, an increase from \$56 to \$434 annually. Federal law prohibits the state from withdrawing moneys from the unemployment fund for administrative expenses but permits the establishment of a separate penalty and interest contingency fund for such purposes.
2. The SUIA fund was established by the Legislature in 1987 in response to the funding cutbacks faced by the UI Division as USDOL reduced administrative funding drastically nationwide and as funds contingent on workload levels diminished due to improved economic conditions. Since the UI program is 100% federally financed and is wholly dependent upon USDOL's annual allocation to meet staffing needs, there are no alternative means of funding in years when

shortfalls in federal resources occur because of budget reductions or when workload levels are insufficient to generate adequate funding for UI staffing levels.

The UI Division is provided a “base funding” level each year to process a percentage of the estimated workloads for the year. If actual workloads exceed the “base level”, the UI Division receives additional contingency funds to process the workloads above the base level. If workloads are below the base level, the UI Division does not receive any additional funding. To avoid a reduction-in-force, SUIA funds are used to augment federal base level funding. The SUIA funds are used during periods of low unemployment following recessionary periods when peak workloads require high staffing levels. The SUIA funds were critical in averting a reduction-in-force in the late 1980s when unemployment levels were at 2.4% and UI funds that were contingent on workload levels were significantly reduced. In addition, SUIA funds were also critical in averting a reduction-in-force between 2003 and 2006 when workload levels were reduced as a result of improved economic conditions and the loss of nearly \$500,000 in UI administrative funds when the federal Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation program was phased out in 2003.

It is projected that Hawaii’s administrative funding from the USDOL for the next five years are likely to be frozen or reduced due to Congressional action to reduce the national deficit. In addition, Hawaii faces a loss of over \$3.1 million in administrative funds due to the expected phase out of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program in June 2012. Furthermore, Hawaii also faces a 5% reduction in its base funding level in 2012 due to the “under usage of federal funds” caused by the imposition of 10.5 months of furloughs during FY 2010. In order to avert a reduction in force, the UI Division will once again need to use the SUIA funds to augment the projected loss in federal funding.

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October 29, 1991

To: The Honorable Warren Price III, Attorney General  
Department of Attorney General

From: Mario R. Ramil, Director *Mario R. Ramil*  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Subject: Unemployment Compensation Fund

We respectfully request a legal opinion whether provisions set forth in:

- (1) Administrative Directive No. 91-03, dated August 29, 1991, subject, Non-General Funds - Requests to Apply for Funds, Expend Funds, or Increase Authorized Levels of Expenditure, and
- (2) Executive Memo No. 91-06, dated August 29, 1991, subject, Fiscal Year 1992 Budget Execution Policies and Instructions,

regarding expenditures of special funds in excess of appropriations, are applicable to the Unemployment Compensation (UC) Fund.

The above listed memoranda address Act 296 (General Appropriations Act of 1991), Session Laws of Hawaii, 1991. More specifically, Act 296, unlike prior appropriation acts, has no specific provision to allow expenditure of special funds in excess of amounts appropriated in the Act. (Previously, with the Governor's approval, amounts in excess of a special fund appropriation could be expended.)

The UC Fund, which is used solely for the purpose of paying benefits to unemployed claimants, is not subject to any provisions of law requiring specific appropriations and allotments, as explicitly set forth in §383-123 and §37-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Notwithstanding this exclusion, it

Oct. 29, 1991

has been our agency's practice, however, to include the UC Fund in the Governor's Executive Budget and the biennium budget act.

At issue is whether the UC Fund is now subject to provisions of Act 296 and policies set forth in the afore-listed memoranda that would limit our expenditures only to the amount appropriated.

We note that our UC Fund appropriation for this FY1991-1992 is approximately \$60 million, the amount of benefits that we had anticipated (during budget preparation) to disperse. Due to increased benefit claims, however, we expect that this appropriation will be expended by January-February 1992, based upon the present level of claims. Therefore, if we are unable to increase our present year appropriation, we will not be able to continue to pay unemployment benefits for the remainder of the fiscal year. We should also point out that the amount of monies available in the UC Fund is in excess of \$400 million.

In order to continue to pay unemployment benefits for this fiscal year, we are attempting to increase our UC Fund appropriation. Staff from the Departments of Budget and Finance and Accounting and General Services, however, suggested that we first seek a legal opinion on this matter. We are accordingly requesting your assistance and advice.

Should you have any questions on this issue, please call me or have your staff contact Gordon Ing, our Business Management Officer, at ext. (8)-7626. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

cc: Director of Finance  
State Comptroller

cc: Miles  
Legal Opinion

*By Mr. Price  
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January 23, 1992

The Honorable Keith Ahue, Director  
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Dear Mr. Ahue:

By a letter dated October 29, 1991, your predecessor, Mario R. Ramil, sought our opinion on the question of whether Administrative Directive No. 91-03 (dated August 29, 1991) and Executive Memo No. 91-06 (dated August 29, 1991) which provide instructions regarding the implementation of Act 296, SLH 1991 (The General Appropriations Act) are applicable to the Unemployment Compensation (UC) Fund. The directive and memorandum alert State departments that Act 296, unlike prior appropriations acts, has no specific provision allowing the expenditure of special funds in excess of amounts appropriated. The question prompted by the directive and memorandum, therefore, is whether the UC Fund is a special fund so that amounts in excess of the UC Fund appropriation may not be expended. In subsequent conversations with members of your staff, we understand that our opinion is being sought specifically with respect to the unemployment trust fund account and benefit account of the UC Fund as established in § 383-122, Hawaii Revised Statutes (hereinafter "H.R.S."). For the reasons set out below, it is our opinion that these two accounts are "trust funds" rather than special funds, and are thus not subject to provisions of Act 296 and the policies set forth in both the Administrative Directive and the Executive Memo that would limit expenditures therefrom only to the amount appropriated.

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We note initially that "trust funds" are exempted by law from the appropriations process. Specifically, Section 37-40, H.R.S., which is located in Part II of Chapter 37, H.R.S., provides in relevant part as follows:

Except as to administrative expenditures, and except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from . . . trust funds . . . may be made by any department or establishment without appropriation or allotment; provided that no expenditure shall be made from and no obligation shall be incurred against any . . . trust fund in excess of the amount standing to the credit of the fund or for any purpose for which the fund may not lawfully be expended. Nothing in sections 37-31 to 37-41 shall require that . . . trust funds . . . be reappropriated annually.  
[Emphasis added]

While "trust fund" is not defined in Part II of Chapter 37, the term is defined in Part IV of Chapter 37, entitled "The Executive Budget," which sets forth the system for State program and financial management, and describes the method for preparing the state budget to be submitted to the legislature for appropriations. The term is defined in section 37-51, H.R.S., as follows:

"Trust fund" means a fund in which designated persons or classes of persons have a vested beneficial interest or equitable ownership, or which was created or established by gift, grant, contribution, devise or bequest that limits the use of the fund to designated objects or purposes.

With this background in mind, we turn to an examination of the nature of the two unemployment insurance accounts in question.

These accounts are established by Section 383-122, H.R.S., which provides in relevant part as follows:

Accounts and deposit. The director of finance shall maintain within the [unemployment compensation] fund three separate accounts:

- (1) A clearing account;
- (2) An unemployment trust fund account;
- (3) A benefit account.

All moneys payable to the fund, upon receipt thereof by the director of finance, shall be immediately deposited in the clearing account. The director of finance of the State shall be the treasurer and custodian of the fund and shall administer the fund in accordance with directions of the department of labor and industrial relations.

All moneys in the clearing account after clearance thereof shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be deposited immediately with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the account of this State in the unemployment trust fund, established and maintained pursuant to section 904 of the Social Security Act, as amended, any provisions of law in this State relating to the deposit, administration, release, or disbursement of moneys in the possession or custody of this State to the contrary notwithstanding. Refunds of contributions payable pursuant to section 383-76 and section 386-7(6) may be paid from the clearing account or the benefit account. The benefit account shall consist of all moneys requisitioned from the State's account in the unemployment trust fund in the United States treasury. Except as herein otherwise provided, moneys in the clearing and benefit accounts may be deposited in any depository bank in which general funds of the State may be deposited, but no public deposit insurance charge or premium



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shall be paid out of the fund. Moneys in the clearing and benefit accounts shall not be commingled with other state funds, but shall be maintained in separate accounts on the books of the depository bank. . . .

The uses to which the trust fund account and benefit account may be used are set forth in section 383-123, H.R.S., as follows:

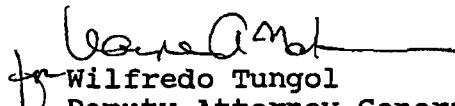
(a) Withdrawals. Moneys requisitioned from the State's account in the unemployment trust fund shall be used exclusively for the payment of benefits and for refunds of contributions pursuant to section 383-76 and section 383-7(6), except that moneys credited to this State's account pursuant to section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, shall be used exclusively as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The director of finance shall from time to time, with the approval of the department of labor and industrial relations in accordance with rules prescribed by the comptroller of the State, requisition from the unemployment trust fund such amounts, not exceeding the amount standing to this State's account therein, as it deems necessary for the payment of such benefits and refunds of contributions for a reasonable future period. Upon receipt thereof the moneys shall be deposited in the benefit account. Expenditures of such moneys in the benefit account and refunds from the clearing account shall not be subject to any provisions of law requiring specific appropriations or other formal release by state officers of moneys in their custody. All benefits and refunds of contributions shall be paid from the fund upon warrants drawn upon the director of finance by the comptroller of the State supported by vouchers approved by the department. . . . [Emphasis added.]

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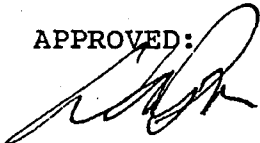
Pursuant to the above-quoted language, the unemployment compensation trust fund is clearly a "trust fund" since it is specifically designated as such. Further, the legislature clearly exempted the benefit account from the appropriations process and directed that the account be used only for payment of unemployment benefits or refund of contributions. The benefit account, therefore, seems to squarely fall within the definition of "trust fund" since only a designated class of persons can receive benefits from the fund.

Because the two accounts are trust funds, it is our opinion that the expenditure ceilings applicable to special funds pursuant to Act 296, SLH 1991 and the executive memorandum and administrative directive pertaining to Act 296, do not preclude you as director from expending moneys from the unemployment trust fund account and benefit account in excess of the amounts appropriated therefrom in such act, as allowed by section 37-40, H.R.S. Please call us if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

  
for Wilfredo Tungol  
Deputy Attorney General

APPROVED:



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cc: Department of Budget and Finance



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February 9, 2011

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: **Dwight Takamine**, Interim Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**Re: S.B. No. 0120 Relating to State Funds: Workforce Development Division**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

S.B. 120, Section 138, repeals the Employment and Training Fund, established under Section 383-128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and transfers any remaining balances to the state general fund.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

Section 383-128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established the Employment and Training Fund (ETF) as a special fund collected at an assessment rate of .01 percent, pursuant to Section 383-129. The moneys in the ETF may be used for funding:

1. The operation of the state employment service for which no federal funds have been allocated;
2. Business-specific training programs to create a more diversified job base and to carry out the purposes of the new industry training program pursuant to Section 394-8;
3. Industry or employer specific training programs where there are critical skill

shortages in high growth occupational or industry areas;

4. Training and retraining programs to assist workers who have become recently unemployed or likely to be unemployed;
5. Programs to assist residents who do not otherwise qualify for federal or state job training programs to overcome employment barriers; and
6. Training programs to provide job specific skills for individuals in need of assistance to improve career employment prospects.

Employers who use or are assisted by any of these programs are required to contribute fifty percent of the cost of the assistance in cash or in-kind contributions.

### **III. SENATE BILL**

While the Department supports the bill's intent to balance the state budget, we **oppose** the repealing of the ETF. The ETF Program is a vital resource for workforce development because it is the only program that can upgrade workforce skills of any business. Unlike federal job training programs that target individuals with employment barriers, the ETF provides businesses with the opportunity to upgrade the skills of the incumbent workforce from entry-level to top management and allows workers to acquire the job skills necessary to keep pace with local, national, and international competitors. These funds are designed specifically to help keep Hawaii's workforce competitive at the cutting edge of their chosen profession and occupations, which is crucial to the State's economic recovery.

For example, the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative established in 2008, aims to reduce Hawaii's dependence on oil by setting goals and a roadmap to achieve 70% clean energy by 2030 with 30% from efficiency measures and 40% coming from locally generated renewable sources. To contribute to these efforts, ETF conducted two RFP solicitations for green training projects in March and July of 2009 that resulted in the award of four grants to develop innovative training programs in Energy Management, Green Building Skills, Building Operator Certification, and On-Farm Food Safety Certification Training to promote an increased demand for local agricultural production.

Another example of ETF's ability to provide support for workforce development initiatives is its continued support of the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP). VIP is a Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) initiative designed to

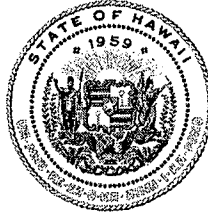
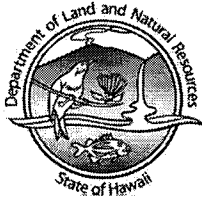
stimulate job growth in Hawaii. VIP is a voluntary program that allows job seekers, especially those receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, to gain practical, hands-on training at a jobsite. Claimants continue to receive UI benefits throughout the duration of their internship. An early cost-benefit analysis conducted for the first quarter of the program identified a total estimated savings of \$40,000 to the UI Trust Fund and \$27,000 for Federal Extended UI Benefits from the first 28 interns who got jobs upon completion of their VIP-sponsored internship. This strongly suggests that the program helps preserve the solvency of the UI Trust Fund. As of December 31, 2010, 221 VIP interns were matched with businesses, of which 75 participants (or 34%) reported their gaining employment with either their VIP business sponsor (29) or a different employer (46).

Start-up costs for VIP were initially funded through Reed Act funds through June 30, 2010, after which the program was temporarily supported by Federal funds for Re-employment Services; however, this funding source lapsed on September 30, 2010, and no other funding source was available to support the program in its entirety. By September 30, 2010, sufficient funds were collected in the ETF fund to support the continuation of VIP.

In addition, the ETF's Employer Referral/Micro program was reinstated, enabling employers to refer their workers to ETF-funded training from 14 pre-approved training vendors so that their employees can be competitive within the diverse and changing nature of the current economy.

In summary, ETF has proven to be a vital and important part of workforce strategies to facilitate the creation of jobs in partnership with the private sector, and we therefore request that Section 138 of the bill be deleted.

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**Testimony of**  
**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
**Chairperson**

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

**Thursday, February 10, 2011**  
**9:00 AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE BILL 120**  
**RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Senate Bill 120 would: 1) Repeal the Central Service and Administrative expenses exemption for certain special funds; and 2) Repeals certain special funds and transfer balances to the state general fund. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' (Department) comments are restricted to those special funds affecting the Department.

The bill states in **SECTION 148** its intent is not to jeopardize any federal aid, however, sections of the bill repeal special funds jeopardizing at least \$5.3 million per year and \$43 million of long-term contracts in federal matching funds for programs under the Department's Commission on Water Resources (Water Resource Management Fund), the Division of Aquatic Resources (Sports Fish Special Fund and Commercial Fisheries Special Fund), and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (Natural Area Reserve Fund and Forest Stewardship Fund).

The Department **opposes** the following SECTIONs of the bill:

**SECTION 3 (§36-27(18), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)) and SECTION 4 (§36-30(17), HRS)**

The aforementioned SECTIONs of this bill would repeal the central service and administrative expenses exemption for the Sport Fish Special Fund under §187A-9.5, HRS. An exemption from central services and administrative fees was obtained by way of Act 86, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2002, because the fee assessment jeopardizes the receipt of millions in Federal Funds to the State, currently \$2 million for the next fiscal year. Federal law (§80.4, 50 CFR Ch 1-F, Part 80) prohibits the diversion of any funds from license fees or any interest derived there from, paid

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by fishermen for any other purpose than the administration of the State's fish and wildlife agency.

#### **SECTION 10.**

The **Hawai'i Historic Preservation Special Fund (§6E-16, HRS)** was established by the Legislature to maintain operations of the division, "produce public information materials and to provide financial assistance to public agencies and private agencies in accordance with Chapter 42D, HRS, involved in historic preservation activities other than those covered in §6E-9, HRS (salvage). Monies from the Legislature, grants, and gifts may be deposited into this Special Fund. In addition, the Department, under Section 6E-3 (16), HRS, is allowed to charge fees to help defray the costs of running the Historic Preservation Program. Keeping and maintaining this Special Fund is important to fulfilling the mission and duties of the Department to maintain and protect historic and cultural resources.

The Special Fund currently earns about \$50,000 per year from fees collected to defray the costs of reviews per §6E- 3(16), HRS. The Department uses the Special Fund to pay for two positions, the Kaua'i Archaeologist (The lone State Historic Preservation Division position on that island) and the Historic Architect. Both positions are currently vacant (April 2010, November 2010), with approval to fill. However, as the Department has only collected an average of \$50,000 in each of the past two years, this Special Fund would likely not be able to cover the entire cost the positions. The Department will need to look elsewhere for additional funds to help pay for these two positions.

#### **SECTION 30**

The Department's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) is responsible for administering the **Beach Restoration Special Fund (§171-156, HRS)**. This Special Fund is currently the foundation of the Waikiki Beach Maintenance Project (WBMP) that is scheduled to be constructed this coming fall/winter. \$1.5 million was recently encumbered from the Special Fund for the construction for WBMP. OCCL was able to leverage an additional \$500,000 from private sector and \$500,000 from the Hawaii Tourism Authority towards WBMP. The remaining balance in the Special Fund is \$336,000 (this total does not reflect central services and administrative fees that must be deducted from this balance). Also, there will be post construction monitoring costs for WBMP that may further burden the Special Fund. The Special Fund also supports a Coastal Lands Specialist position within OCCL. The Coastal Lands Specialist manages all beach restoration, shoreline erosion, and beach management efforts in Hawai'i, and is the project manager for WBMP.

The Special Fund generates revenues from charging coastal landowners for the use of unencumbered state lands along the shoreline. The Department has developed a system to resolve long standing private encroachments. Landowners have been offered the option of returning the area to its natural state or obtaining a term easement for the use of the land. If a term easement is issued for the area, the money is deposited in the Special Fund. This process has allowed the Department to sustain a program to protect and enhance some beaches, such as Waikiki Beach. In addition to managing WBMP, the Coastal Lands Specialist conducts studies such as the recently published Kailua Beach and Dune Management Plan, the Hawai'i Coastal Hazard Mitigation Guidebook, and others. The Coastal Lands Specialist also processes

applications for beach restoration projects by private entities, provides technical advice on all shoreline related issues in the state such as shoreline erosion control, sand management, and county actions affecting the shoreline/beaches. Portions of the Special Fund has also been used to develop erosion rate data for the State, which has then been used to revise shoreline setbacks within all of the Counties, except Hawai'i Island. A greater shoreline setback protects beaches from inappropriate shoreline development, and protects coastal communities from coastal hazards, which relates to Federal Flood Insurance rates and policies. In addition, the BRSF has provided a portion of the salary for the State's Certified Shoreline Locator. The Certified Shoreline Locator is also located in OCCL and works in concert with the State Surveyor, and the Department's Land Division. This team has vastly improved the shoreline certification process which is crucial to support beach conservation, public access, and appropriate shoreline development.

### **SECTION 31.**

The **Water Resource Management Fund (§174C-5.5, HRS)** enables the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) to implement the State Water Code's declaration of policy by funding personnel, programs activities, and projects that are essential for water resource planning and fulfillment of State Water Code mandates. To date, the Commission has effectively utilized its Water Resource Management Fund to further the management of our most precious public trust resource.

The Special Fund provides payroll costs for three key Planning Branch positions with the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission): State Drought and Water Conservation Coordinator, Hydrologist VI, and Hydrologist IV. These three positions comprise the entire professional nonsupervisory staff of the Planning Branch, which is responsible for the establishment of an integrated program for the protection, conservation, and management of the waters of the State. The Commission's general fund personnel service budget is not adequate to pay for these three positions at this time.

The Special Fund is also used to fund Commission programs, activities, and the implementation of Commission priority projects, such as the 20-year Water Use Permit Review; Estimating Plant Water Use for Water Use Permitting; Modified RAM2 for Estimating Sustainable Yields; and Implementation of Interim Instream Flow Standards in East Maui.

Due to the limitations of Commission's general fund, monies from the Special Fund has been used for advancing invoice payments for reimbursable federal grants for projects and to fulfill non-federal cost share obligations required under some federal grants. The uncertainty of grant opportunities requires that Commission funding be available in order to qualify for these federal grants. If this Special Fund were not available, the Commission would have lost \$100,000 in federal match funding last year.

### **SECTION 32.**

The **Dam and Reservoir Safety Special Fund (§179-25, HRS)** was established by the Dam and Reservoir Safety Act of 2007 (Chapter 179D HRS) to enable the Department's Engineering Division to fulfill the Act's purpose to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State by reducing the risk of failure of the dams or reservoirs. This Special Fund can be



funded through appropriations by the Legislature, fees, fines, and other sources in accordance with §179D-25 HRS. The Department uses the Special Fund to meet its mandate through inspections, enforcement, and other regulatory responsibilities. The Special Fund also allows the Department to address emergencies through inspections and remedial measures when there could be imminent risks to life or property.

If the Special Fund is eliminated or inadequately funded, people's lives will be put at risk as the Department will be unable to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities and would not be able to respond to emergencies resulting in an increased risk of a dam failure.

After the Ka Loko Dam Breach in March 2006 which killed seven people, the Special Fund funded over \$300,000 in emergency dam inspections of all regulated dams statewide. After the October 2006 earthquake, the Special Fund funded another \$350,000 in dam inspections. These two events clearly identified the need for the Department to have sufficient emergency funding readily available. Retaining this Special Fund is critical to ensure the Department meets its mission to protect life and property and reduce the risk of dam failures.

### **SECTION 33.**

The **State Parks Special Fund (§184-3.4, HRS)** for LNR 806 was established in 1992 to provide for the deposition of revenue from sources such as camping and lodging fees, concessions, leases, and commercial use permits. This Special Fund was initially established to fund the Department's Division of State Parks (State Parks) interpretive programs. However, in 1995 and the ensuing years - and particularly over the past several fiscal years due to the severe downturn in the economy, this Special Fund has become essential to support the funding of basic operations, repair and maintenance of the 67 State Park features throughout Hawai'i.

This critical reliance on the Special Fund revenue only partially offsets the 19 years of consistent reductions in general fund allocations to State Parks. Since 1992, the DSP General Fund allocation has consistently been reduced (with only a slight increase in 2008), by 50% - from 8 million dollars in 1992 to 4 million dollars in Fiscal Year 2011. The spending ceiling appropriation is 4.3 million, but revenue over the past two years has averaged only 2.5 million. Factoring inflation into the comparison, the Special Fund revenue must reach 8 million dollars - State Parks would have to generate an additional 6 million in average revenue - just to match the more robust and sustainable management and operating budget of the early 90's. An additional challenge is that the management responsibility of State Parks has increased since the early 1990's with new parks added to the State Parks System.

State Parks is engaged and committed to creating new sources of special fund revenue, such as: increased camping and lodging rates, new parking and entrance fees for out-of-state visitors and commercial tour companies at several high visitation parks, and will be developing other new revenue sources through additional concessions, leases, permits and exploring creative, on-line merchandising of Hawai'i State Park products.

Without a dramatic increase and sustained general fund support, this Special Fund, and enriching it with new revenue, is critical to support continued park operations. Otherwise, State Parks

must evaluate how to initiate severe reductions in public service and/or periodic closure of various parks across the State.

#### **SECTION 34.**

The **Sport Fish Special Fund (§187-9.5, HRS)** contains monies derived from the sale of freshwater game fish licenses sold by the Department's Division of Aquatic Resources. These monies are then used to support the Department's Sport Fish Program, including the management of public fishing areas such as those at Koke'e, Kaua'i, and Lake Wilson Reservoir, O'ahu, and many other projects

#### **SECTION 35.**

The **Commercial Fisheries Special Fund (§189-2.4, HRS)** supports staff, Internet online services, servicing of the commercial fishing industry, purchase supplies and equipment, and support a marine creel census project. Funding supports license staff and marine creel surveyors, about fourteen individuals by contract. Without this Special Fund, there are no other funds that can support these temporary hires. The Division of Aquatic Resources also relies on these funds for the purchase of report forms used by commercial fishermen.

This Special Fund supports licensing and permitting as required by Sections 188-44, 188-45, 188-57, 189-2, HRS, and commercial reporting requirements in Sections 189-2 and 189-10, HRS. The Special Fund also supports web portal services (online licensing and reporting) which reduces staff workload to operate licensing offices and processing fish reports, and reduces expenses to print report booklets and postage to mail booklets and reports.

The repeal of this Special Fund would leave the Department unable to license and monitor a sustainable commercial fishing industry in the State and the marine resources that support the industry. The commercial fishing industry was valued at \$71 million in 2009, with Honolulu having the 8th highest landings value by port at \$59 million in the nation. The repeal of this special fund would affect projects which receive Federal Funds (\$534,000 for Fiscal Year 2012) and may jeopardize the continuance of their receipt.

#### **SECTION 36.**

There are many programs affected if eliminating the **Natural Area Reserve Fund (§195-9, HRS)**, such as the Watershed Partnerships, Natural Area Reserve System, Natural Area Partnership Program, Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps, Invasive Species Council Programs, and the Plant Extinction Prevention Program. Additionally, federally funded projects that are now dependent on this Special Fund to provide the state match will have to be halted with a loss of the accompanying federal funds. Defaulting on federal grant agreements will jeopardize the Department's credibility and ability to secure federal funding in the future.

Watershed partnerships are voluntary alliances of over 65 private and public landowners working collaboratively with local, state, and federal agencies to protect forested watersheds for water recharge, conservation, and other ecosystem services. Presently they are comprised of eleven watershed partnerships on six islands that collectively protect over 2 million acres. They are represented by the Hawaii Association of Watershed Partnerships (HAWP).

Eliminating this Special Fund will affect support for the Watershed Partnership Grants program, resulting in the Department having no direct funding or technical support for watershed partnerships throughout the State. Effects would be further compounded since partnerships use state funding to leverage matching funds. They currently leverage close to \$5 million per year in non-state funding which would be lost due to lack of match. Previous substantial gains in weed and ungulate control will be reversed resulting in a loss of investments that would take many years to recover. With minimal management capacity, there will be a loss of water recharge capacity, native species, and unique habitat, as well as increased exposure to fire and higher costs to repair sediment-impacted coral reefs resulting from higher rates of erosion. The Ko'olau Mountains watershed alone produces a sustained yield of 135 billion gallons of water per year. The University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization estimates the value of managing the watershed at \$14 billion. Statewide, watershed partnerships protect the primary recharge areas for over 3 trillion gallons annually

The Natural Area Reserves System (NARS) was established in 1970 to preserve in perpetuity Hawai'i's most unique ecosystems and geological features. There are currently 19 reserves on five islands, encompassing over 122,000 acres. The diverse areas found in the NARS range from marine and coastal environments to lava flows, tropical rainforests, and an alpine desert. The Reserves also protect major watershed areas, which are vital sources of fresh water.

Under Senate Bill 120, NARS management state funding will be reduced to a meager \$800,000, practically eliminating the Department's ability to preserve the most unique and intact natural resources on state lands. With the loss of 24 special funded staff and nearly all operating capital, there would be an inability to maintain existing infrastructure such as fences, trails and roads, and accompanying losses in the effort to control ungulates, rodents, and noxious and dangerous invasive weeds. NARS would not have sufficient resources to maintain efforts to: plant rare native species, do environmental outreach, conduct biological/archeological surveys, or accomplish management priorities actions at areas such as Mauna Kea, Kaena Point and Ahihi Kinau NAR.

The Natural Area Partnership Program (NAPP) was established by the Legislature in 1991 to provide state funds on a two-for-one basis with private funds for the management of private lands that are dedicated to conservation. With over 30,000 acres enrolled, this innovative program complements the protection efforts on state lands - a partnership essential for the success of conservation in Hawai'i.

This Special Fund funds existing fixed NAPP multi-year contracts. With these funds, NAPP partners have supported Invasive Species Councils and watershed partnerships with personnel, funding, equipment and facilities for many years.

Under Senate Bill, existing long-term NAPP agreements and contracts would not be honored and funding would be halted. The purpose which the landowner gave the conservation easements in perpetuity would not be realized and the easement grantee may be subject to legal action for enforcement of the easement.

The Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps is a hands-on year round intern learning experience aimed at educating Hawai'i's youth on the many conservation issues that threaten Hawai'i's unique environment. Partnering with Kupu and Americorps, students are mentored by and work alongside some of the Department's premiere conservation leaders. Twenty-five local youth are presently participating in the 2011 internship program.

Senate Bill 120, reduces NARF funding for this program to \$0, with no alternate funding secured the State would default on an Americorps grant agreement and lose federal funding of \$720,000 per year. The program, which needs \$240,000 to meet the Federal match requirements, would lose 25 existing Americorp intern positions.

The Invasive Species Council Programs (ISCs) are statewide and island-based partnerships of government agencies, non-government organizations, and private businesses working to protect each island from the most threatening invasive pests. The Hawai'i ISC (HISC) is the statewide Department lead coordinating council that provides direction, coordination and funding for many of the statewide invasive species programs of prevention, control and eradication, research and technology, and public outreach.

This Special Fund provides funding for HISC and the county-based ISCs that provide rapid response and control work on new invasive pests that have the potential to severely impact our economy, ecosystem, watersheds, human health, and quality of life. A driving objective of the HISC and ISCs is to control the most threatening pests while populations are still relatively small and it is economically feasible to control or eliminate them.

Under Senate Bill 120, funding for this Program will be reduced to \$0, resulting in the complete loss of funding for the HISC support staff and programs and cease a large portion of the invasive species control efforts statewide. Zero funding would result in loss of 26 temporary-hire support and field crew workers, operating funds, and \$400,000 in Federal matching funds unless alternate sources of state funding are secured. This would result in a severely reduced ability to respond to existing noxious and dangerous invasive weeds and prevent further introductions.

A loss of funding would affect the Department of Agriculture's Quarantine Branch, which receives HISC funding for two programs that serve to prevent the spread of invasive species. The affected programs are the Bio-control program that provides research on natural enemies of pests, with distinguished work with the Wiliwili tree threatened by the gall wasp, and an Ant Specialist position which is crucial in response and control of fire ant populations Statewide.

The Plant Extinction Prevention Program works to prevent the extinction of rare native plants with less than 50 plants remaining in the wild. This is done by numerous restoration methods including monitoring, surveying, and propagation of rare plants; out-planting; removal of invasive species; and fencing of protected areas.

Under Senate Bill 120, funding for this program will be reduced to \$0, resulting in the loss of 6 temporary-hire field crew workers. Many programs relating to surveying and monitoring threatened and endangered species, plant collection and propagation efforts, and field management of threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species will be discontinued or

dramatically reduced. Loss of federal funding for both personnel and field operations will be imminent.

### **SECTION 37.**

There are many programs affected if eliminating the **Forest Stewardship Fund (§195-4, HRS)**, such as the Forest Stewardship Program, the Forestry Program, and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The Department will not be able to fulfill contract obligations under existing long-term contracts under the Forest Stewardship Program or be able to carry out long-term funding agreement with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

The Forest Stewardship Program provides technical and financial assistance to owners of non-industrial private forestland that are interested in conservation, restoration, and/or timber production. These services exist as fixed multi-year contracts to private landowners. Under Senate Bill 120, the State would default on existing long-term Forest Stewardship agreements and the existing conservation investment would be jeopardized. Additionally, repealing the Forest Stewardship Fund jeopardizes \$100,000 Federal operating funds and \$1 million of Federal acquisition funds that this program receives annually.

The Forestry Program manages 52 forest reserves comprising more than 640,000 acres, or 16% of Hawai'i's land area. The Program also provides financial incentives to agricultural landowners to convert fallow or open land to trees, shrubs, and forest habitat, conducts control and monitoring efforts in each county for existing and incipient invasive species, and supports threatened and endangered species management.

Under Senate Bill 120, funding for this Program will be reduced to \$0, resulting in the Department having little direct funding to invest in managing public forest reserves, or provide private landowner assistance which includes many of our most valuable watersheds. Zero funding would result in loss of 12.5 temporary-hire support and field crew workers and 2.5 FTE federally funded state civil service positions due to lack of matching funds, and operating capital. This would result in a severely reduced ability to maintain existing forest reserve infrastructure such as fences, trails, and roads, accompanying losses in the effort to control ungulates, cattle, and noxious and dangerous invasive weeds in forest reserves and watersheds, and protect and restore endangered and threatened species.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses state and nationally significant agricultural related environmental concerns. Through CREP, program participants receive financial incentives from USDA and the State to voluntarily enroll in CREP in contracts of 15 years. Participants remove cropland and marginal pastureland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation.

Under Senate Bill 120, funding for this Program will be reduced to \$0, and the long-term funding agreement with USDA for \$43 million in federal funds for conservation projects on agricultural lands would have to be cancelled resulting in loss of an opportunity to provide landowner

assistance relating to riparian area conservation, reforestation and sedimentation. Normally, this program allows participants to obtain 9:1 funding match ratios from the Federal Government.

#### Legal Concerns of proposed changes in SECTIONs 36 and 37

The Department will be greatly constrained in accomplishing its constitutional, statutory, and court ordered mandates to protect Hawai'i's unique natural resources and ecosystem services. The Department will not be able to fulfill contract obligations under existing long term contracts under the Natural Area Partnership Program and Forest Stewardship Program with potential loss of public benefits provided under those agreements.

#### Operational Concerns of proposed changes in SECTIONs 36 and 37

The Department will be greatly constrained in accomplishing its public safety mandates to monitor and manage over 1 million acres of lands in NARS, forest reserves, plant and wildlife sanctuaries and to maintain basic operations and service to the public at branch offices without these operational funds. By eliminating these Special Funds, the Department will lose skilled highly trained staff.

Many threatened and endangered species will most likely go extinct due to lack of management and preservation efforts. Once gone, they are gone forever. Without ongoing management, recent gains in invasive species control and eradication will be reversed, and new invasive species will inevitably become established.

#### SECTION 41.

Repealing the **Tourism Special Fund (§201B-11, HRS)** would severely reduce the capacity of the Division of State Parks to repair and maintain high visitation areas frequented by out-of-state visitors, as the Special Fund provides the Division with \$900,000 annually. Additionally, repealing this Special Fund would affect funding for three positions for the Department's Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program, which receives \$100,000 annually. This would affect the Department's ability to maintain safe recreational facilities and trails for public access.

#### SECTION 143.

The **Bureau of Conveyances Special Fund (§502-8, HRS)** was established in the 1990s to allow the Bureau of Conveyances (Bureau) to be financially supported by the fees paid for recording, issuing certificates of title, providing copies of documents and providing research for the public. The Bureau receives no general or other funds to support its operations. At the onset, all fees and other receipts were allowed to remain in the Special Fund to be expended through the approved budget and ceiling as authorized by the Legislature. Since 2003, \$18 of each recording fee is deposited to the General Fund; the remainder (\$7 for Land Court recordings and \$12 for Regular system recordings) stay in the Special Fund. All monies remaining at the end of the fiscal year in excess of \$500,000 will lapse to the General Fund. Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, effected a \$5 increase in Regular System recording fees to fund improvements to automate the Bureau's recording process. These funds do not lapse to the General Fund.

It is essential for the Bureau to have sufficient funding to support not only the daily operations of recording, but to utilize its revenues to plan and implement technology needs as necessitated by the real property recording industry. In Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011, the Bureau has expended or encumbered over \$500,000 to purchase hardware, software and training for the employees to upgrade the recording, accounting and indexing systems. During the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012, it is estimated that an additional \$500,000 will be spent to complete the automation, including electronic recording and electronic document retrieval, for the Bureau.

Without the ability to manage the revenue and expenditures through the special fund, the Bureau would be unable to react to industry needs in a timely fashion. The definition to the special fund allows the general fund to receive support and fund the operations of the Bureau.

For the reasons given above, the Department opposes Senate Bill 120.

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TO: The Honorable David K. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: SB 120 - RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011; 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 120 is to repeal special funds and transfer the balances to the state general fund

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) understands the necessity of consolidating and maximizing state funding during these difficult times. DHS, however, strongly **opposes** the deletion of Tobacco Settlement Fund in Section 120 and the Child and Spouse Abuse Special Account in Section 128.

Section 120, would eliminate the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement fund that provides the \$4,500,000 that the Department of Health (DOH) provides from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the DHS for the Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP). If this funding is eliminated, additional general fund appropriation would be required to sustain this program.

Section 128 of this bill, which eliminates the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Account (SCASA). SCASA was created to address gaps in the safety net for victims of



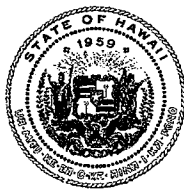
domestic violence and child abuse. Elimination of the SCASA will undermine the safety net for these victims. This proposal will also decrease the amount of Federal funding the Department is able to generate through the federal Title IV-E program which provides the funding for our child protective services program.

The Department uses funds from SCASA to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect. Often the services are federally mandated and Court ordered. For example, the Department funds services that prevent child abuse and neglect such as Family Strengthening Services and Voluntary Case management services that prevent costly out-of-home placements.

Section 129 eliminates the Hawaii Rx Plus Special Fund. The Hawaii Rx Plus program ended August 1, 2010 so this fund is no longer necessary. DHS requests that the Legislature also consider repealing the entire Hawaii Rx Plus program statute HRS 346-311 through 346-319, that includes the authorizing statute for the special fund.

Section 14 relates to the Medicaid Investigations Recovery Fund, and DHS defers to the attorney general's office regarding this special fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 120 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is **Gordon Ito**, State Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”), testifying on behalf of the Insurance Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Insurance Division”).

The Insurance Division limits its comments to sections 54 and 140 of the bill, which repeal the driver education and training fund and loss mitigation grant fund in Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §§ 286G-2 and 431:22-102, respectively, and transfers the balance in these funds to the credit of the state general fund. The Insurance Division takes no position on this bill and submits the following **comments**.

The Commissioner assesses a driver education fund underwriters fee of \$3 on each motor vehicle insurance policy and \$2 on each motorcycle or motor scooter insurance policy, which are deposited into the special drivers education fund account and motorcycle and motor scooter operators education fund, respectively. From the special drivers education fund, \$1 is allocated to the Judiciary and \$2 is allocated to the Department of Education for its drivers education program and the traffic safety education program, pursuant to HRS § 431:10C-115(c). Fees from the motorcycle and

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motor scooter operators education fund are allocated to the Department of Transportation for its driver education program.

Section 11 of Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii (2010) authorized the Director of Finance to transfer \$1.4 mil., or so much as necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011, from the Department's special drivers education fund account to the general fund on July 1, 2010.

The loss mitigation grant program began on September 6, 2006, and was discontinued as of June 30, 2008 due to the expiration of the loss mitigation grant fund appropriation. There is approximately \$3.4 mil. remaining in the loss mitigation grant fund.

For fiscal year 2007-2008, the Insurance Division awarded 275 individual grants and 3 condominium association grants. The total grant payout was \$417,340. For fiscal year 2006-2007, the Insurance Division awarded 144 individual grants and 1 condominium association grant. The total grant payout was \$202,130. Administrative costs of operating and marketing the program over its entire life totaled \$191,189. The average individual grant amount was about \$1,166, suggesting that the average retrofit cost was about \$3,300. Hurricane clips were the most commonly installed device.

Section 12 of Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii (2010) authorized the Director of Finance to transfer \$3.2 mil., or so much as necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011, from the loss mitigation grant fund to the general fund on July 1, 2010.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.



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TESTIMONY OF **JEFFREY T. ONO**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

**SENATE BILL NO. 120 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

**DESCRIPTION:**

This measure repeals certain special funds, including the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") special fund, and transfers balances to the state general fund.

**POSITION:**

The Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") **opposes** the proposed measure.

**COMMENTS:**

The measure seeks to repeal Section 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), which provides the authority for the operation of the Public Utilities Commission special fund. The Consumer Advocate understands that the effect of repealing HRS § 269-33 would essentially result in the operations of the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and the Consumer Advocate becoming general funded.

While the Consumer Advocate understands the State's current economic situation, the Consumer Advocate contends that this committee should not endorse the concept of eliminating the Public Utilities Commission special fund. The Commission and the Consumer Advocate fulfill important and critical duties and responsibilities regarding the oversight of public utility and transportation companies and the conversion of the agencies to being general funded will adversely affect the operations of the agencies.

The 2010 Legislature acknowledged that both the Commission and the Consumer Advocate were not able to access sufficient resources that would facilitate the agencies' abilities to fulfill the expectations placed upon them. As a result, the 2010 Legislature passed Act 130, which reinstated positions that were eliminated by the 2009 Legislature, as well as authorizing the appropriation of funds necessary to allow the agencies to realize the reorganizations that was approved by the 2007 Legislature (Acts 177 and 183). If this committee approves the elimination of the Public Utilities Commission special fund, it will impair both agencies' functions.

As an example, the Consumer Advocate is concerned that the proposed measure may impair the Consumer Advocate's ability to engage consultant expertise to enhance its representation of consumers' interests before the Commission. During this time of change, where Hawaii is laying the foundation of the migration to a clean energy industry, the Consumer Advocate has engaged various consultants to help analyze and develop recommended positions for the Commission's consideration. Without those consultants to assist in the complex and difficult areas that are being analyzed, the Consumer Advocate would likely be unable to represent consumers' interests as well as it has been able to do thus far.

Another example is that with the current economic conditions, various regulated companies, such as Young Brothers, Limited, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and many others have been filing general rate increases. The Consumer Advocate has a very limited staff and its ability to analyze the applications that are being filed and file testimonies would be significantly constrained without the assistance of expert consultants. Where each of the larger regulated companies are spending significant sums of money, often exceeding a million dollars per rate case, the Consumer Advocate has been able to generate rate case savings averaging in the tens of millions of dollars over the recent past with its current resources as bolstered by its ability to timely hire consultants.

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The imposition of the public utilities fee is meant to fund the operations of the Commission and the Consumer Advocate. Eliminating the Public Utilities Commission special fund would reduce the public utilities fee to a tax and may require either the elimination or modification of the fee to ensure that it does not violate the commerce clause of the Federal Constitution or the import and export clause of the Constitution.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011  
9:00 A.M.

TESTIMONY OF **JEFFREY T. ONO**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR, AND  
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

**SENATE BILL NO. 120 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

**DESCRIPTION:**

This measure repeals certain special funds, including the wireless enhanced 911 special fund, and transfers balances to the state general fund.

**POSITION:**

The Consumer Advocate, as a member of the Wireless Enhanced 911 board, **opposes** this bill with respect to the repeal of Hawaii Revised Statutes section 138-3.

**COMMENTS:**

The measure seeks to repeal section 138-3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that establishes the wireless enhanced 911 fund. E911 is the service that provides support for wireless phone users who dial 911, the standard number for requesting help in an emergency. Since wireless users are mobile, enhancement to 911 service is needed to allow the location of the user to be known to the call receiver or public safety answer point (PSAP). With more and more consumers relying upon cellular phone and voice over internet protocol (VOIP), the public's health and safety would be jeopardized if there is any compromise to the E911 service.

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The Wireless Enhanced 911 board ensures that the surcharge on wireless users is properly utilized for E911 support, hardware, software, upgrades, and maintenance. It is vitally important to the health and safety of everyone in this state that the E911 fund is not jeopardized.

The Consumer Advocate appreciates the concerns of this legislature with the state's budget deficit and the desire to find as many possible sources of revenue to balance the state's budget. On the other hand, by placing the E911 fund into the general fund, the potential for compromise to the E911 service is too great a risk to the health and safety of consumers that this legislature should not consider doing so. For this reason, the Consumer Advocate, as a member of the Wireless Enhanced 911 board, opposes this bill with respect to the repeal of Hawaii Revised Statutes section 138-3.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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## Written Testimony

### **SB120** **RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau  
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Presented to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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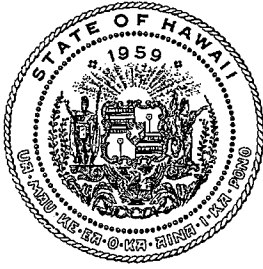
Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

I am **Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi**, Acting Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. The Bureau appreciates this opportunity to submit the following written comments on Senate Bill No. 120:

- (1) S.B. No. 120 repeals a large number of special and revolving funds.
- (2) Section 151 of the measure directs the Legislative Reference Bureau to "prepare proposed conforming legislation to make necessary amendments to statutes affected by the repeal of the sections in the Hawaii Revised Statutes that are repealed in part I of this Act."

The Bureau takes no position on the merits of the measure, but notes that, while the task will be more complex than it appears, the functions required of us, as the measure is presently drafted, appear to be an appropriate assignment for the Bureau, and we would undertake them to the best of our ability.

Thank you again for allowing us to **comment** on this measure.



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on  
**S.B. 120**  
**Relating to State Funds**

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The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) strongly **opposes** SECTION 40 and SECTION 41 of S.B. 120, which make repeal the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund and the Tourism Special Fund.

The Economic Revitalization Task Force, in 1998, recommended the creation of HTA to manage tourism promotion and market development to “reinvigorate tourism” because of a slowdown in tourism and to “boost the contribution of tourism to the economy in the shortest possible time.” The transient accommodations tax (TAT) was increased with revenues from the TAT deposited into the Tourism Special Fund for tourism promotion, with the objective of increasing Hawaii’s share of the tourism market.

The Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund, which receives 17.3 percent of TAT revenues, is used for the payment of the debt service on the convention center and any expense arising from operation, maintenance, improvement, and repairs of the center.

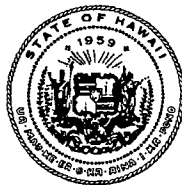
Both funds meet the criteria of Section 37-52.3 for the establishment and continuance of special funds which provides that special funds shall:

- Serves the purpose for which it was originally established;
- Reflects a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program, as opposed to serving primarily as a means to provide the program or users with an automatic means of support ...;
- Provides an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and
- Demonstrates the capacity to be self-sustaining.

Both of the funds are critical for the growth of Hawaii’s tourism industry and for Hawaii, as a destination, to maintain and preserve the recent expansion and growth in our industry.

We ask that S.B. 120 be amended by deleting SECTION s 40 and 41, if the bill is to be advanced.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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Room 211, State Capitol

In consideration of

**S.B. 120**

**RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

The HHFDC **opposes** a portion of Section 3 (page 5, lines 12 and 13) and Section 5 (page 10, line 4 through page 11, line 11) of S.B. 120, as they relate to the exemption from central service expenses and the repeal of the Housing Loan Program Revenue Bond Special Fund and the Housing Project Bond Special Fund.

The Housing Loan Program Revenue Bond Special Fund and the Housing Project Bond Special Fund account for a system of housing projects that are financed from the proceeds of bonds secured under the same trust indenture. These funds serve as pass through funds in which the HHFDC issues tax-exempt revenue bonds for a private housing development/owner. The trustees for these funds provide the necessary administrative services and have a fiduciary duty to the bondholders. Activity reports on these funds are submitted to the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Because these two funds do not have balances that can be transferred into the General Fund, and because the trustees provide the necessary administrative services, we respectfully request that references to these funds on page 5, lines 12 and 13, and page 10, line 4 through page 11, line 11, be stricken from S.B. 120.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

**Re: SB 120 Relating to State Funds**

**Hearing Date: February 10, 2011, 9:00 AM**

**Terry Lynn Holck, Chairperson, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board**

**Chairperson Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:**

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) **STRONGLY OPPOSES** SB120: Relating to State Funds. The HTSB develops state performance standards for teachers, oversees their licensing and license renewal process, approves and monitors licensure testing, approves Hawaii teacher education programs and administers National Board for Professional Teaching Standards support. Over ninety percent of the Board's funding to support licensing and operations is derived from teacher license fees of \$48 per year, or \$240 for the five year license, all of which is deposited into the HTSB's special fund established by §302A-806. To repeal this fund and return teacher license fees to the state treasury will potentially render the Board unable to carry out its function of licensing teachers because it will now need to rely completely on general fund appropriations at a time when those funds are not sufficient to support other state activities and initiatives. It's likely that with competing interests funding to the HTSB will suffer and as a result, teacher licensing will cease. The impact to the DOE and its Race to the Top award will be negatively impacted. The very foundation to ensure only qualified teachers teach our children will fall apart. We believe this proposal is counterproductive to the State's high priority on qualitative education.

Should Hawaii cut funds to the HTSB it will send the message across our state and across the country, all the way to the US Department of Education, that Hawaii's keiki and their education are not a priority. For at the heart of learning is a qualified teacher. At a time when the Department of Education is working steadfastly to prove that it indeed deserves Race to the Top funds, our state cannot afford to abandon a Standards Board for teachers. All professions hold themselves accountable to the public and their constituents via a professional licensing board. To cut off funding to this Board says that the state does not uphold teaching as a profession. In the last year, the Board deployed its online licensing system and implemented the license renewal process. It would be a giant step backward for P-12 education after we have made so much progress.

Although we are isolated as an island chain, our children are not insulated from competition in a global society. Without competent, qualified teachers trained to interpret classroom data to improve learning outcomes our students will be doomed to a bleak existence because they will not be able to compete with those educated in other states and nations which require rigorous preparation and licensure of teachers.

Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, Stanford University professor and one of the most well-known and influential researchers in the field of education, recognizes the importance of

independent teacher standards boards and encourages each state to establish such a board:

- *Establish professional standards boards in every state. Developing coherent standards for teacher education, licensing, professional development, and practice requires a governing partnership between the public and the profession that is not vulnerable to constantly changing politics and priorities. Twelve states have already created boards for teaching like those that govern standard setting in other professions on the conviction that these boards are the best way to maintain rigorous standards and protect the public interest. Such boards are the conscience of each profession; they develop and enforce ethical codes as well as technical standards of practice.*

*They should include accomplished teachers—ultimately, those who are National Board Certified—as well as teacher educators, administrators, and representatives of the public. In other professions, a national confederation of state boards develops common standards, high-quality assessments, and reciprocity agreements. Such a confederation in teaching should help develop common licensing assessments with professionally recommended cut-off scores, so that teachers command comparable skills and can move more easily from state to state. How would a standards board help solve current problems? First, it would bring greater expertise to bear on the process of setting teaching standards and would do so in a more focused and steady fashion, as standards must be continually updated and reevaluated in light of growing professional knowledge.*

*Second, it would allow the creation of a more coherent set of standards across teacher education, licensing, and ongoing professional development, since they would all be considered by the same body. Finally, it would create a firewall between the political system and the standard-setting process, allowing higher standards that are more connected to the professional knowledge base to be set and maintained. States with standards boards have shown that they enact and maintain more rigorous, professionally current standards than they had been able to do before the standards board was in place.”*

“What Matters Most: Teaching for America’s Future”, P. 69

We ask you to allow the HTSB’s special fund to continue to support the work of the Board to fill Hawaii’s classrooms with properly trained teachers. Please do not send the wrong message to others that Hawaii has abandoned the profession of teaching at a time when the HTSB, the Department of Education and the teaching profession are all working together to improve P-12 education for all children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

February 10, 2011

9:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

**SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation does **not support** the elimination of the Hydrogen Investment Capital Special Fund, Section 211F-5.7 HRS, as proposed in SB 120. The funds in the Hydrogen Investment Capital Special Fund have been encumbered under state contract number 57598 and are required to finance the obligations of the state as stipulated in that contract. Furthermore, the special fund mechanism is needed to capture investment returns expected from the investment portfolio financed by the Hydrogen Investment Capital Special Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

Written Statement of  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
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9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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**SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **opposes** SB 120, specifically to SECTION 45 which repeals the High Technology Special Fund.

The mission of HTDC is to facilitate the growth and development of the commercial high technology industry. Section 206M-15.5, HRS, provides that all moneys in the High Technology Special Fund be appropriated for the purposes of and be expended by HTDC for the operation, maintenance, and management of its industrial parks, projects, facilities, services, and publications, as well as pay the expenses in administering its special purpose revenue bonds or in carrying out its project agreements. The continued development and growth of the technology and innovation sector, including improvement to technology centers and assistance of entrepreneurs is a high priority in the Governor's "A New Day in Hawaii" plan.

**HTDC is opposed to SECTION 45 of the bill** for the following reasons:

- The section of the bill would repeal the High Technology Special Fund and deposit the balance as of June 30, 2011 to the state general fund. The High Technology Special Fund consists primarily of user fees, collections from its incubation centers for the incubation program and building maintenance and is used to maintain the incubation centers as well as support 50% of all non-federally funded positions and related fringe benefits, general program expenses, and administrative costs. **The ongoing establishment of the High Technology Special Fund is essential for HTDC to meet current and future projected needs of the agency and administration while adequate funding through a general fund appropriation is questionable.**

- **The bill does not include specific language to which the High Technology Development Corporation is allowed to request the necessary funding from a general fund appropriation in subsequent years.**
- Due to the impact of large anchor tenants vacating the Maui Research & Technology Center (MRTC) and ongoing depressed economy, it has been extremely difficult to fill the vacant offices. HTDC has lower cash flow from rents and is subsidizing the common area maintenance expenses for the vacant spaces as well as to pay for other operating costs mentioned above. **The current vacancy at MRTC is approx 34%, and the special fund is the only means currently to subsidize these losses.**
- The High Technology Special Fund also consists of fees from consulting services performed by our Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program and workshops/conferences conducted by HTDC. Because MEP is a federally funded program, its revenues can only be used to fulfill MEP's program goals as approved by the federal review committee in MEP's operational plan. **The fees generated by MEP are invested back to the program and can be counted towards the state's matching requirement of the grant. The bill does not include language which will allow these non-federal funds to be transferred back into corresponding separate special accounts within the general fund.**
- **The HTDC Special Fund is also a significant source to attract federal grants and to be used for grants' matching requirements.** Federal grants which require matching contributions need assurances that HTDC will have a sufficient balance in its funds to meet the matching requirement should the partnering organizations' commitments to meet the match not come through.
- **A portion of the cash balance is to fund anticipated future major building repairs and equipment purchases as the buildings age and CIP funds are not available for these purposes. Future major building repair and equipment replacement fluctuates from year to year. The cash balance in the special fund would no longer be available to fund these potentially large expenditures and general funds may not be available in the years the request is made.**
- If a general fund appropriation request is allowed to be submitted, **with the difficult task that the administration and legislature has to review then meet the overall budgetary needs of the state but yet balance the budget, there is the potential that HTDC's future budgetary requests cannot be met if being appropriated from the state's general fund. Funding may not be even sufficient to cover minimum requirements during times of economic downturn, whereas the special fund will assure that revenues from HTDC's programs are available to sustain it needs.**
- As mentioned earlier, the High Technology Special Fund subsidizes to cover operating expenses during times when there are large vacancies at the incubation



centers. Forecasting the timing of when the subsidy is needed and projecting the amount is difficult to anticipate yet the request for a general fund appropriation will require the agency to forecast the need approx. 2.5 years ahead considering the mechanics of the biennial budgeting process.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.



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**S.B. 120 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.**

**Purpose:** Repeals specific statutorily created special funds and transfers any balance remaining as of July 1, 2011 to the state general fund. Specifically repeals §206E-157 and §206E-186 that allows the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to create special/public facility fund accounts.

**Position:** With respect only to the proposed repeal of Sections 206E-157 and 206E-186, the HCDA requests that these sections are deleted from the proposal. The HCDA defers to the other affected state agencies and programs with respect to the other provisions of the proposal.

The HCDA was created as a public corporate instrumentality of the State of Hawaii to plan and administer community redevelopment in districts identified by the State Legislature. While remaining accountable to the public trust, one feature of the agency's statutory mandate includes the ability to offer revenue bonds for "public facility" (i.e., roadway, drainage, utility improvement projects) and "special facility" (i.e., parking, other structures) projects. In many situations, the ability to fund the development of public and special facilities within a

community in transition via revenue or other special purpose funds will define “how” and “when” a neighborhood will be established.

Repeal of the HCDA public (§206E-157) and special (§206E-186) facility revenue bond special fund would necessarily reduce the public accountability, capacity and efficiency of the HCDA to initiate and administer revenue bond programs. Currently all revenue, income and receipts derived from the public facility for which the revenue bond is issued is deposited into the special fund. As the bond is a means of financing, it is important that the revenues upon which the project is funded and will repay the bond is accounted for and is available for payment of the debt service.

Typically, all revenues and receipts are held in a special fund to ensure that there is sufficient funding to pay the debt service. Repeal or elimination of the special fund would mean that any funds are co-mingled with other funds and without a dedicated source of revenue could jeopardize the timely and efficient repayment of debt.

As the contents of these special funds are earmarked for specific purposes, this ensures that public accounting for all transactions are readily available and transparent. Elimination of the special funds would thwart this purpose.

As the revenue bond program is a critical tool currently available to the HCDA, supports the work of the agency and promote public accountability of revenue bond transaction, I respectfully request that repeal of these two funds is not pursued at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this subject.



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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

by

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 10, 2011; 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Good morning Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission with the opportunity to testify in **strong opposition to the provisions in Senate Bill 120 that abolish the Crime Victim Compensation Commission**. Senate Bill 120 abolishes the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission") by repealing the crime victim compensation special fund (the "Fund") contained in Section 351-62.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and transferring any remaining balance of the Fund to the state general fund on July 1, 2011. The provisions of this Bill operate to abolish the Commission because the Commission does not receive any general fund appropriations and is dependent solely on special funds and a matching federal VOCA grant from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The Commission will no longer be eligible for the matching VOCA grant funds if special funds are no longer received (the federal match is based on special funds expended for victim compensation), and, in any case, the Commission will not be able to continue operating in the short term solely with the federal VOCA grant funds because only five percent (5%) of the VOCA grant funds may be used for operating expenses, including salaries. All of the federal VOCA grant funds available to pay operating expenses during the current federal funding year have already been expended, and VOCA grant funds for the 2012 federal grant period will not be available until October 1, 2011. After that date, only about \$19,000 of the 2012 federal grant funds will be available to pay operating expenses, not enough money to fund even one position, not to mention rent, utilities, or supplies.

The Commission urges the Committee to preserve the crime victim compensation special fund, and, in turn, the Commission for the following reasons:

- 1. Many violent crime victims in Hawai'i will be financially, emotionally and physically devastated when there is no funding available to assist them with their crime-related expenses.**

The Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime in Hawai'i by providing compensation to pay unreimbursed crime-related expenses. If the Commission is abolished many violent crime victims in Hawai'i will not be able to afford to pay their medical bills, receive needed mental health or rehabilitative services, or bury a loved one. Hawai'i will be the only state in the Union without a compensation program to help victims of violent crime.

- 2. The Commission is fiscally self-sufficient and no general funds have been appropriated for the Commission since FY 2003.**

From 1967 until 1999 the Commission was funded with general fund appropriations. Beginning in 1999, the portion of the Commission's funding from general funds began declining until, in 2003, general funds were no longer appropriated for the Commission. Since 2003, the Commission has received no general fund appropriations and has been funded solely by special funds and the federal match since then. At present, the Commission is funded solely from non-tax revenue<sup>1</sup> and matching federal VOCA funds.

- 3. The Commission generates revenue for the state general fund.**

The revenue for the general fund is generated by the Commission through the payment of two mandatory assessments:

- A. the central service fee paid pursuant to Section 36-27, HRS, which provides that the Commission pay a 5 percent tax to the general fund on every dollar of non-tax revenue it receives; and
- B. the departmental administrative expense assessment paid pursuant to Section 36-30, HRS, which provides that the Commission pay its pro rata share of the administrative expenses of the department that houses its special fund.

The Commission pays between \$53,871.62 and \$117,282.00 per year to the general fund for these two assessments for a total of \$928,309.60 since the crime victim compensation fund was created in 1998.

- 4. The Commission will lose its federal matching VOCA grant funds.**

The federal matching VOCA funds will be lost because there will be no state special funds to match. The federal VOCA grant provides a sixty percent (60%) match for every state dollar (of non-tax revenue) expended to compensate victims of violent crime. Eliminating the crime victim special fund means there will be no payments to victims of violent crime in Hawai'i, no staff to make those payments, and no matching federal VOCA grant. Eliminating the Commission's special fund compounds the loss of funds available to help victims of violent crime in Hawai'i due to the concomitant loss of the sixty percent (60%) federal VOCA matching funds.

<sup>1</sup> Commission revenue presently includes: Compensation Fees assessed against criminal offenders; restitution as reimbursement for compensation awarded; a 10% statutory assessment on certain inmate wages; interest income and federal matching VOCA funds.

5. **Fewer crime victims will receive restitution from inmates and parolees because the Commission will no longer be available to collect restitution from inmates and parolees.**

In 2003, the Commission began the Restitution Recovery Project, a pilot project to collect restitution from inmates and parolees and to disburse those funds to their crime victims or to the Commission in cases where the Commission previously provided a compensation award to the crime victim. Restitution is paid directly into the crime victim special fund to reimburse the Commission in cases where the Commission previously provided a compensation award to the crime victim for medical and mental health expenses, lost wages, or funeral costs. Those funds are then used to fund assistance for other crime victims. Restitution repayment generates between one percent (1%) and four percent (4%) of the Commission's nontax revenue.

During the life of the Project the Commission has opened over 3,200 restitution cases and collected and disbursed over \$1,300,000.00 in restitution and compensation fees from inmates and parolees. The collection of restitution from inmates and parolees<sup>2</sup> has increased significantly over the life of the Project. In the first year of the Restitution Project, the Commission collected more than \$46,000.00, and, in the past year, the Commission collected more than \$157,000.00, down from \$185,000.00 in FY09. The Commission believes that the significant increase in restitution collections over the life of the Restitution Project reflects the gradual institutionalization of restitution assessment and collection by the correctional facilities and the Paroling Authority.

Thank you for providing the Commission with an opportunity to testify in **strong opposition** to Senate Bill 120.

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<sup>2</sup> Restitution payments are from inmates and parolees and do not include payments from inmates incarcerated as a condition of probation.

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**S.B. 120**  
**RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Mister Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill 120, relating to state funds.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **strongly opposes** enactment of the measure, which would transfer funds from certain non-general fund accounts to the general fund, as currently drafted. This measure proposes to repeal Section 356D-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which establishes the public housing revolving fund. This action by the State would have a detrimental impact on HPHA's ability to provide necessary services to 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 public housing revolving fund comprises monies from several different important sources, such as subsidies from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Federal capital funds, and monies collected from Federal public housing tenants for the payment of rent. Closing the fund to transfer its balance to the general fund would constitute a violation of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agreements and would jeopardize our compliance with Federal regulations. This would impact our ability to receive and expend Federal funds within the State of Hawaii and potentially halt the HPHA's operations and provision of services.

In order to receive and expend Federal public housing funds within the State, the HPHA must comply with a Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract (ACC), to which the agency is a party with HUD. According to the ACC, Section 9, Depository Agreement and General Fund (attached hereto), the HPHA is required to deposit and invest all funds received in accordance with the General Depository Agreement. This ACC also specifies the purposes for which the funds may be withdrawn from the General Fund account, and mandates all withdrawals to be approved by HUD. The transfer of Federal

funds from the General Fund account into the single State account (i.e., State Treasury) is a violation of the ACC.

Furthermore, from a practical standpoint, for certain fund sources, such as federal capital funds, HUD only disburses funds when the HPHA has a verifiable cost/expenditure. The drawdown is performed electronically and funds are deposited directly into the HPHA's account. The HPHA then has three business days to make payment to the vendor. Elimination of this account and transferring funds to the general fund would make this process administratively difficult and would result in an impermissible commingling of federal capital funds with State treasury dollars. This has implications that may impact current and future HUD funding, which will negatively impact the State of Hawaii.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the agency's position regarding S.B. 120. We respectfully request the Committee to hold this measure.



**Section 9 - Depository Agreement and General Fund.**

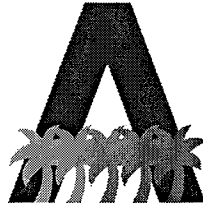
(A) The HA shall deposit and invest all funds and investment securities received by or held for the account of the HA in connection with the development, operation and improvement of the projects under an ACC with HUD in accordance with the terms of the General Depository Agreement(s). The General Depository Agreement shall be in the form prescribed by HUD and must be executed by the HA and the depository. Immediately upon the execution of any Depository Agreement, the HA shall furnish to HUD such executed or conformed copies thereof as HUD may require. A Depository Agreement shall not be terminated except after 30 days notice to HUD.

(B) All monies and investment securities received by or held for the account of the HA in connection with the development, operation and improvement of projects in accordance with an ACC with HUD shall constitute the "General Fund."

(C) The HA shall maintain records that identify the source and application of funds in such a manner as to allow HUD to determine that all funds are and have been expended in accordance with each specific program regulation and requirement. The HA may withdraw funds from the General Fund only for: (1) the payment of the costs of development and operation of the projects under ACC with HUD; (2) the purchase of investment securities as approved by HUD; and (3) such other purposes as may be specifically approved by HUD. Program funds are not fungible; withdrawals shall not be made for a specific program in excess of the funds available on deposit for that program.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
GOVERNOR

**BRUCE A. COPPA**  
COMPTROLLER



**ALOHA STADIUM**

*An Agency of the State of Hawaii*

**SCOTT L. CHAN**  
MANAGER

**LOIS M. MANIN**  
DEPUTY MANAGER

TESTIMONY  
OF  
**SCOTT L. CHAN**, STADIUM MANAGER  
STADIUM AUTHORITY  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
February 10, 2011

S.B. 120

RELATING TO STATE SPECIAL FUNDS

Chair Ige, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 120.

The Stadium Authority **opposes** the repeal of Section 109-3 “Stadium special fund” as we believe that its intent would be contrary to the original intent of establishing and maintaining a special fund for the stadium by inherently transferring the fiscal solvency, requirements, and dependence of the Aloha Stadium’s operations from the Stadium Authority to the State general fund.

By retaining its current special fund, the Stadium Authority is operationally and fiscally responsible for ensuring its own solvency by maximizing revenue generating opportunities, maintaining and controlling expenditures, and ensuring proper fiscal planning to address both its short and long term financial requirements.

Retaining its special fund ceiling also inherently ensures that the Stadium Authority operates as effectively and efficiently as possible and minimizes any long-term dependence on general funds for its ongoing operations. Based on the foregoing, the Stadium Authority believes that it is in the best interest of all parties that it retains its current special fund ceiling.

The Stadium Authority supports the repeal of Section 109-9 which authorizes the establishment of the Kapolei Recreational Sports Complex Special Fund. This section was originally intended to establish a special fund to address the collection of revenues to support the operational requirements of a recreational sports complex in Kapolei. The complex was never developed and a fund was never established.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

By

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY

**Tommy Johnson**, Paroles and Pardons Administrator

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 10, 2011; 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee:

The Hawaii Paroling Authority strongly **opposes** Section 133 on page 168 and Section 147 on page 190 of **Senate Bill 120**. As written, this measure abolishes the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission") by repealing the crime victim compensation special fund (the "Fund") contained in Section 351-62.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and transferring any remaining balance of the Fund to the state general fund on July 1, 2011. The Commission depends solely on special funds and matching federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and received no general funds.

If this measure were to pass as currently written, the Commission will no longer be eligible for the matching VOCA grant funds if special funds are no longer received (the federal match is based on special funds expended for victim compensation). The Commission is very limited ability to utilize VOCA funds for operating expenses, which includes salaries.

Among the many, many worthwhile and critically important functions performed by the Commission and staff is the collection and processing of victim restitution payments by inmates and parolees. In 2003, the Commission began assisting both, the Hawaii Paroling Authority and the Department Public Safety with collecting, processing and distributing restitution payments. The project known as the Restitution Recovery Project was been very successful as the commission has opened over 3,200 restitution cases and collected well over \$1,300,000.00 in restitution and compensation fees from inmates and parolees.

The success of this project is directly attributed to the Commission; it's staff and the staff of both, the Department of Public Safety and Hawaii Paroling Authority. While the respective agencies involved in this project cannot make the victims of crime completely whole, can and should be able to continue to provide for their needs as best we can via the actions of the commission. Sadly if SB 120 is enacted as currently written, it would serve to victimize the very peopled the commission was established to assist.

Thank you the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition to Senate Bill 120.

TESTIMONY OF **CARLITO P. CALIBOSO**  
CHAIRMAN, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

FEBRUARY 10, 2011

**MEASURE: S.B. No. 120**

**TITLE: Relating to State Funds.**

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

**DESCRIPTION:**

This bill repeals certain special funds, including, among others, the Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Special Fund, Section 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), and transfers balances to the State General Fund.

**POSITION:**

The Commission **opposes** Section 53 of this bill.

**COMMENTS:**

The Commission was established in 1913 by Act 89, SLH 1913, as a part-time, three member body with broad regulatory oversight and investigative authority over all public utility companies doing business in the Territory of Hawaii. This act, amended over the years and codified in Chapter 269, HRS, is the basis for utility regulation in Hawaii. The Commission's authority to regulate various classifications of motor carriers of passengers and property is derived from the Hawaii Motor Carrier Law (Chapter 271, HRS) enacted in 1961. Responsibility for all commercial water transportation carriers of persons and property within the State is derived from the Hawaii Water Carrier Act of 1974 (Chapter 271G, HRS).

The Commission's primary purpose is to ensure that regulated companies efficiently and safely provide their customers with adequate and reliable services at just and reasonable rates, while providing regulated companies with a fair opportunity to earn a reasonable rate of return.

The Commission's Special Fund ("Special Fund"), which was established in Section 269-33, HRS, is used to cover the operating expenses of the Commission and the

Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCA"). Both the Commission and the DCA are totally dependent upon the Special Fund to operate, provide services to the public, and perform other duties mandated by law.

The Special Fund is primarily made up of monies paid by regulated public utilities, and which they collect from their customers to fund regulatory efforts.

Therefore, Section 269-33, HRS, should not be repealed as currently drafted in Section 53 of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Elizabeth K. Tam, M.D.

Chair

Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund Advisory Board

To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: STRONG OPPOSITION to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

As Chair of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund Advisory Board, I have the privilege of witnessing the efforts of dedicated citizens and agencies in reducing tobacco use. With the sustained funding and coordination provided by the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund, the community has reduced the prevalence of tobacco use to one of the lowest in the nation.

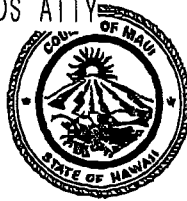
This success notwithstanding, there remain segments of our population who need additional resources for prevention and cessation. Moreover, a highly resourced and resourceful tobacco industry constantly seeks to increase its market. Our community needs continued funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

Revenues to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund have already been reduced far too much, from 25% in 1999, to a mere 6.5% in 2009. Please do not cut the stream any further. Please help sustain our dedicated efforts to reduce the early death, disability, and lost productivity caused by tobacco smoking and environmental tobacco smoke.

I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts. Eliminate section 120 of SB120.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.






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**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 120**

**Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Conference Room 211 at 9:00 a.m.**

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

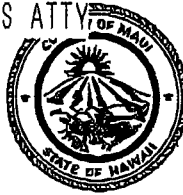
From: **John D. Kim**   
Acting Prosecuting Attorney  
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney  
County of Maui

We have become aware of the possibility that the Crime Victim Compensation Commission funding maybe eliminated as a recipient of special funds from the state. Such an action would have a drastic impact on crime victim services.

The importance of providing services to crime victims in the state of Hawaii is apparent from the several legislative enactments that focus on just those services. From the presentence diagnosis report that should address the impact of the crime on the victim, to victim restitution, to the Victims' rights act, all as set forth in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, our state has dedicated itself to being responsive to crime victims. To now discontinue funding to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission would impair such services to victims and would be going back on our prior legislative resolve.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Division in our department has served thousands of violent crime victims and have utilized the services of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. These are victims of brutal assault, fatal and near fatal vehicular accidents, homicide survivors, adult and child sex assault to name a few. These victims have sustained permanent and physical and emotional damage. Oftentimes, they incur huge medical bills and if they do not have medical insurance, they are left to fend for themselves. The CVCC has provided invaluable service by assisting these victims with their medical bills and counseling expenses.

We respectfully urge you to continue the much needed funding for the Crime Victim Compensation. It is hard enough for a person to experience being a victim of a crime; don't re-victimize victims by cutting a very vital support system designed to help them through the trauma involved in being a crime victim.



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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2011**  
**Conference Room 211 at 9:00 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

FROM: Lena Lorenzo, Director *Lena Lorenzo*  
Victim/Witness Assistance Division  
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney  
County of Maui

It is alarming to hear that there is a possibility of eliminating the funding of the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, the only statewide agency that solely provides financial assistance to crime victims. It is unfortunate that many vital human service programs are scrutinized during a time of budget shortfall. It is an unenviable task that is required of you this session.

I have worked in the field of human services for over twenty years, particularly with victims of crimes. Crime victimization is often faceless until you work in the field or become a victim yourself. It is difficult to understand the trauma and the horror of child sex assault, homicide survivor, rape victim, victim of an intimate partner, brutal assault and other hurt inflicted by one human being to another. Several legislation have been enacted including the creation of CVCC to focus on victim services. CVCC acknowledges the harm done to the victim by giving financial assistance to expenses they incurred due to their victimization. Such acknowledgment offer dignity and validation to the victims at a time in their lives when it seemed no one else would.

At the Victim/Witness Assistance Division, we provide services that include, but not limited to, crisis and short-term counseling, referral for financial assistance and social services, case information and notification, preparation for court testimony, court accompaniment, explanation of the judicial system, return witness program for visitors, and advocacy for victim rights. I have seen countless victims served by CVCC, victims that would otherwise be left with huge medical bills they incurred with no fault of their own.

In the Criminal Justice System, there are many, many rights afforded to the offenders. On the other hand, the victims, who did not ask or choose to be victimized, are left to fend for themselves. Besides the traumatic experience of losing trust and a sense of safety and security, the victims also incur expenses as a result of the crime. One example of a case we worked on was a case of road rage. A man in his forties passed a car carrying several young men in a country road. This infuriated the young driver and as he caught up with him, he hit his car several times, eventually pushed his car off the road and attacked the older driver. The victim had the presence of mind to call 911 for assistance. As he was on the phone, he was attacked by several young men beating him with a stick and gouging his eye. He suffered a concussion and extensive facial injuries including the loss of vision in one eye, in addition to the loss of his car. He incurred several thousands of medical bills. Although his medical bills far exceeded the limit CVCC could cover, the amount awarded to him was a tremendous help.

In a negligent injury case, a woman in her late forties was involved in a car crash, through no fault of her own. She suffered head injuries, torn aorta, broken hips and broken knees. Her medical bills are so extensive they already exceeded the benefits from the car insurance and CVCC award. After two years she is still undergoing medical treatments and will continue to have future medical needs. She filed for bankruptcy, lost her home and had to move back to her mother's house so her mother could care for her. Because of her injuries, she is unable to go back to work as a waitress. This victim continues to suffer emotionally, psychologically, and financially.

The above cases are just a couple of the many, many victims who suffer because of the criminal act of another person or persons. Had it not been for the assistance given by CVCC, the financial hardship would be a lot worse. While offenders are incarcerated and we continuously talk about their rights and rehabilitation, the victims suffer in silence trying to cope with the devastating effects of their victimization. The sole agency that tries to restore the victims' dignity by awarding financial assistance for counseling and other expenses is crucial to their healing process. Are we going to turn our backs on the plight of crime victims? The victimization does not have to be sensational making it in the front page of the newspaper or the television evening news. Crime victims go through the same traumatic experiences and unfortunately, incur expenses as a result of the victimization. They deserve the acknowledgment of the harm done to them and the support they need. Not providing funding for CVCC is a giant step backwards and obliterate the many years it has taken to develop the much needed service for crime victims. We strongly urge you to not cut this vital service to crime victims.



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February 8, 2011

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State of Hawaii

**RE: Relating to State Funds SB 120**

Aloha:

My name is **Paula Ann Heiskell**. I have been a Victim Witness Counselor for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Maui, Hawaii for over 20 years. I have assisted hundreds of children and adult crime victims and their families.

The **Crime Victim Compensation Fund** have been a tremendous help to pay for medical expenses, therapy for the sex assault victims, funeral expenses, and several other areas.

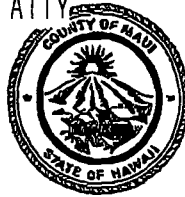
I would like to give you an example of how this Fund was invaluable in a recent case:

A 13 year old female was brutally sexually assaulted for over 5 years by her step-father. Crime Victim Compensation paid for her much needed counseling. As a result this wonderful girl was able to be **restored, strengthen** and continues to **excel** in her school and sport activities. This would have **NOT been possible** without the assistance of the Crime Victim Compensation funds.

I understand that State resources are limited, but please **do not cut** this Fund. Our most vulnerable group of crime victims need your kokua.

Sincerely,

Paula Ann Heiskell, M.S.W., L.S.W.  
Victim Witness Assistance Counselor  
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**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 120**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2011**  
**Conference Room 211 at 9:00 a.m.**

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: **Gerald M. Poblete**  
**Victim/Witness Counselor**  
**Department of the Prosecuting Attorney**  
**County of Maui**

My colleagues and I have been made aware that the Crime Victim Compensation Commission may be discontinued due to funding re-appropriation as described by SB 120. I am writing this letter to you out of fear. I fear for our victims and I fear for us because as you are most likely aware, we all can be victims of crime at any time.

I am a Victim/Witness Counselor and I have been doing this job for nearly fourteen years. Through these enlightening years I have had the honor to serve thousands of victims. Without the services of CVCC, many, if not most of our community's victims would be without monetary compensation for medical bills, burial of family members, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

I think about a particular victim who I assisted with victim services. At the time of victimization a male in his late twenties had only been residing in our state for approximately one month. He was employed with one of the Taxi Companies on Maui. As he was driving to a call in Wailea, a male also in his twenties jumped the island median and rammed head-on with the victim. Apparently, as stated by the victim, the defendant moved his vehicle backwards only to ram him again as he sat injured and helpless in his taxi.

Suffice it to say, he had extensive injuries including internal hemorrhaging and one leg smashed into pieces. To this day the victim limps painfully with a cane. Subsequently, he lost his job and could not work for years. Eventually he and his ill mother was evicted from their home. They even lost most of their possessions because they could not keep up with their storage fees even with the help of some emergency funds that we made available to them.

Furthermore, we made attempts to place this gentleman and his mother in a shelter. Due to taking oxycontin for chronic pain, he failed his blood test multiple times in the efforts to find state funded shelter. This left the victim quite frustrated and very discouraged. These setbacks

resulted in the victim and ill mother living out of their car. I remember bringing them food and water as they lived from parking lot to parking lot.

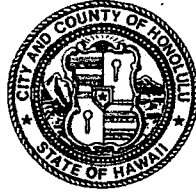
The day came when a CVCC check for a several thousands of dollars arrived for them. I searched for the victim and mother and finally found them resting at a mall parking lot in town and was elated to bring them the great news and check. The victim and mother were in tears to say the least. Surely, the CVCC assistance that they received provided them with some comfort and the means to get back on their feet. Our victim is rehabilitating well and I believe is currently working.

In short, the Crime Victim Compensation Commission is essential in providing hope and comfort to many of our citizens. In regards to SB 120, please reconsider the invaluable service that this commission does for us all. Thank you.

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February 10, 2011

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The Senate  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 120, Relating to State Funds

I am **Janet Crotteau**, Major of the Communications Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes Senate Bill No. 120. This bill would repeal section 138-3, Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund, of the Hawaii Revised Statute. It would also transfer the balance of the fund to the State's general fund.

By law, this fund should be used exclusively by the Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 (WE 9-1-1) Board. The purpose of the fund is to ensure adequate cost recovery for the deployment of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 services, not to balance the State's general fund. This fund was raided previously for a total of \$16 million, which was transferred to the State's general fund. The prior raid made Hawaii ineligible to apply for federal grant monies that could have assisted us in purchasing Next Generation compatible equipment.

The HPD is the main Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the City and County of Honolulu. We do not have sufficient funds to purchase the equipment to support Next Generation, as required by the New and Emerging Technologies Act of 2008. We need financial assistance. The \$0.66 surcharge applied to each wireless subscriber provides that assistance to all PSAPs. Individually the surcharge does not seem like a large sum of money. However, due to the large number of cellular telephone subscribers, this surcharge adds up to millions of dollars. Since its inception, the fund recovered between \$9 million and \$12 million annually.

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members

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In difficult times, this fund may seem like a luxury that should be used by the State to balance the budget. Additionally, it appears to be money that is readily available. However, we urge you to resist these thoughts and the temptation they encourage. The improvements that this fund supports could mean the difference between life and death.

The HPD is committed to providing the best communications and to deliver expeditious emergency services to every call. The WE 911 Board supports this commitment. As a result, the HPD urges this committee to hold the bill since it seriously affects our ability to provide 9-1-1 services to the community in which we serve.

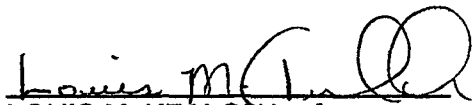
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,



JANET CROTTEAU, Major  
Communications Division

APPROVED:



LOUIS M. KEALOHA  
Chief of Police



**TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**SENATE BILL 120**

**RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

**BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**DATE : Thursday, February 10, 2011**

**TIME : 9:00 A.M.**

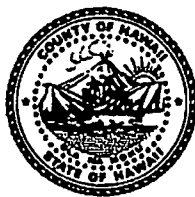
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**PERSON TESTIFYING:**

**Police Chief Harry S. Kubojiri  
Hawai'i Police Department  
County of Hawai'i**

**(Written Testimony Only)**

William P. Kenoi  
Mayor



Harry S. Kubojiri  
Police Chief

Paul K. Ferreira  
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## County of Hawai`i

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February 9, 2011

Senator David Ige  
Chair and Members  
Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211  
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

**Re: Senate Bill 120, Relating to State Funds**

Dear Senator Ige and Members:

The Hawai`i Police Department strongly **opposes** the passage of Senate Bill 120, Relating to State Funds, as it relates to the repeal of Section 138-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Wireless Enhanced 911 (E911) Fund, and transfers the balance of the fund into the state general fund.

The Wireless E911 Fund was established exclusively for the purposes of ensuring adequate cost recovery for the deployment of Phase I and Phase II Wireless E911 services in the State of Hawai`i. Due to the ever-changing enhancements in wireless technologies and expanding consumer base, ensuring the deployment of Phase I and Phase II Wireless E911 services in the State is an on-going project for all of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). Note that statistics indicate that throughout the State of Hawai`i at least 60% of the emergency calls received by PSAPs are wireless calls and this number is continuously increasing.

This fund and its intended purpose is to further upgrade Public Safety Answering Point capabilities and related functions in receiving and processing E911 calls in support of the County's Public Safety mission to expeditiously respond to and dispatch emergency service personnel based on E911 caller information. The fund also supports the construction and operation of a ubiquitous and reliable citizen activated system and the continued maintenance of the existing E911 system as identified in Federal Law.

For the record, it must be noted that the E911 system answers and responds to over 1.2 million 911 calls annually within the State of Hawai`i. In order to keep this system operational, the funds are necessary to provide for the delivery and enhancements to the existing E911 network in preparation for Next Generation 911 (NG 911). Interruption of this funding source from its intended purpose will not only cause a financial hardship on an already limited budget for the County of Hawai`i; but also puts the citizens of our County and our visiting tourists at risk of receiving reduced E911 services by our Public Safety responders.

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**Re: Senate Bill 120, Relating to State Funds**

As communication devices continue to be introduced to the public that implement the convergence of communications and information technology services over one device (Smart-phones), the need for improvement to the E911 network cannot be overstated. The PSAPs are already facing the rapidly emerging technology and are required by public law to answer E911 calls being delivered by several different modes of communications such as analog phone, digital voice, Voice over IP (VoIP), text messaging, streaming video messaging, and Telematics from vehicles (i.e., OnStar). All of these technologies are required to access the E911 network to enable callers to call 911 for emergency assistance.

Investment in the E911 systems and focus on data synchronization efforts have enabled first responders to successfully utilize the existing technology to respond to 911 emergency calls. Several success stories have been documented. For example, in December 2010, two hikers were lost on the trail at the Pu'u 'O'o volcano. Fortunately for these hikers, they were able to call 911 from their wireless phone and were rescued within an hour and ten minutes. Both hikers were not injured. In July 2009, Hawaii County Fire personnel airlifted a lost hiker to safety from a forested area in Kalapana. The hiker used his wireless phone to call 911. Fortunately, fire rescuers were able to locate the hiker before nightfall. The hiker had no shirt, water or food. First responders were able to locate the 911 callers, in both cases, using the latitude and longitude provided by the Wireless E911 network and databases.

In addition, the collected wireless funds have been utilized in support of ongoing wireless maintenance activities. In 2010, across all Wireless Service Providers (WSPs) providing wireless services on the island of Hawai'i, seventy-five (75) towers and 200 sectors were tested for accuracy and connectivity to the Wireless E911 network. Maintaining the E911 network and databases on a real-time basis are critical when it comes to saving lives and property.

For the reasons above, we strongly urge this committee to reject Senate Bill 120, Relating to State Funds.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

  
HARRY S. KUBOIRI  
POLICE CHIEF



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8 February 2011

Senate Ways and Means Committee  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, HI

RE: Vote No on SB 120

Dear Senators:

Passage of SB 120 would seriously damage our ability to provide the kinds of experiences that are part of the educational mission of the University of Hawaii System and abridge the trust students that the State of Hawaii supports their education.

This relatively small part of the tuition and fees paid by the students allow support for student organizations, participation in various meetings and research and provide multiple school-sponsored opportunities that would not be possible without these funds. This is counter to the best interests of all of the citizens of Hawaii.

**Vote No** on SB 120. Give our students, our citizens a chance to become educated in the best sense of that word.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sterling C. Keeley".

**Sterling C. Keeley**

Professor of Botany

Written as a personal statement by a faculty member at the University and not the Department or the University, and also as a concerned member of the community.

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Personal Testimony Presented Before  
The Senate Ways and Means Committee

on

Thursday, February 10, 2011

by

**Brian Taylor**, Dean

School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

SB 120 – Relating to State Funds

Aloha Chairperson Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of maintaining the University of Hawaii budget and against related parts of SB 120. My name is Brian Taylor. I currently serve as Dean of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST). I have been at UH Manoa since 1982.

SB 120 proposes to repeal numerous State Statutes such that balances remaining, as of June 30, 2011, in numerous Special and revolving funds may be transferred to the State General Fund. I hope to convince you that, with regard to the University of Hawaii Research Training and Revolving Fund (RTRF) there is continuing need for those funds and that the associated Statute – Section 304A-2253, Hawaii Revised Statutes – should not be repealed.

RTRF is like seed corn or fish bait – you can't harvest future produce without it. Even during the harshest winters and the toughest times, farmers don't eat their seed corn lest they starve during the next season. When reinvested, RTRF bears more fruit in the form of income to the State and local high-tech jobs. If taken away, it robs the future of the University and the State.

How is RTRF used? It provides:

- jobs/salaries for support staff (including some laid off from State funding cuts)
- debt service for new construction (e.g., \$22.5M C-MORE Hale)
- cost match funds required for many Federal grants
- seed money for new projects, start-up for new faculty, travel for effective networking
- funds for research equipment (that are no longer in the UH budget)
- working capital to cover unexpected events (we operate ships, subs, ROVs, AUVs)
- bridging salary support for staff/students between Federal grant award support.

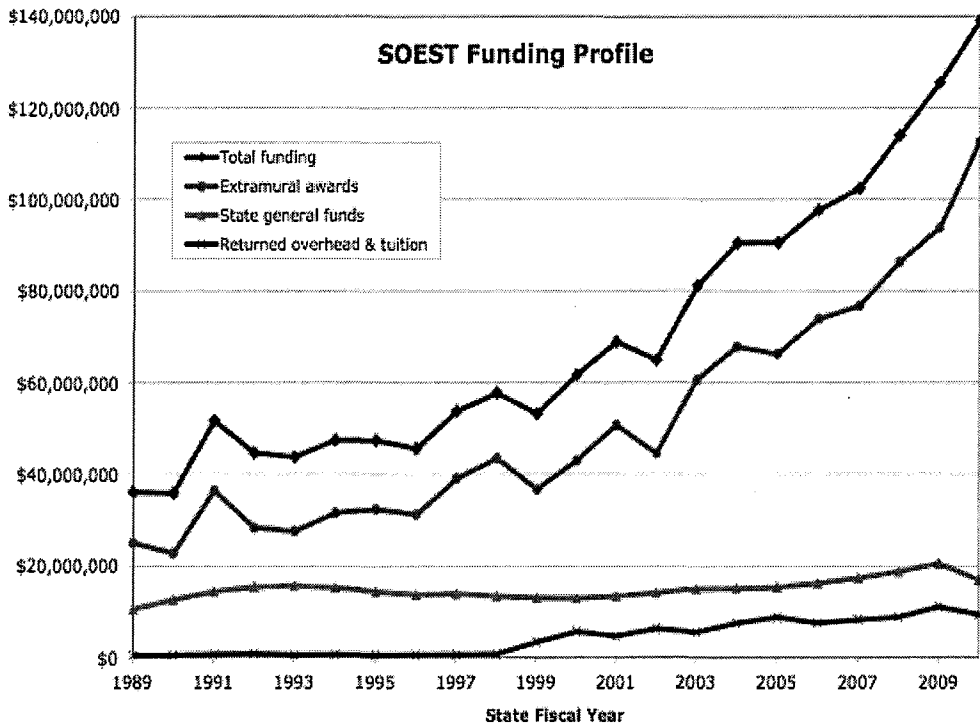
In short, RTRF is an economic multiplier. Reinvestment is critical. Short changing the Research and Training Revolving Fund would short change an economic engine of the State and the innovation that having a Research 1 university provides towards training a high-tech, well-paid work force.

SOEST is a UH success story. Created by President Al Simone in 1988, it brought together scientists and engineers working on matters of great importance to Hawaii, such as alternative energy, tropical weather, climate change, coral reefs, marine mammals, ocean resources; volcanoes, earthquakes and other natural hazards; coastal processes, and Earth satellites. It has grown to become one of the top four oceanographic institutions in the nation. The key to that growth has been out-competing our mainland colleagues for Federal, Industry, Private and International funding. And the key to that successful competition has been the reinvestment of

RTRF in faculty, facilities and staff that began in 1999, near the nadir of State funding after the last economic downturn in the mid '90's. Following the reinvestment of RTRF, there was a corresponding dramatic increase in the growth of extramural funding (see figure): to the point where it has doubled in the last decade and grown more than 50% just in the last five years when I have been Dean. Every week, SOEST now brings more than \$2M into Hawaii. In contrast, with the recent budget cuts, our State General funding is only 8% above that back in 1993, and much less when adjusted for inflation.

In closing, let me state clearly that (1) there is continued need for the University of Hawaii Research Training and Revolving Fund; and (2) the continued reinvestment of RTRF is critical to the State's most successful research enterprise, and the associated high-tech jobs and tech-transfer.

Mahalo for your consideration.



**Personal Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

Thursday, February 10, 2011  
9:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

By  
**Peter E. Crouch**

**SB120 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Chairperson Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

My name is **Peter Crouch**, Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide personal testimony in **opposition** of SB 120 which repeals certain special funds including those of the University of Hawaii and transfers balance to the State general funds.

SB120 proposes that in certain University of Hawaii special funds there is an excess of the requirements of the fund that may be transferred to the State General Fund. The College of Engineering will be extremely adversely affected by many of these restrictions. Let me concentrate on only four of the main impacts that will severely affect the Colleges operations and in many cases their direct impact on the Hawaii and its tax paying engineering and construction companies.

- Impact on research growth
- Impact on laboratory offerings for our undergraduate students (the future engineering work force of Hawaii)
- Impact on Tech Transfer in the University
- Impact on K-12 STEM Outreach

**Impact on research growth:** Research and Training Revolving Fund (RTRF) funds are returned to the College from the overhead on research grants it has won through state and national competitions. RTRF funding is the most important funding source to the College after the state investment. It is the mechanism by which the College gains flexibility to expand its activities not directly related to its teaching mission. One of the principal ways in which these funds are used is in building the College's research base by re-investment as seed funds in additional research projects and leveraging the existence of the great research units already on the UH Manoa campus, such as SOEST and IfA. When reinvested, RTRF funds bear more fruit in the form of income to the State and local high-tech jobs. If taken away, it robs the future of the College, University and the State.

RTRF is an economic multiplier. Reinvestment of research funds is critical. Short changing the Research and Training Revolving Fund would shortchange an important economic engine of the State and the Growth of the College of Engineering.

**Impact on laboratory offerings for our undergraduate students (the future engineering work force of Hawaii)**(Tuition and Special Fees): The College has recently been able to secure

differential program fee for Engineering. It will receive its first funds from this fee this year. The College is upgrading the teaching facilities, teaching laboratory equipment and supplementing technician support for student activities with these funds. Holmes Hall, which is nearly 50 years old, has not enjoyed substantial remodeling and now needs extensive remodeling and equipment renewal. Thus, relative to most engineering schools on the mainland where engineering has enjoyed continued focused state investment, because of its economic impact in terms of its graduating students, most laboratory facilities in the engineering College are terribly out of date. The proposed raid on the University's special fund will set back all of the planning and hopes of the students for enhanced facilities and equipment and again put our graduating engineering students at a disadvantage compared to students at other engineering schools on the mainland.

**Impact on Tech Transfer from the College:** The economic future of the State depends upon being able to diversify its portfolio of revenue generating industries and companies in those industries. Almost certainly, clean, high tech industry has to be an integral component in this process. While the UH science ventures play an important component in this process, the College of Engineering is, and should be, one of the principal components of actually effecting tech transfer through both its undergraduate and graduate students, who stay on Island and work for local companies, and also for the contributions it makes with ideas and innovation that are shared with local companies through the University tech transfer office and more informal mechanisms.

**Impact on K-12 STEM Outreach:** The College is extremely invested in the process of assisting the state in its K-12 STEM outreach efforts, and particularly focused on helping teachers in the K-12 system become better equipped in all STEM fields but especially engineering. The flexibility to participate in these activities is almost entirely due to the RTRF funds it receives. These funds allow the College to make temporary hires of staff to work on these programs and fulfill associated programmatic obligations. Without these efforts, as national trends indicate, the state, which is already a laggard in K-12 STEM education, will continue to leave its children without any opportunity to find high paying jobs in professions requiring STEM qualifications, including the engineering profession in the construction, engineering, high tech and dual use industries in Hawaii.

Once again I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in opposition of SB120 – specifically sections relating to the University of Hawaii. Mahalo for your consideration.



To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Dr. Noreen Mokuau

Date: 2/9/11

Subject: Opposition to SB 120 , Relating to State Funds

Senator Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Dr. Noreen Mokuau, I am the Dean of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and I am testifying today in opposition to SB 120, which repeals certain special funds and transfers balances to the state general fund.

This is a wide ranging bill that, if passed, will result in devastating effects to the entire community in many areas. As a social worker and the Dean of the MBT School of Social Work, I am very concerned about how the repealing of the specified special funds will affect the level and quality of services provided in such areas as mental health, substance abuse, disabilities, domestic violence, early child intervention, and public housing. I trust, however, that service providers and consumers will provide testimony in relation to these specific issues that will sufficiently illustrate the depth of the impact that will result from the passage of SB 120.

Similarly, you will hear testimony from the administration of the University of Hawaii as to how passage of SB 120 will negatively affect the operation of the university at a system and campus level. I would like to offer information in relation to how the School of Social Work, as an individual unit at the Manoa campus will be affected.

First, the University of Hawaii special funds that are specified in SB 120 provide individual academic units with the financial base that is necessary in order to do short and long term planning. If we did not have even a partial funding base that we could count on, future financial projections would be impossible and all planning would have to be tentative at best.

Relatedly, that partial funding base provides the school with the ability to make financial commitments for longer term projects. This, in turn, provides the ability for us to gain commitments for matching funding from the federal government and other sources. Without this kind of matching funding, we could not feasibly run such projects as our Distance Education Program, that extends professional social work training to the neighbor islands – crucial to meeting state workforce needs in underserved areas.

Some of the special funds specified in SB 120 also provide the means by which we run programs that have no other source of funding. This would include projects as the Hawaiian Learning Program – which supports Native Hawaiian students in the School of Social Work and provides specialized training for more effective intervention with Native Hawaiian populations and communities. This program would have to be terminated if SB 120 were to be passed into law.

Clearly, SB 120 does not serve the best interests of the University of Hawaii or the community as a whole. I therefore urge you to defeat this bill.

To whom it may concern:

This testimony is in **opposition** of SB 120, [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/bills/SB120 .pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/bills/SB120.pdf), which would repeal all UH special and revolving funds and transfer their balances to the state general fund. Along with dozens of other UH funds, this would delete the University's tuition and fees special fund as well as the UH student activities revolving fund, which includes all revenues received by chartered student organizations and student activity programs from student activities and programs.

I emphatically oppose this bill because of the highly devastating impact it would have on the University of Hawaii and all UH students. It is our right to decide how student-paid funding should be spent, such as on activities, programs, and events which benefit the **students and maintain the diverse, active, and enriching campus life at the University**. It is not only unfair, it is also unethical for our legislatures (who are supposed to have the people's long-term interests in mind) to be taking away funding necessary for improving education and opportunity in Hawaii. If passed, this bill will damage the reputation, quality, and student life at UH Manoa. Thus, I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

**Katrina Namnama**

Student Activity and Program Fee Board, Vice Chair  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Shidler College of Business, c/o Spring 2011

Dear Members of the Senate:

As Chair of the UH Department of Geology and Geophysics, I would like to tell you that I am STRONGLY **OPPOSED** to Senate Bill 120. Our Department currently does not have enough in its General Fund allocation to pay for all of our faculty and staff salaries. Thus, in addition to paying for some secretarial help, we rely heavily on our RTRF account to pay for support of our student computers, copy machines, printers, projectors, etc. We cannot operate our Department without this RTRF allocation.

Please do not pass this bill as it would devastate our Department and most others at UH.

Sincerely,

**Gregory Moore**, Chair

Department of Geology and Geophysics

University of Hawaii

February 9, 2011

Testimony **Against** Senate Bill 120

At the UHM Dept. of Theatre and Dance, the Fee Board subsidy for our production season, which has been awarded regularly for years, has been a pivotal part of funding Kennedy Theatre seasons. This is a direct result of the respect in which we are held by Student Activities and Programs Fee Board. Now with this SB 120 it will mean that this money will be gutted and the subsidy will not exist. Without it, our production program will have to be severely reduced and we'll have no means to use the season as a laboratory for acting, directing, design and audience 'page to stage' projects.

It is amazing that forty years of work is in danger of being erased by what appears to be a snap decision to appropriate money paid by students for a better learning environment for them on campus. The scope of affected programs is staggering in its range and the effect on many branches of the university would be incredibly destructive. This money was mandated to be levied on students and used to provide worthwhile educational and artistic programs for their benefit and enjoyment.

At UHM Theatre & Dance, we urge you to think more deeply before you use this money for purposes that go against the understandings on which it was mandated and allotted by those who voted for it and for which the BOR of the University gave its support.

Yours Faithfully,

**W. Dennis Carroll**

Chair

Theatre & Dance

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

By

**Dale M. Allison, PhD**, WHNP-BC, APRN-Rx, FNP, FAAN  
Chair, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong OPPOSITION** to this bill, SB 120, to the extent that it relates to Section 71 repealing the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") special fund and transfer the balance to the state general fund.

Act 198, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2003, established the HSCFN at the University of Hawaii, to conduct research on workforce issues for nurses and other assistive healthcare personnel. The establishment of the HSCFN created a nursing special fund by requiring each nurse to pay an additional fee of \$40 upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period. There are **no state or federal funds** in the HSCFN special fund. This is nursing money being used to define the state of the nursing workforce in Hawai'i. This is money specifically for nursing advancement, paid for by nurses.

I appreciate your continuing support of nursing healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

TO: SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: **Libby Young**, Windward Community College  
Student Newspaper Advisor, Ka 'Ohana

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY – **OPPOSING** SB120

I wish to testify in strong opposition to SB 120, calling for a repeal of UH special and revolving funds and transferring their balances to the state general fund. My opposition is based on 30 years' teaching experience and serving as the advisor to our award-winning newspaper, Ka 'Ohana.

The support provided to our publications fund through student fees is the lifeblood that keeps us publishing both the student newspaper and the campus literary magazine, Rain Bird. Without these funds, we would not be able to provide the hands-on skills and valuable real-life experience gained through these publications.

Students who work on the newspaper learn how to write effectively and take responsibility for producing factually accurate stories. They learn how to meet deadlines, work as a team and develop an awareness of issues that reach far beyond the classroom. They also learn the practical skills of desktop publishing, photography and page design as well as advertising and photography.

The newspaper has been the launching pad for students' careers over the years, helping them win internships and compete on a par with four-year journalism majors. The account covers the bulk of our printing, computer and equipment costs, without which we couldn't function.

We understand the economic challenges facing the state, but we see the funds provided as a way to support a vital part of how we communicate as a campus and move higher education forward.

## **Opposition to SB120**

Barbara Yee's Personal Testimony(2-9-10)  
Senate Ways and Means Committee SB120  
Thursday, February 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Dear Chair and Senator Ige, Vice Chair Senator Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

My name is **Barbara Yee** and I am a Professor and Chair, Family and Consumer Sciences with the University of Hawaii at Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). I would like to provide personal testimony in **OPPOSITION** to SB120. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i or CTAHR.

As a former member of the Advisory Committee for Research on Women Health at the National Institutes of Health, and social behavioral scientist conducting research on health of families and Asian and Pacific Islanders, I strongly oppose SB120. It will produce long term and negative consequences for the people of Hawaii, social service agencies and charities, and UH. This bill eliminates essential funding to support programs that help our most vulnerable citizens. It also denies investment in Hawai'i's human and social capital (future citizens of Hawai'i), and severely damages the research infrastructure and foundation for the innovation sectors of the Hawaii economy—a negative legacy that will last two or three generations.

First and foremost, it would damage the safety net for our most vulnerable citizens and the health of the general public, diminishing future potential of our citizens and damage our long term economic viability (domestic violence victims, matching federal funds for many programs, health and safety, mental health and substance abuse, water resources and safety, convention center enterprises, and early intervention and prevention services, and health promotion such as use of tobacco funds for cancer center, and smoking cessation).

Second and equally important, is this bill directly affects and eliminates UH student support such as for Native Hawaiian and low income student tuition support, alumni funds gifted to support UH and student government activities for active democratic engagement of our students. Without these dedicated special funds, low income and underserved students will not be able to complete their education. Sweeping the tuition fund indicates that this State is not willing to invest in our future. This action will hinder the future potential of the brightest in Hawaii who have little resources to pursue a college education anywhere. Such a waste of intellectual capital!

Third, with elimination of special funds such as UH capital improvement, Mauna Kea Lands management, or RTRF will directly lower our already low Indirect Cost rate that UH has been able to negotiate. Research expenditures must be made in capital improvements, facilities, equipment, and staff in prior years in order to generate a sufficient federal indirect rate. As important, sweeping RTRF will give short term benefits to Hawaii, but reap long term negative multiplier effects throughout the

economy for decades. The indirect Cost rate for UHM is probably the lowest of any Research Intensive University in the U.S. and in the context of the highest cost of living and doing research, is extremely problematic. For example, UHM has to bring in almost one and a half times as many research grant dollars to generate an equivalent amount of indirect dollars (UHM rate of 36.7% versus 58%+) as they would have at other universities. This leads to a vicious downward spiral of diminishing resources to provide the infrastructure for innovation, lead to an absence of diversification toward clean sector economies, and bleak economic outlook for our children and our state.

Moreover, the use of these special funds for any expenditures other than research or educational support is regarded as improper billing in grant audits, and is a direct violation of federal guidelines (GAO, Sept. 8, 2010; <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d10937high.pdf>).

This bill would have a chilling effect on innovation and research enterprises in Hawai'i and across the Pacific. This policy will hinder current and future research enterprises which may make Hawaii an energy sustainable state, or cure cancer and other diseases that produce negative health outcomes for Native Hawaiians, and people in Hawaii or across the Pacific Islands. This bill would impose great reluctance and a wide sweeping moratorium on allocation of funds by the federal government, venture capitalists, or companies who might consider investing research dollars in Hawaii. These negative outcomes would be a direct result the proposed state policy that diverts the use of these special funds from innovative research infrastructure and investment in our human capital generated by grants, student fees, to what is defined by the GAO as an inappropriate expenditure. SB120 will increase the reluctance of investment in Hawaii universities, state organizations and non-profits because the state will be viewed as unreliable in its use of funds to support dedicated purposes and diverted away from its intended purpose. This detrimental bill would send an international message to NIH, companies, and venture capitalists (significant part of Hawai'i's economy) that this important research and educational project should not be done in Hawaii.

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

Barbara Yee  
[Dragonboomber@aol.com](mailto:Dragonboomber@aol.com)  
Honolulu, HI



Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to write to you with respect to SB 120. My name is **Christopher Dunn** and I wish to express my strong **opposition** to a provision in SB 120 that would permit the transfer of the Special Funds of the University of Hawai'i to pay for central service expenses of the State government.

Appropriating UH funds is, in my opinion, misguided. As director of the University of Hawai'i Lyon Arboretum, I am obligated to provide a safe environment for all visitors, guests, and staff.

Our mission is to provide outstanding environmental and cultural programming for the general public that reflects and respects the rich natural and cultural diversity of Hawai'i.

However, because we must acquire and maintain safety equipment, maintain our trails, trim hazardous trees, and make safety-related repairs to our facility with Special Funds, we could not guarantee public safety if such funds were retained for other State purposes. We would effectively have to close the Lyon Arboretum to the public and staff, a prospect that would be a great disservice to the community and the State.

With our Special Funds (which have already been drastically reduced during the past few years), we provide enormous benefits to the people of Hawai'i by:

- Maintaining a safe and enjoyable experience throughout our grounds for all visitors, guests, and staff
- Maintaining facilities and equipment in a manner that accommodates all people, with or without disabilities
- Providing approximately 15,000 instructional hours to 10,000 GK-12 students, delivering curriculum content, including STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) content aligned with National Science Standards as well as Hawai'i State Standards
- Serving public, private, charter and home schooled students
- Guaranteeing the survival and recovery of the rare native plants of Hawai'i. We have the only plant micropropagation facility in the entire State. 16,000 plants, of 160 of Hawaii's rarest plants would be lost. Some plants no longer occur in the wild. If we were forced to terminate our programs, the world would lose unique plants once and for all
- Restoring ancient lo'i on Arboretum grounds
- Maintaining a Hawaiian Native Species Garden
- Maintaining a Hawaiian Ethnobotanical Garden
- Erecting a Hawaiian hale
- Supporting a staff that excels in education, Hawaiian culture, conservation, and horticulture

We are critically under-staffed and rely heavily on Special Funds to supplement G-funded staff. With General Funds (G-funds) alone, we could support only a skeleton staff. Our ability to provide services to the community is dependent on Special Funds. In fact, I would suggest that the Lyon Arboretum desperately needs considerably more funding, not less, given the level at which we meaningfully impact our community and State via STEM-based education programming and unique and essential plant and cultural conservation programs.

With all due respect, I request that the provisions to permit the transfer of the Special Funds of the University of Hawai'i be rescinded. Again, thank you for the opportunity to participate in the deliberative process and to express my views on this serious matter.

Me ke aloha,  
Christopher P. Dunn, PhD

TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee

February 9, 2011

From: Teri L. Skillman, UH Manoa Library

RE: Vote NO on SB 120

Dear Senators Ige and Kidani, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee :

I am writing to request that you vote **NO** on SB 120 which will repeal all UH Manoa special and revolving funds and transfer their balances to the state general fund.

The UH Manoa Library uses special and revolving funds extensively. Not only do salaries for APT positions come out of Special Funds, it is the only way that the UHM Library is able to support outreach activities for the Oahu community with programs that build ties and bridges to the University. The Library's Outreach programs are free and open to the public. As the Events and Communications Coordinator for the UHM Library, I have organized the following in the 2 ½ years that I have held the position:

- 2 film festivals,
- 18 gallery exhibits,
- the Grand Re-Opening of the flood renovated Ground floor,
- Hawaii Food Bank collection and fundraiser,
- participation in 3 consecutive Historic Preservation Days at the Capitol,
- International Education Week,
- United Nations week,
- 23 Faculty Lectures,
- 15 Special Lectures,
- Library Tours for Manoa Experience and Warrior Welcome Week,
- Open House for the UHM Library,
- 6 Webinars,
- Seminars,
- Receptions for donors who gift items to Special Library Collections,
- Star Gazing activities,
- Workshops, and
- Training sessions.

Without this position, there will not be any Outreach to the UHM campus or to the broader community. In order to build support with our community, it is crucial that the Library creates avenues for patrons to connect with us and our collections. We are the backbone of the research university and we rely on special and revolving funds to help support a myriad of positions and programs that benefit a broad and diverse community.

Please, vote **NO** on SB120.

Sincerely,

*Teri L. Skillman*

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February 9, 2011

TO: Hawaii Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: William F. Prucha, MS, CRC

RE: SB-120 -- in **opposition** to proposed devastation of special funds

Dear Clayton Hee and Malama Solomon, et al:

Although I can appreciate the fiscal responsibility and important decisions being made during this tough economic time, I must oppose the broad sweeping removal of support for so many funds and their impact on service delivery in a state of Hawaii..

As a practicing vocational consultant here on Maui for the past eight years and current advisory board and faculty member for the UH graduate program in vocational rehabilitation, I must stand firmly opposed to the proposed budget cuts for operations that will greatly affect students pass the university but also every aspect of life here in the islands, ranging from services to our ohana as well as the many visitors.. This decline in funding would accelerate deterioration of a sound support base for life as we know it here in the islands. The beach repair alone would be visible evidence of a changing environment, both **physically and fiscally**.

I truly understand your difficult job of identifying where funding can be reduced however I would ask that we look very carefully at the total impact this will have. Surely, there are other avenues for generating additional revenue. I ask that we all explore more of those options rather than the apparent blanket removal of support for so many important programs.

For additional information please contact me at 808-575-7304.

Sincerely,

**// Original Signed //**

William F. Prucha, MS, CRC

Vocational Consultant

UH Faculty and Advisory Board for Kinesiology & Rehabilitation Science

February 09, 2011

Hawaii State Legislature  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Re: Opposition to SB120

Dear Senators,

I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and I am writing this letter to document my **strong opposition to SB 120** which is being sponsored by Clayton Hee and Malama Solomon. In my personal and professional opinion, this bill has no merit and should be dismissed immediately.

This ill-conceived bill would repeal all special and revolving funds for a variety of timely and critical services including, but not limited to: spouse and child abuse intervention, public housing revolving fund, small business assistance, clean air, mental health and substance abuse, birth defects, emergency medical services, domestic violence and sexual assault, library special fund, UH athletics, UH alumni, UH student activities, UH student tuition, UH capital improvements, RTRF, Natural Area Reserve Fund, community health centers, water resource management, state parks, and energy security. These special funds clearly support critical areas within the state where state support should be increasing, not decreasing. Importantly, it is completely unclear how the critical needs covered by these special funds would be met if special and revolving funds were eliminated. Without a clear and coherent plan to keep funding for these programs at sustained, high levels, any mention of repealing them should be disregarded as irrational and socially irresponsible.

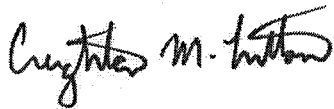
As a faculty member in the University of Hawaii system, I am particularly troubled by the proposed repeal of UH and RTRF funds. The past administration in Hawaii made it perfectly clear to the residents of this state that education was not a priority, and as a result education from Kindergarten to University has suffered tremendously in the past two years. This is a short-sighted and dangerous attitude. Hawaii will be little in the future without a well-educated public. In addition, the University of Hawaii is one of the best money making machines in the state, returning more than \$5 to the local economy for every \$1 that the state invests in it. Finally, the funds that are being proposed for repeal are the very funds that the University was forced to rely upon when the State Legislature cut University funding severely over the past two years. If the University system loses this funding now, it will have no capacity to deal with future state budget cuts in funding. Unfortunately, it will be the youth of Hawaii that will suffer the most if this happens, and as the youth lose educational opportunities, so goes the fate of the entire state.

In addition to my opposition to repeal of special and revolving funding to the UH system, I am deeply troubled by the proposed loss of funding to the many other critical State-supported

programs that would be impacted by the passage of this bill. In particular, additional loss of funding to the Natural Area Reserve System (NARS) would be a travesty. NARS has already born large cuts in State funding in the past two years. The NARS program protects the jewels of the natural ecological systems in Hawaii. These ecosystems are found nowhere else in the world, provide critical habitat for rare and endangered species numbering in the 100s, are facing increasing pressure from invasive species and climate change, and provide irreplaceable natural classrooms for youth and public education about natural resources and their management in Hawaii. As with the University of Hawaii, the NARS program should be targeted for increased funding.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have. I urge you to end all deliberation on SB 120 and to not proceed with anything remotely similar to it in the future. The State of Hawaii and its Legislature face difficult economic times that necessitate creativity and long-term vision, not short-sighted "band-aids".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Creighton M. Litton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C".

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February 9, 2011

TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Susan Hippensteele  
Chair, Manoa Faculty Senate

RE: Testimony **Opposing** SB 120-RELATING TO STATE FUNDS  
February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

University of Hawai'i at Manoa faculty are proud members of this community. We work, raise our children, eat, and play here in Hawai'i. Many of us have been part of the campus, and larger community for decades. Some of us were born and raised in Hawai'i, some arrived here as students, some came at the start of, or during, exciting and challenging careers as educators and researchers. Regardless of how long we have resided in the State, we share with colleagues, neighbors, and friends, concern that if passed, SB 120 will have a devastating impact on public health and safety, the environment, K-12 and higher education, and overall quality of life in our communities.

Special funds were created to empower state agencies to address a multitude of important public concerns including: historic preservation; acquisition and preservation of local art; reducing the health and safety impact of tobacco use; food security; public and environmental health and safety; emergency medical services; mental health and substance abuse; family violence; public housing assistance; beach restoration; maintenance of parks, forest and nature reserves; aquaculture development; water resource management; irrigation, dam and reservoir repair and maintenance; energy security; economic development including commercial fisheries, television and film, and high technology; teacher standards; and K-12 and higher education operations and student support.

Special funds allow state agencies the predictability and flexibility to meet operational demands. In many instances, special create incentives and opportunities for programs to generate additional revenue, thus reducing the need for expenditure of general funds and reducing overall cost to the State of providing public services.

Like our friends and neighbors, Manoa faculty recognize the economic realities our State is facing. We realize there may be certain special funds that have outlived their original intent and usefulness. But we also recognize that most of those identified in SB

120 have not – they remain in vital service to our communities. We know this because we study and teach in virtually all the critical areas I've just listed.

Faculty concern for the impact of SB 120 on public higher education is very real. I will not reiterate the specific threats it poses to campus operations, student access, and student success at the University of Hawai'i other than to note that there are certain to be severe effects on student programs, athletics, class size, hiring of lecturers, marketing innovations, and various community outreach programs including those in education and medicine. President Greenwood has provided the University's position on this bill and has outlined the purpose and intent of each of the UH special funds at risk. Moreover, you are all aware that public higher education in Hawai'i is unlikely to survive another round of budget cuts as extreme as those we've absorbed since FY 2008-2009 – whether in the form of swept special funds or reductions in general funds. The same is true for other state agencies and programs supported in whole or in part by the special funds identified in SB 120.

Vital services to our communities, whether addressing the environment, public health, economic development, or education, must be maintained. It is your duty, and ours as a faculty of the only public research university in the State, to continue to serve the people of this State by ensuring that we can continue to meet their needs through stable, sustainable, and effective fiscal practices. As educators we *must* be allowed to continue teaching and conducting research in all the critical areas that would be affected by passage of this bill.

Eliminating special funds (or reducing agency budgets by comparable amounts) will cause tremendous, perhaps irreparable, damage to public health and safety, the environment, K-12 and higher education, and overall quality of life in the State.

Perhaps it is time to shift the conversation in a more useful direction: finding new revenue streams that will enable the State to provide the infrastructure, public and environmental safety, services, and opportunities the people of the State of Hawai'i need and deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Repeal special and revolving funds

BILL NUMBER: SB 120

INTRODUCED BY: Solomon and 3 Democrats

BRIEF SUMMARY: Repeals the following on July 1, 2011:

6E-16	Hawaii historic preservation fund
21D-5	Hawaii Legislative publications special fund
27G-6	Access Hawaii committee special fund
28-15	Tobacco enforcement special fund
28-91.5	Medicaid investigations recovery fund
36-32	State educational facilities improvement special fund
88-224	Contribution fund
103-8.5	Works of art special fund
109-3	Stadium special fund
109-9	Kapolei recreational sports complex special fund
138-3	Wireless enhanced 911 fund
141-2.7	Aquaculture development special fund
141-10	Agricultural development and food security special fund
142-28.5	Animal quarantine special fund
148-67	Seal of quality special fund
157-29	Milk control special fund
166-10	Agricultural park special fund
166E-7	Non-agricultural park lands special fund
167-22.5	Irrigation water development special fund
167-24	Irrigation repair and maintenance special fund
171-156	Beach restoration special fund
174C-5.5	Water resource management fund
179D-25	Establishment of dam and reservoir safety special fund
184-3.4	State parks special fund
187A-9.5	Sport fish special fund
189-2.4	Commercial fisheries special fund
195-9	Natural area reserve fund
195F-4	Forest stewardship fund
201-12.8	Energy security special fund
201-113	Hawaii television and film development special fund
201B-8	Convention center enterprise special fund
201B-11	Tourism special fund
201N-11	Renewable energy facility siting special fund
206E-157	Public facility revenue bond special fund

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206E-186 Special facility revenue bond special fund  
206M-15.5 High technology special fund  
211F-5.7 Hydrogen investment capital special fund  
212-9 Foreign trade zone special fund  
219-4 Aquaculture loan revolving fund  
225M-7 Statewide geospatial information and data integration special fund  
227D-5 Natural energy laboratory of Hawaii authority special fund  
235-20.5 Tax administration special fund  
245-41.5 Cigarette tax stamp administrative special fund  
269-33 Public utilities commission special fund  
286G-2 Driver education and training fund  
302A-707 Felix stipend program special fund  
302A-806 Hawaii teacher standards board special fund  
302A-1504.5 School level minor repairs and maintenance special fund  
304A-704 Rules governing Hawaii educator loan program special fund  
304A-2151 University of Hawaii risk management special fund  
304A-2152 University of Hawaii at Manoa malpractice special fund  
304A-2153 University of Hawaii tuition and fee special fund  
304A-2154 Statewide information technology and services special fund  
304A-2155 Library special fund  
304A-2156 University of Hawaii community services special fund  
304A-2157 University of Hawaii auxiliary enterprises special fund  
304A-2158 Western governors university special fund  
304A-2159 University of Hawaii scholarship and assistance special fund  
304A-2160 State higher education loan fund  
304A-2161 Hawaii educator loan program special fund  
304A-2162 Community colleges special fund  
304A-2163 Center for nursing special fund  
304A-2164 Hawaii medical education special fund  
304A-2165 State aquarium special fund  
304A-2166 University of Hawaii West Oahu special fund  
304A-2167.5 University revenue undertakings special fund  
304A-2168 Hawaii cancer research special fund  
304A-2169 Energy systems development special fund  
304A-2170 Mauna Kea lands management special fund  
304A-2171 John A. Burns school of medicine special fund  
304A-2172 UH capital improvements program project assessment special fund  
304A-2251 UH commercial enterprises revolving fund  
304A-2252 Child care programs revolving fund  
304A-2253 Research and training revolving fund  
304A-2254 Discoveries and inventions revolving fund  
304A-2255 Student health center revolving fund  
304A-2256 Transcript and diploma revolving fund  
304A-2257 University of Hawaii student activities revolving fund  
304A-2258 University of Hawaii housing assistance revolving fund  
304A-2259 University of Hawaii alumni revolving fund  
304A-2260 University of Hawaii graduate application revolving fund

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- 304A-2261 UH at Manoa intercollegiate athletics revolving fund and UH at Hilo intercollegiate athletics revolving fund
- 304A-2262 Animal research farm, Waialeale, Oahu revolving fund
- 304A-2263 Seed distribution program; revolving fund
- 304A-2264 Conference center revolving fund; UH at Manoa
- 304A-2265 International exchange healthcare tourism revolving fund
- 304A-2266 Education laboratory school summer programs revolving fund
- 304A-2267 Center for labor education and research revolving fund
- 304A-2268 Career and technical training projects revolving fund; UH at Hilo
- 304A-2269 Community college and UH at Hilo bookstore revolving fund
- 304A-2270 Hawaiian language college revolving fund
- 304A-2271 UH at Hilo theater revolving fund
- 304A-2272 Conference center revolving fund; UH at Hilo
- 304A-2273 Community college conference center revolving fund
- 304A-2274 UH real property and facilities use revolving fund
- 304A-2275 University parking revolving fund
- 312-3.6 Libraries special fund
- 312-22 Library fee for enhanced services special fund
- 321-1.3 Domestic violence and sexual assault special fund
- 321-1.4 Office of health care assurance special fund
- 321-1.65 Community health centers special fund
- 321-22.5 Trauma system special fund
- 321-27 Sanitation and environmental health special fund
- 321-234 Emergency medical services special fund
- 321-355 Early intervention special fund
- 321-426 Birth defects special fund
- 321-XXXV Public health nursing services special fund
- 321H-4 Neurotrauma special fund
- 323D-12.6 State health planning and development special fund
- 327-24 Hawaii organ and tissue education special fund
- 328L-2 Hawaii tobacco settlement special fund
- 334-15 Mental health and substance abuse special fund
- 338-14.6 Vital statistics improvement special fund
- 340B-3.5 Wastewater treatment certification board special fund
- 342B-32 Clean air special fund
- 342G-63 Environmental management special fund
- 342P-7 Noise, radiation, and indoor air quality special fund
- 342P-8 Asbestos and lead abatement special fund
- 346-7.5 Spouse and child abuse special account, DHS
- 346-318 Rx plus special fund
- 346-345 State pharmacy assistance special fund
- 346-377 Housing first special fund
- 348F-7 Disability and communication access board special fund
- 351-62.5 Crime victim compensation special fund
- 353C-7 Federal reimbursement maximization special fund
- 356D-28 Public housing revolving fund
- 383-121 Unemployment compensation fund

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373-127	Special unemployment insurance administration fund
383-128	Employment and training fund
431:22-102	Loss mitigation grant fund
448B-10	Dietitian licensure special fund
467B-15	Solicitation of funds for charitable purposes special fund
502-8	Bureau of conveyances special fund
601-3.6	Spouse and child abuse special account
601-3.7	Judiciary computer system special fund
706-603	DNA registry special fund
706-649	Probation services special fund
706-650	Drug demand reduction assessments special fund

On July 1, 2011, the director of finance shall: (1) transfer any remaining balances as of June 30, 2011 to the credit of the state general fund; (2) identify any special funds that are repealed in this act that contain or receive deposits from any federal funding source and transfer the portions of those balances consisting of federal funds into corresponding separate special accounts within the general fund to enable the continuation of the purposes funded by the federal funding sources.

Directs the legislative reference bureau to prepare conforming legislation to amend the statutes affected by the sections repealed and submit the proposed legislation to the 2012 legislative session.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**STAFF COMMENTS:** This measure repeals various special and revolving funds of various state agencies and departments. Due to the state budget shortfall, lawmakers are searching for moneys to cover that shortfall and are tapping the various non-general funds of the state.

It should be noted that the transfer of moneys from special funds to the general fund was found to be unconstitutional. In Hawaii Insurers Council v. Lingle, Hawaii Supreme Court, No. 27840, December 18, 2008, the court found that the transfer of moneys held in a special fund to the general fund was unconstitutional under the separation of powers doctrine. The court determined that the assessments that were deposited into a special fund were regulatory fees since they were imposed because they were: (1) imposed by a regulatory agency; (2) the agency placed the moneys in a special fund; and (3) the money was not used for a general purpose but to defray expenses generated by the insurers. The transfer of moneys from the special fund to the general fund was unconstitutional because it made the fees collected by the agency for a specific purpose as if they were derived from general tax revenues. The court found that the legislature's bills to transfer the moneys from the special fund to the general fund resulted in an "impermissible blurring of the distinction between the executive power to assess regulatory fees and the legislative power to tax for general purposes." In a preliminary opinion from the state attorney general, transfers from the compliance resolution fund may be unconstitutional, since the transfer of moneys from that fund was the basis for the Hawaii Insurers Council case.

This measure also proposes to transfer monies out of the Medicaid investigations recovery fund; however, an earlier opinion by the attorney general also cautioned about the transfer of more than \$1.5 million from this fund as any transfer of more than this amount would have adverse consequences on the operations of the Medicaid Investigations Division. The attorney general also stated that the transfer of moneys from the works of art special fund and the rental assistance revolving fund, as proposed in this

measure, may also have adverse consequences because general obligation bond funds have been used to fund these funds. This is a valid point that can also be made for those special funds that hold receipts of bond proceeds or are set up to make repayments of bonds previously issued. Similarly, special funds mandated by federal edict such as the "911 Wireless Fund" to provide matching contributions from the federal government probably should not be repealed.

That said, what this measure underscores is the growing problem of "hiding" sums of money in various funds, other than being deposited into the general fund. Prior to the 1990 's special funds were a rarity, limited largely to the transportation activities where special funds had to set those revenues from the highways and airports aside to qualify for matching federal funds. Even the regulatory fees of the department of commerce and consumer affairs went into the state general fund and then were doled out through the appropriation process to cover the operating costs of the various regulatory activities.

However, once specific special funds were created, like those for the insurance industry, funds collected from the industry had to be used to benefit that particular industry. This is where the courts stepped in and ruled in favor of the Hawaii Insurers Council. Had the money gone into the general fund and then be appropriated back to cover the activities, the courts would not have ruled as they did. That's because the oversight was provided by the legislature in determining the appropriateness of not only the fees charged but the expenses of running the program.

It should be remembered that the 1990 legislature directed the State Auditor to evaluate all special and revolving funds as of July 1, 1990 and recommend whether they should be continued or eliminated. The Auditor is also to examine any new or proposed special or revolving funds which would decrease general fund revenues. While the Auditor had a completion date of 1995, the review was completed in 1992. The Auditor's report noted that, "Special funds give agencies full control of these unappropriated cash reserves, provide a way to skirt the general fund expenditure ceiling, and over time erode the general fund. Many experts say that special funds are likely to hamper budget administration. And from a legislative perspective, they are less desirable because they are not fully controlled by the appropriation process."

Given the findings of the Auditor and the current financial crisis, it is quite clear that the creation of numerous special funds has eroded the integrity of state finances. Moneys in special funds are neither subject to the general fund expenditure limitation nor to the close scrutiny that general funds are subject to in the budgeting process. Special funds which earmark general fund revenues cannot be justified as they restrict budget flexibility, create inefficiencies, and lessen accountability.

There is no doubt that carving out portions from the general fund has created the lack of funds lawmakers face each year. Such a shortfall will inevitably lead to a call for tax increases even though money abounds in these special funds. One only has to review the measures introduced each year which set up numerous new special funds or add new fees or charges, the receipts of which are earmarked for special funds, to see the prolific establishment of special funds.

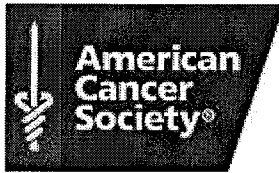
As has been consistently noted, these fees were increased or approved and earmarked for totally irrelevant programs. The result has been this mismatch of either not enough funds to carry out the program or, as in these cases, an excess of funds that then become the target for a raid. Lawmakers should learn a lesson and repeal many of the earmarked sources and their special funds and cease from creating any more new special funds or earmarking any more revenues for such worthy causes.

Finally, these numerous special funds create an even more serious legal problem and that is, the circumvention of the state general fund spending ceiling. Inasmuch as many of the programs which have set up their own special funds used to be beneficiaries of the state general fund, funding of these programs is no longer subject to the general fund spending limit, but had they remain funded with general funds, the growth of these programs would have been measured against the spending limit yardstick. Thus, by spinning these programs off into special fund financing, the growth of government that the constitutional limit was supposed to have measured has become obscured, contributing to the problem that the administration and legislators are trying to address. The bottom line is that state government has grown faster than the economy that is being called upon to support that growth, a formula for self-destruction.

Returning many of these programs to general fund funding will allow lawmakers flexibility in moving resources among programs as priorities dictate, and indeed it will allow lawmakers to set priorities among the various state programs. No doubt there will be gnashing of teeth as program beneficiaries plead for the salvation of their various special funds, but if lawmakers are to resolve the serious budget shortfall, they need to begin with bringing many of these programs back under the control and review of the legislators. If lawmakers continue to condone such special funds, then they might as well earmark all revenues of the state and vote themselves out of existence as there would then be no need for a legislative body to appropriate state funds.

Thus, adoption of this measure is the first step in regaining control over state finances. These funds should be repealed unless administrators can submit a good legal reason why they should not be repealed. Those programs that have been so blessed in the past will now have to come back each and every year to report about their stewardship of the funds they have been given to run their programs. Lawmakers will have every right to demand evaluation of the program's performance before doling out even more money. This is the very least lawmakers owe their taxpaying constituencies. Returning these programs to general fund financing will improve accountability and transparency.

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February 8, 2011

Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

**Hearing:**

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2011  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211

**RE: SB120 – Relating to State Funds**

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of Committee on Ways and Means. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong **opposition** of SB120 which attempts to address the budget shortfall by repealing numerous special funds and transferring the balances into the state general fund.

We will limit our testimony and comments to the repeal of the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund (pg.106), the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund (pg. 154), and the Community Health Centers Special Fund (pg. 141).

As many of you know, the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific Inc., is a community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer and saving lives through research.

**The Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund** – This fund was established in the 2006 as a result of passage of Hawaii’s cigarette tax increase, and receives cigarette tax proceeds from a portion of the revenues collect by the state. Moneys to the fund are used to help underwrite the construction of the new Hawaii Cancer Center in Kakaako. A portion of these funds are also being used to conduct clinical trials on Maui, thus eliminating the need for patients to travel to Honolulu or the mainland.

**The Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund** – Established in 1999 to receive the annual payment from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), this fund is presently allocated for the following purposes:

- 15% - Emergency & Budget Reserve Fund
- 25% - Department of Health
- 6.5% - Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund
- 28% - University Revenue Undertaking Fund (JABSOM)
- 25.5% - State General Fund.

Due in large part to the MSA funding, Hawaii has made great progress in reducing both our adult and youth smoking rates. We now have the fifth lowest smoking rate in the nation. However, there are disparate population groups including, Native Hawaiians, Micronesians, and the mentally ill, that have smoking rates in excess of 30% - double the adult smoking rate of 15.4%.

**Community Health Centers Special Fund** – This fund was also established in 2006 to receive a percentage of the cigarette tax increase. In addition to being Hawaii’s safety-net medical care provider, our community health centers also provide follow-up cancer care for many of our rural, underinsured, and uninsured residents.

**Dire Impact** – All three of these funds play a vital role in the prevention and treatment of cancers. The repeal of the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund will mean that construction of our new Cancer Center will be stalled, and over 100 clinical trials could be terminated or drastically curtailed. Additionally, there is the very strong possibility that our Cancer Center will lose its National Cancer Institute designation, thus eliminating ongoing research projects.

Repealing the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund will mean the end of tobacco control as we know it in Hawaii. Smoking rates will increase and along with it the incidents of lung cancer, as well as, other tobacco related cancers. We will also see an increase in hospitalizations and deaths by heart attack.

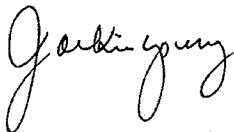
Without the revenues from Community Health Centers Special Fund, many of our community health centers will be in dire straits. Several will be forced to close their doors and the others will have to cut services drastically. Many residents will not receive needed medical care. Follow-up cancer care will become non-existent.

In closing, we acknowledge that Hawaii is facing an economic downturn that could continue for another year or possibly two. Because of this, we need to ensure that our special funds remain intact; that there is money for clinical trials, cancer treatments and research; that, both our tobacco prevention and control efforts remain intact; and that there are sufficient funds to support our vital community health center safety net.

**We respectfully request that the committee remove the repeals of the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund, the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund, and the Community Health Centers Special Fund**

Mahalo for giving us the opportunity to provide testimony regarding our concerns and extreme anxieties over this difficult issue.

Very truly yours,



**Jackie Young, Ph.D.**  
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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

February 10, 2011

by

Donna Vuchinich

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**SB 210 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee:

The University of Hawai'i Foundation **opposes** the passage of SB210 as it relates to the repeal of the University of Hawai'i special and revolving funds. We have serious concerns about the impact diminished funds to key programs and operations will make on the University of Hawai'i's ability to fulfill its mission as a resource for our state, and as a builder of our future.

Now more than ever, our University plays a pivotal role in shaping our State's future. Our unique integrated university system educates our workforce for sectors as diverse as the trades, healthcare, education and hospitality and tourism. Our alumni are not only the workers but the innovators who create future industry and economy. Now is the time to maintain funding or increase investment in our education system. To cut now, would decimate the great strides our University has made and continues to make with President Greenwood at the helm.

The revenues and fees were collected for the purpose of supporting public higher education through funding programs that support students and help them succeed. We do not support the transfer of these monies to the State general fund.

We oppose the passage of this bill with any repeal of special and revolving funds to the University of Hawai'i and its programs.

*Thank you for the opportunity to present our concerns with regard to this measure.*



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**SB 210 – RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Chair Solomon and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee:

This bill will hurt our community and undermine Hawaii's future. We, as officers of the University of Hawai'i Alumni Association **oppose** the passage of SB210 as it relates to the repeal of the University of Hawaii special and revolving funds. We do not support taking revenues and fees that were collected for the purpose of financially supporting the University of Hawaii's programs and operations and transferring these monies to the State general fund. Repealing of these funds meant for public higher education and student success jeopardizes the University of Hawaii's ability to maintain autonomy. It is fiscally prudent to have special and revolving funds for the University of Hawaii in order to efficiently and effectively manage its business. Should SB 120 be enacted in its current form, areas such as the University of Hawaii's special programs, housing, financial assistance, private and community support through the Foundation, infrastructure maintenance and improvement; all critical to the University of Hawaii in providing a quality educational experience for Hawaii's students would be in jeopardy.

The goal for access to quality public higher education in the State of Hawaii should be to keep our best and brightest students right here in Hawaii. An investment in our own keiki is a critical investment in Hawaii's future. An investment in our University is an investment in Hawaii's future.

We are proud alumni of this great University and are grateful for the quality experience and education we received at the University of Hawaii. We are now over 267,000 alumni strong with more than 80% of us living right here in the State of Hawaii. Let us keep that legacy alive and growing by investing in our only public institution for higher education, our alma mater. Repealing special and revolving funds that support student success will take us in the opposite direction.

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We oppose the passage of this bill with any repeal of special and revolving funds to the University of Hawaii and its programs.

*Thank you for the opportunity to present our concerns with regard to this measure.*

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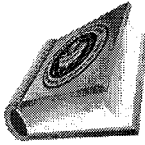
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## Written Testimony on SB 120

Presented to the Senate Ways and Means Committee  
February 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.  
Capitol Conference Room 211

by

Devika Wasson

Chair, Board of Publications, University of Hawaii Mānoa

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Publications (BOP) is a Chartered Student Organization of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, comprised of nine student members, three faculty/staff members, one professional member, and one alumni member. As a student governing board, the BOP is responsible for providing the necessary management and fiscal oversight for its publications, programs and services including *Ka Leo O Hawai'i*, the student newspaper of UH Manoa, and *Hawai'i Review*, the campus literary journal, and *Ka Lamakua*, a web-based arts 'zine 2011. The BOP highly **opposes** SB 120 particularly Section 87: 304A-2257, repealing the University of Hawaii student activities revolving fund and transferring the money to the State of Hawai'i.

The Campus Center, whose accounts are part of the University Revenue-Undertakings fund, strives to be a self-sustaining operation. As such, the revenue it generates is used for ongoing operational and maintenance of the building. In other words, these funds are used to directly impact the students of the UH Mānoa campus by providing us with a student union building that provides a central meeting space and an array of services and activities that enrich campus life and the educational experiences at UH Mānoa. The Campus Center not only serves the needs of the UHM students, like those on the BOP and in its programs, but also that of the greater university community, including faculty, staff and the general public.

The proposed transfer of funds, in effect, penalizes Chartered Student Organizations (CSOs) by negating their long-range planning and fiscal management efforts. The proposed transfer of funds will negatively affect the quality of campus and student life since fewer funds will be available for programs and services that enrich the educational experience for UH Mānoa students. Furthermore, this transfer would also encourage the student organizations to maintain low to no fund balances for fear of further such transfers in the future. To make up the difference in fund balance reductions, the CSOs may propose to raise its student fees, which would increase the financial burden on UH Mānoa students.

In addition, the Board of Publications, along with other Chartered Student Organizations, earns interest income on its fund balance and counts on this interest as part of its annual revenue that is put towards the operation of its publications – *Ka Leo O Hawai‘i*, the student newspaper of UH Manoa, and *Hawai‘i Review*, the campus literary journal. The BOP is also planning to re-launch *Ka Lamakua*, a web-based arts ‘zine 2011. Our publications are vital to the University community, not only providing news, commentary, arts and features to our constituents, but also providing real-world, hands-on experience to a multitude of students– including a couple of current legislators – in the areas of journalism, creative writing, production and advertising. Transferring any part of the funds utilized by the BOP would mean a hefty cut to an already lean budget and would result in the reduction of our products, including cutting of *Ka Leo* and *Hawai‘i Review* issues, and officially discontinuing *Ka Lamakua*. Or worse case scenario, discontinuing all of our student-run programs.

Even more importantly, the BOP would be forced to reduce the opportunities available to students by limiting the number of participants in our programs, which is something all CSOs would be faced with if interest income on student activity fund balances are swept.

While we certainly understand the State’s revenue shortfall and the need for a balanced budget, the Board of Publications opposes SB 120, particularly section 87 and urges the committee to consider the ramifications this bill will have on UH Mānoa students and the entire campus community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

February 10, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

## **Regarding SB 120, Relating to State Funds**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Sharlene Tsuda**, Vice President, Community Development of The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's), testifying on Senate Bill 120 which, in part, repeals funding of the **trauma system special fund and Hawaii cancer research special fund. Queen's respectfully strongly opposes these funding repeals.**

The trauma system special fund was created in 2006 to provide support to all Hawaii hospitals that provide care to trauma patients. Hospitals that provide care to trauma patients, the Department of Health, and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii collaborated to support the fund's creation and funding mechanisms to ensure the highest quality of trauma care for the people of Hawaii. As the heart of the State's trauma care system, Queen's emergency department provided care for more than 14,000 patients with trauma related injuries in 2010. The pressure on hospitals is exacerbated by the high cost of providing care to these patients, who are often very critical and require extensive support. Queen's appreciates the Legislature's recognition that trauma care is a public health priority and is concerned that a repeal of the trauma system special fund could impact disbursements to hospitals across the state used to support the state trauma system.

With respect to the Hawaii cancer research special fund, Queen's is one of the major providers of cancer care in Hawaii, treating over one third of the newly diagnosed cancer patients in the state. Queen's strongly supports the University of Hawaii Cancer Center (UHCC). We respectfully ask the Legislature's consideration of the positive community benefit that a fully-operational UHCC brings to the state.

The University of Hawaii Cancer Center is a National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer center – one of only sixty five in the nation and serves as a national resource for cancer research and state-of-the-art treatment. We believe Hawaii's population significantly benefits from UHCC maintaining its prestigious NCI cancer center designation, focusing on the depth, breadth, and level of integration among its three research areas of laboratory, population-based, and clinical research.

The UHCC external advisory board has specified three key priorities in order to maintain UHCC's NCI designation: (1) Preserve the cigarette tax funding in order to expand UHCC's research facilities; (2) recruit federally-funded investigators – scientists who bring expertise and a reputation for advancing cancer research and care; and (3) develop tumor site-specific clinical research in order to advance and improve cancer care.

Tangible progress is being made in the recruitment of notable scientists and we along with Hawaii Pacific Health and Kuakini Health System are making annual funding commitments up to \$2.2 million to support this endeavor. We have actively supported clinical research activities for specific types of cancers such as breast cancer and have seen significant increases in patient accruals for clinical trials. We very much appreciate that the Legislature has maintained its commitment for the cigarette tax funding and we ask for the continuance of this funding which is critical for UHCC's new facilities.

Queen's wholly appreciates the Legislature's budgetary challenges in light of the State's budgetary deficit. However, we respectfully oppose Sections 76 and 111 due to the anticipated negative impact on an already over-burdened healthcare system. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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## **Regarding SB 120, Relating to State Funds**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Cynthia Kamikawa**. I am the Vice President of Nursing, Emergency and Trauma Services and the Chief Nursing Officer at The Queen's Medical Center, testifying on Senate Bill 120 which, in part, repeals funding of the **Hawaii State Center for Nursing**. **Queen's respectfully strongly opposes this funding repeal.**

Hawaii's nursing workforce is projected to experience significant shortages in the coming decades. The Hawaii State Center for Nursing provides hospitals with reliable information and analysis on existing and emerging trends among Hawaii's nursing workforce. In an era of health reform where decisions about nursing workforce issues are more critical than ever, hospitals such as Queen's rely heavily on the timely information, research and education provided by the Center. The Hawaii State Center for Nursing also facilitates state-wide education about leadership training and promotes new graduate nurse retention through initiatives such as the Hawaii nurses preceptor and residency programs.

Queen's wholly appreciates the Legislature's budgetary challenges in light of the State's budgetary deficit. However, we respectfully oppose Section 71. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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## **Regarding SB 120, Relating to State Funds**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Dr. Cherylee Chang**, Neurointensivist, and Medical Director of the Neuroscience Institute at The Queen's Medical Center testifying on Senate Bill 120 which, in part, repeals funding of the **neurotrauma special fund. Queen's respectfully strongly opposes this funding repeal.** Included with this testimony is a petition of health care professionals who share my concern that loss of funding will negatively impact important brain and spinal cord injury prevention efforts, with particular impact to children.

The Neurotrauma Special Fund was established in 2002 by Act 160 for funding and contracting for services relating to neurotrauma. Funds are acquired through surcharges on traffic citations related to causes of neurotrauma injuries (speeding, drunk driving, not wearing seat belts, leaving the scene of an accident involving bodily injury). The Department of Health has worked with neurotrauma survivors and their families to identify priorities for expenditure of monies in the special fund and established a Neurotrauma Advisory Board "to develop, lead, administer, coordinate, monitor, evaluate, and set direction for a comprehensive system to support and provide services for survivors of neurotrauma injuries."

Loss of neurotrauma funds will hamper efforts to reduce the incidence of brain injury in our State. We have three specific areas of concern:

- 1) **Loss of a proposed contract with ThinkFirst Hawaii** who provides brain and spinal cord injury prevention education to low-income children and youth across the state through school-based and public education efforts. ThinkFirst is a national program with local chapters that educate young people about their personal vulnerability and the importance of making safe choices about seat belt safety, helmet education and water safety. At Queen's, we care for children who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, and the impact on the victim and the family can be devastating. It is even more heart-wrenching when they are preventable injuries. A ThinkFirst project to reach out to areas such as Waianae and Kapalama that have the highest prevalence of traumatic injuries in school aged children (2000 Queen's Medical Center Trauma Registry) would be impacted. The goal is to

prevent the injury before it occurs. This bill would jeopardize valuable prevention education.

2) The bill would also **divert funds from the Hawaii Department of Education's Concussion Management Program**, which works with the DOE and private high school athletic departments to conduct baseline assessments of athletes using the ImPACT concussion software. This program educates athletic directors, coaches, school personnel, and parents on the importance of ImPACT results for monitoring concussions and develops a protocol to assess the athlete after concussion, putting into place "Return to Play" guidelines for schools. This program will also go a step further and connect with neuropsychologists and primary care physicians on the importance of the concussion results and interpreting the ImPACT post test for student athletes. Diversion of funds will jeopardize this project.

3) Other important projects that this bill would jeopardize funding for include:

- **The Hawaiian Islands Regional Stroke Network**, which would increase public education about the recognition of stroke symptoms and the need to call 911. This project would also increase patient access to expert stroke consultation through the establishment of a telemedicine-based regional stroke network.
- **The Ho'oikaika Peer Mentoring Project** which helps individuals with traumatic brain injury find and use support services.
- **The Brain Injury Association of Hawaii** which sponsors education and support groups for traumatic brain injury survivors.

Queen's wholly appreciates the Legislature's budgetary challenges in light of the State's budgetary deficit. However, we respectfully oppose Section 117 due to the anticipated negative impact on an already over-burdened healthcare system. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Subject: In Opposition of HB 774 and SB 120, Section 117, Relating to State Funds

The Queen's Medical Center strongly opposes HB 774 and SB 120, Section 117. We have attached a petition of individuals who are concerned that this bill that proposes to divert monies away from the Neurotrauma Special Fund will impact negatively on important state brain/spinal cord injury prevention, particularly to children.

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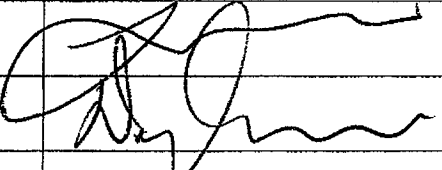
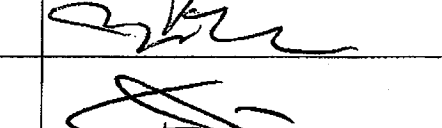
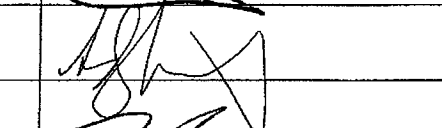
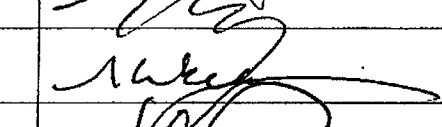
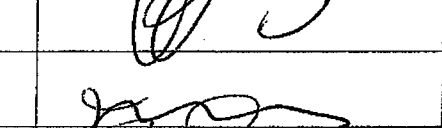
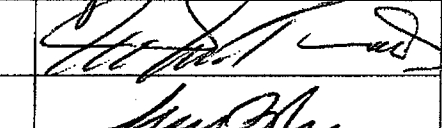
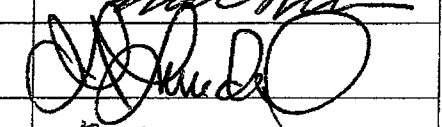
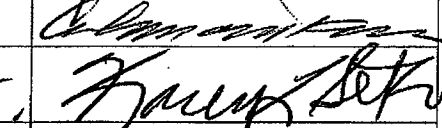
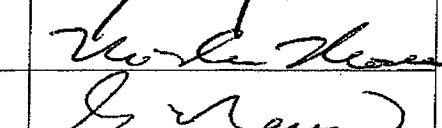
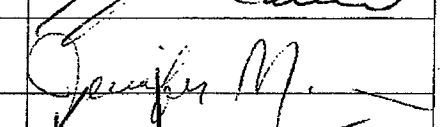
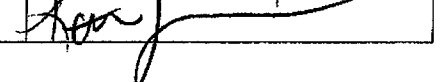


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**The Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone.  
Chief Nurse Executive & COO Straub Clinic & Hospital

Re: **SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS - Testimony in Strong Opposition**

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My name is **Art Gladstone**, Chief Nurse Executive at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I am writing in strong **opposition** to SB 120 Relating to State Funds which would transfer balances from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCFN) into the General fund.

Act 198, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2003, established the HSCFN at the University of Hawaii, to conduct research on workforce issues for nurses and other assistive healthcare personnel. The establishment of the HSCFN created a nursing special fund by requiring each nurse to pay an additional fee of \$40 upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period. There are no state or federal funds in the HSCFN special fund.

Sweeping the balance of the fund into the state general fund would in essence cause the demise of the HSCFN. The 21,000+ advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses would in effect have paid a form of taxation which is not required of any other profession in Hawaii. Decisions relating to health care in Hawai'i are at the critical point where accurate data of workforce issues for nurses and other healthcare personnel is more important than ever. Therefore, HSCFN strongly opposes Section 71 of this bill and asks this Committee that it delete it from SB 120.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing end healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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## Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hon. David Ige, Chair

The Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

## Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 120

### Relating to State Funds

Submitted by **Beth Giesting**, Chief Executive Officer

February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association represents all community health centers of Hawaii. **We strongly oppose Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund.**

Although created in 2006 with the original idea to provide capital support for community health center growth, since 2008 the community health center special fund has been used to replace all general funding provided to community health centers for operations of the centers and their direct health care services provided to the uninsured. Community health centers no longer receive general funds for their operations. **Repealing the community health center special fund would eliminate state funding for health centers, including funding to provide care for thousands of uninsured patients.** This would reduce the \$160 million that community health centers save the state, increase emergency room utilization, and increase uncompensated health care costs to the state.

Although State funding for community health centers has remained relatively flat **from 2005 – 2010**, health centers have seen a **48% increase in patients** and 18% increase in uninsured patient visits during that same time period. In total, **uninsured patients now represent 24% of all community health center clients.** This increase in client load is, of course, taxing the operational capacity of these organizations.

Community health centers are mandated to provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Many of the cutbacks in funding for other state programs, such as the Adult Mental Health Division and Medicaid dental care for adults, have left community health centers as the only safety net open to indigent people in need.

- **Community health centers** in Hawaii cared for 125,000 patients in 2009, making them the **second-largest provider of primary care services in the state.**
- **71% are either uninsured or covered by Medicaid**
  - 47% of patients in 2009 were Medicaid enrollees (QUEST), which represents a 26% increase in Medicaid patients seen over 2008.
  - 24% of patients were uninsured in 2010.
- **72% of patients are served in rural areas**, where a CHC is often the only provider.
- Patients with **mental health needs grew by 46% in 2009.**
- **17% of patients are legal COFA migrants** who are facing benefit reductions and often present with significant, costly, and complex medical needs.

- **72% are below poverty.** 84% are below 200% of poverty.
- **Homeless patients** at community health centers **grew by 7% in 2009.**
- Community health centers grew overall 10% in 2009, and have grown 42% over the past five years (neighbor island community health centers have grown by 62%.)
- **Our model of care at community health centers saves \$1,262 per patient per year; that means \$160 million in savings to the State in 2010.**

If community health centers aren't supported they can't be:

- The mainstay of the Medicaid provider network.
- The only place available for uninsured patients to receive health care besides the ER.
- The safety net for people with mental illnesses.
- The provider of dental care for Medicaid patients and the uninsured.
- The source of care in rural areas without other health care providers.

**Please remove Section 110 from Senate Bill 120 and preserve the community health center special fund and health care services they provide.** Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this measure.





SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Senator David Ige, Chair

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**Opposing Section 110 of SB 120.**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition to Section 110 of SB 120, which repeals the community health center special fund.

Community health centers are mandated to provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. The recession and its aftermath have resulted in a 48% increase in the number of community health center patients in the past five years. 72% of them are below the poverty line, and 24% of them are uninsured. Community health centers served 125,000 patients in 2009.

The community health center special fund is the only source of dedicated state funding that community health centers have to provide care for the uninsured and for community health center operations. The loss of this funding could be devastating to community health centers.

For the foregoing reasons the Healthcare Association strongly **opposes** Section 110 of SB 120.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Opposing S.B. 120 Relating to State Funds  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
February 10, 2011, 9:00AM, Room 211

**The Nature Conservancy opposes** S.B. 120, particularly Sections 36 and 37 that would eliminate the DLNR's Natural Area Reserve Fund and the Forest Stewardship Fund.

We appreciate that these are unprecedented times for our State budget and it is important to find ways to balance priorities and get our economy back on sound footing. However, the watershed protection and invasive species control programs that are supported by the DLNR's Natural Area Reserve (NAR) Fund and Forest Stewardship (FS) Fund are **already experiencing 50-60% cuts** in State funding. These cuts have occurred because in 2009 the Legislature redirected 20% of the revenue from these funds to the State General Fund, and the conveyance tax source of funding was drastically reduced with the down real estate market.

**The programs and partnerships that manage our natural resources have already stopped filling open positions, reduced their staff, and have pulled back on protection efforts. Further cuts—like S.B. 120—and the resulting loss of experienced staff will render many natural resource protection and invasive species programs either inoperable or severely diminished, leaving our watersheds and communities vulnerable to threats which do not recognize recessions.**

Under HRS §247-7, a portion of existing conveyance tax revenue has been appropriately used for forested watershed conservation and invasive species control via the Natural Area Reserve Fund and the Forest Stewardship Fund. While the development and sale or other transfers of real estate can have very positive effects on the state's economy, it also poses some significant challenges. For example, fresh water is not a limitless resource that can forever be tapped to support developed real estate.

The source of fresh water is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it's drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds—not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals—that captures rain and cloud moisture and delivers it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives. We now know from the Waiāhole contested case that the demand for fresh water on O'ahu will exceed supply by 2020. In recent years, enormous amounts have been invested in the development and sale of real estate, and there are plans for continued investment in development and construction to help lift our economy out of the current recession. Yet, we make a comparatively tiny investment in protecting the forested watersheds that provide the most basic resource to support that development—clean fresh water.

Significant belt tightening is necessary and occurring, but please don't cripple conservation in Hawai'i.

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**To:** Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair  
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**From:** Kiersten Faulkner  
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**Committee Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211

**Subject:** **SB120, Relating to State Funds**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in **opposition** to SB120, Relating to State Funds. The bill would repeal certain special funds and transfer balances to the state general fund. The SB120 Section 10 would repeal the Hawai'i historic preservation special fund.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF's 850 members and numerous additional supporters work to preserve Hawaii's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has been decimated over the past several years, with fewer than half of its approved positions filled, as well as a severe reduction in the number of approved positions. The result has been a crisis for both protection of Hawaii's historic and cultural properties, and a severe slow-down in processing of private and public undertakings.

As a result of SHPD being unable to meet the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the federal government has placed the State on "high risk" status. If SHPD does not meet the terms of the corrective action plan by September 2012, the State's approval to act as a State Historic Preservation Office will be revoked. If that occurs, the State will no longer have the authority to provide review and approval of federal undertakings in Hawai'i—including construction projects on federal land (e.g. Pearl Harbor, Schofield Barracks, National Parks); funding provided by a federal agency (e.g. Honolulu High Capacity Transit; Department of Transportation projects for highways, bridges, airports and harbors); or federal permits (e.g. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency).

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability and economic viability of the state.

The federal agencies will remain responsible for meeting the federal mandates, but will no longer have a state office with which to work, instead sending all projects through Washington D.C. for review and compliance. Because no State has ever lost its approval powers under the NHPA, the process and results of such a circumstance are unknown. It is likely that projects will be cancelled or delayed, and that Hawaii's historic and cultural resources will be harmed.

In response to this crisis, many community partners and stakeholders have offered assistance to SHPD to help it achieve the outcomes of the corrective action plan. The state's mechanism for accepting help is through donations to the historic preservation special fund. However, if the fund were to be closed, there would be no mechanism for that kind of public-private partnership. Further, offers of help from the private sector would lapse or be withdrawn, as they were made specifically to assist with this issue, not to offset the state's other budget concerns.

HHF strongly urges the legislature to support any and all mechanisms by which the SHPD can be restored to full functionality, to operate with professionalism, predictability and effectiveness.

**Therefore, HHF opposes Section 10 of SB120 and recommends that the section be deleted and the historic preservation special fund be retained.**

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## Testimony Opposing SB 120; "Relating To State Funds"

The **American Heart Association** opposes SB 120, "Relating To State Funds."

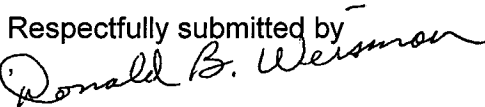
This bill proposes to eliminate a wide range of state special funds. Of particular concern to the American Heart Association is the proposal to eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund, which includes funding for the Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund, funding for the Department of Health that, when the special fund was originally created supplanted the DOH's general funds and would result in the loss of programs designed to prevent chronic diseases including cardiovascular diseases, and funding for the Cigarette Tax Stamp Administrative Special Fund which helps to track the illegal sales of cigarettes to minors.

The broad effects of this bill if enacted as currently written would likely lead to a wholesale increase in healthcare costs to the state. The limited funds that the state currently invests in health, and in preventing unhealthy lifestyles, pay off in enormous returns in savings to the state. The annual direct costs to the economy attributable to smoking alone are estimated to be in excess of \$1.1 billion, including workplace productivity losses of \$215 million, premature death losses of \$449 million, and direct medical expenditures of \$444 million. That is despite the enormous progress the state's tobacco prevention, control and cessation programs have made since the inception of the special fund in reducing teen smoking by half to less than 10%, and reducing adult smoking from approximately 25% to approximately 15%.

Add to that costs related to the obesity issue that is being addressed through the DOH funding. In 2009, obesity costs in Hawaii were estimated at \$412,730,487. That was based on an estimate that 22.3 percent of Hawaii population is obese. Obesity numbers continue to climb and efforts to address that issue are just starting to take hold. Cutting funding to that effort would have catastrophic effects on the state's economy, and on a wide-ranging list of other areas affected by obesity including education performance by children, security issues (due to a lack of able bodied recruits for military and other public safety positions), and on the losses suffered by Hawaii families affected by the impact of poor health.

Unfortunately, even if funding to these programs were to be eventually restored when the economy improves, it would take years to restore the infrastructure of programs that have been created to address these vital health issues. The funding cuts proposed in SB 120 would be very short-sighted and would cost the state far more than would be saved in the short term.

Please amend SB 120 by eliminating cuts to the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and to the Cigarette Tax Stamp Administration Special Fund.

Respectfully submitted by  
  
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Hawaii Advocacy Director

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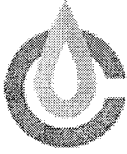
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# Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

By  
Gail P. Tiwanak RN, MBA  
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## SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to this bill, SB 120, to the extent that it relates to Section 71 repealing the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") special fund and transfer the balance to the state general fund.

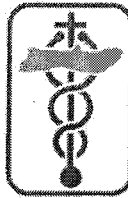
Act 198, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2003, established the HSCFN at the University of Hawaii, to conduct research on workforce issues for nurses and other assistive healthcare personnel. The establishment of the HSCFN created a nursing special fund by requiring each nurse to pay an additional fee of \$40 upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period. There are no state or federal funds in the HSCFN special fund.

Sweeping the balance of the fund into the state general fund would in essence cause the demise of the HSCFN. The 21,000+ advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses would in effect have paid a form of taxation which is not required of any other profession in Hawaii. Decisions relating to health care in Hawai'i is at the critical point where accurate data of workforce issues for nurses and other healthcare personnel is more important than ever. Therefore, HSCFN strongly opposes Section 71 of this bill and asks this Committee that it delete it from SB 120.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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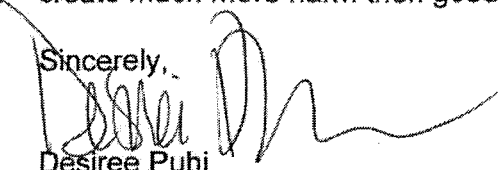
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Regarding Senate Bill 120 Section 110

Dear Honorable Chair and Committee:

My name is **Desiree Puhi**, Executive Director of the Molokai Community Health Center on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. I am writing in strong **opposition** to Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund. As you may know this is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured, underinsured and indigent and to sustain operations. Today, more than ever, it is imperative to invest in partners that share the financial burden of taking care of our most vulnerable populations. Please do not consider sacrificing the health of our communities to balance the budget. It would be short sighted and could create much more harm than good in the long run.

Sincerely,

  
Desiree Puhi  
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Testimony In **OPPOSITION** to SB 120 Relating to State Funds  
*Thursday, February 10, 2011--9:00 A.M. Conference Room 211*

As the only federally qualified health center on Kauai and the Native Hawaiian health care system we are in strong **opposition** to Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund. This is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers as the general fund dollars were replaced with the special fund. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities to the agencies that serve them..

More than ever, community health centers are the safety net, trying to shore up services in the face of both significantly increased community needs and widespread state program cuts.

Primary care is the most effective way of preventing disease reducing cost in the system. For every dollar that the state invests in primary care it saved an average of \$4 in unnecessary medical costs. Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i has over 70 employees and contributes roughly \$7 million directly into the local economy.



# **Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services**

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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
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## **Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 120**

### **Relating to State Funds**

Submitted by **David Derauf MD MPH**

**Executive Director**

**Kokua Kalihi Valley**

**February 10, 2011, 2:45 p.m., Room 211**

Kokua Kalihi Valley strongly **opposes** this measure which would repeal the Community Health Center Special Fund.

We appreciate that the Hawaii legislature is scrambling to find ways to make up the budget shortfall. However, cutting off these important funds to community health centers to provide care to the uninsured will both not save Hawaii money and will mean the loss of jobs in communities already hardest hit by the economic downturn.

Loss of these funds will severely hamper our ability to provide quality primary care services to Hawaii's most medically fragile families and communities! The numbers of uninsured we see has only gone up (35% of our patients in 2010 at Kokua Kalihi Valley). We are already running our operations on extremely tight budgets. Our professional workforce is already compensated at 30-50% less than the private marketplace. If CHC's can't take afford to care for our uninsured community members in our centers because of loss of this funding, where will people go? Many will turn to the emergency rooms driving up the cost of care for all of us, hampering the emergency rooms availability for true emergencies, and worsening long term health outcomes! Others will delay care too long until it is too late and their illness requires even more expensive hospitalization. This is not conjecture, this is based on the evidence. State support of community health centers is not just a nice thing to do, it is the thing to do now to save the State of Hawaii money! Research has shown that health centers save \$1,262 per patient per year by averting unnecessary ER visits, hospitalizations and complications.

The loss of this fund will also inevitably mean the elimination of jobs in community health centers, which in many of our poorest communities are the most important employers and financial engines. Less primary care, fewer jobs will be the result of this legislation. Please do not support this bill!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

TO: SENATOR DAVID IGE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

FROM: CHERYL VASCONCELLOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HANA HEALTH

DATE: February 8, 2011

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

I am Cheryl Vasconcellos, Executive Director of Hana Health, the only health care provider in the remote district of Hana, Maui. Hana has been federally designated as a Medically Under-Served Population, a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area, a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area and a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. The majority of Hana residents, 62%, are Native Hawaiian. The health status of Native Hawaiians is far below that of other U.S. population groups and other population groups in the State of Hawaii. In a number of areas, the evidence is compelling that Native Hawaiians constitute a population group for whom the mortality rate associated with certain diseases exceed that for other U.S. populations in alarming proportions.

I oppose Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund, the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers. According to public policy and practice, the State of Hawaii is the provider of last resort to children, adults and kupuna who do not have access to health care due to economic, cultural, or geographic barriers. Through Hawaii's community health centers the State is able to meet its obligation to the "underserved". Community health centers have demonstrated their effectiveness

in meeting the overall health care needs of the poor, the isolated, and the disenfranchised time and time again.

In the case of Hana Health, the State of Hawaii is responsible for providing the financial support necessary for Hana Health to meet the basic primary and urgent health care needs of the Hana District. This is mandated in Act 263 which transferred the state operated medical center to Hana Health. Funding was initially provided to Hana Health through the annual grant in aid process since no funding process had been established in Act 263. This resulted in a 30% decline in operating support since the transfer. Currently, the state is meeting its legal obligation under Act 263 through the community health centers special fund (albeit, not its full financial obligation as defined in Act 263). The very real affect of SB 120 will be to eliminate Hana Health's core funding in violation of Act 263, leaving the entire district of Hana without primary medical or urgent care services.

We hope we can count on you as we have in the past, to protect the health and safety of our most vulnerable citizens. Please support community health centers. Please oppose Section 110 of SB 120. Thank you.



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Re: **STRONG OPPOSITION** to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is Debbie Odo and I am the Tobacco Control Manager for the American Lung Association in Hawaii and I oversee tobacco prevention and control programs statewide.

The American Lung Association in Hawaii provides free services to state, non-profit, federal and private organizations. We target the workplace, community, duo-diagnosis and Severe Mental Illness (SMI) consumers. We provide free smoking cessation services and medication. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

The American Lung Association in Hawaii and other services have suffered severe reduction in services due to the cuts. I have to turn away schools who have requested our tobacco prevention programs and our Not On Tobacco quit smoking program for teens. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

If we lost further funding, we would not be offering any smoking cessation programs statewide. Our Maui and Big Island staff service their island at less than 10 hours per week and I flyer to Kauai due to the closing of our office.

Our programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped.

I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 8, 2011

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My name is **Valerie Chang**. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Coalition, one of the few remaining grantees of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund. We provide free lung health clinics and cessation counseling statewide, support groups, and an annual COPD Education Day. We have provided lung testing at locations throughout Oahu, on Maui, Kauai, Hilo and Kona, testing over 1400 people in over 40 clinics, distributing cessation books to over 450 people and mailing brochures and information to over 10,000 Hawaii adults with COPD.

Our organization provides services and support and improves treatment for Hawaii's people affected by Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), more commonly known as emphysema, chronic bronchitis and similar conditions. COPD is now the third leading cause of death and second leading cause of disability in the US. Our 2007 and 2008 survey data reveal that slightly 2.2-3.2% or about 22,000 to 30,800 of Hawaii adults have been told they have COPD, emphysema and/or chronic bronchitis. It is estimated that at least another 22,000 to 30,800 Hawaii adults remain undiagnosed while suffering from COPD. Tobacco smoking is the major cause of these health conditions. For more information and Hawaii Department of Health's Burden of COPD in Hawaii 2010 Report to go <http://hawaiicopd.org>.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

This is deeply alarming. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

The Burden of COPD in Hawaii 2010 Report notes that COPD prevalence is highest among the unemployed and those unable to work. COPD prevalence is 2-3 times higher among those subsisting on less than \$15,000 per year or below the federal poverty level compared with those in middle or higher income levels. These are the people our project reaches out to and provides information about lung health and smoking cessation. Without the grant funding from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund, we may have to close our doors, since many of the people we serve are at or below poverty levels.

Our programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped. COPD alone is already costing our state \$55.9 million in direct hospital costs for patients who were brought to emergency rooms and/or hospitalized in 2008 (with 84-85% of those costs paid by Medicare or Medicaid/Quest), according to the Burden of COPD in Hawaii Report above! This is a significant part of the \$336 million in annual healthcare costs directly attributable to smoking and \$320 in smoking-caused lost productivity.

Please continue to do the right thing to retain funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control Special Fund, which keeps our community programs working for tobacco prevention and control. We have lost many valuable community programs due to funding cuts and many more continue to be threatened. ***Please continue to protect funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs.*** It will save our state so much money in healthcare costs and improved health for ALL of us!

Aloha,  
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HEARING: February 10, 2011, 9:00 AM, Conference Room 211  
SUBJECT: Testimony in **OPPOSITION** to SB 120 (Relating to State Funds)

I am Dr. Sara Collins, Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 150 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. On behalf of SHA, I am providing testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 1090, Relating to State Funds. SB 120 proposes to repeal certain special funds (including the Hawai'i Historic Preservation Special Fund) and transfer the balances to the state's general fund.

We submit testimony for the purpose of opposing the enactment of the proposed legislation set forth in Section 10 of S.B. 120, which would repeal § 6E-16, H.R.S., establishing the Hawai'i Historic Preservation Special Fund ("Special Fund"). Among the funds now deposited into this Special Fund are "All proceeds collected by the department [i.e., the Department of Land and Natural Resources, hereinafter "Department"] derived from historic preservation user fees, historic preservation leases or concession fees, fees charged to carry out the purposes of this chapter, or the sale of goods[.]" § 6E-16(a)(3), H.R.S. (emphasis added). The Department is authorized to expend moneys from this Special Fund for several purposes, among them "[t]o cover administrative and operational costs f the historic preservation program." § 6E-16(b)(5). Finally, the Department is directed to "adopt rules in accordance with chapter 91 for the purposes of this section." § 6E-16(c)

Section 6E-3, H.R.S., directs the Department to develop "a division to administer a comprehensive historic preservation program, which shall include but not be limited to the following: . . . (15) The charging of fees to at least partially defray the costs of administering sections 6E-3(13), 6E-8, and 6E-42 of this chapter" (emphasis added). Under this authority, the Department has promulgated administrative rules imposing fees on archaeologists undertaking archaeological excavations within the State of Hawaii. HAR §13-282-4. This authority also empowers the Department to impose fees for the processing and review of archaeological reports and plans for the purpose of defraying the expense of the historic preservation review process. The implementing regulations at Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)13-275-4 (for §6E-8) and HAR 13-284 (for §6E-42) include fee schedules for the review of these documents and others, such as burial treatment plans.

We are concerned that the elimination of the Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund, through the proposed repeal of § 6E-16, and the consequent transfer of all funds now deposited in this Special Fund into the General Fund, would convert this "fee" into an unconstitutional "tax" as these terms were interpreted by the Hawai'i Supreme Court in *Hawaii Insurers Council v. Lingle*, 120 Hawaii 51, 201 P.3d 564 (Hawai'i 2008), thus depriving the Department of the ability it now has to impose fees that at least partially compensate the State and its taxpayers for the costs of the historic preservation program established in Chapter 6E, H.R.S.



We respectfully ask you that you hold SB 120, and do not pass it any further. Thank you for considering our comments. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

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9 am  
Thursday, February 10, 2011  
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**SB 120 - RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

**Repeals certain state funds and transfer balances to the General Fund**

**Shannon Wood**, *President & Co-Founder*  
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Speaking both on behalf of the *Windward ahupua`a Alliance* and as an individual Hawai`i citizen, I strongly **oppose** the approach used in **SB 120** to transfer money from a long list of **Special Funds** into the **General Fund** to reduce the state deficit without any justification.

It's like bringing a massive piece of earth-moving equipment into my front yard to dig a two-foot hole in which to plant a tree. Or my filing for bankruptcy because someone stole my wallet & cleared out my checking account.

I am not arguing that all of these funds should be kept alive. Instead, what I suggest is that a task force representing legislators, state agencies, businesses, unions, NGOs, and individuals establish criteria for deciding which funds should remain and which should be eliminated.

After that, then the task force needs to go through the list one by one to make its recommendations to the **2012 Legislature**.

Meanwhile, dealing with the deficit will require hard decisions about raising revenues - especially taxes and looking at a variety of gaming/gambling options. My personal choices are the creating a tax on pensions, increasing the state income tax, establishing a lottery, and legalizing bingo payoffs & gambling on horse-racing legal.



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## TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SB120

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Senator David Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

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Re: SB120, Section 110

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The Institute for Human Services is the largest emergency homeless shelter on the island of Oahu. IHS is committed to working with the legislature in identifying strategic and realistic solutions to the homelessness crisis in the State of Hawaii. We appreciate the hard work your committee has done in exploring solutions to these critical problems.

The Institute for Human Services urges the members of the Committee on Ways and Means to vote in **opposition** of SB120, which would repeal the community health center special fund and transfers any balance to the general fund. This action will eliminate state funding for health centers, including funding to provide care for thousands of uninsured patients.

Community Health Care Centers have already sustained previous cuts to funding and provide much free urgent care to many homeless individuals who have not yet accessed health insurance. The programs that CHC provide are absolutely essential to support homeless people without insurance in our community and make up an important part of our community's safety net.

Last year, 17% of patients served by CHC are legal COFA migrants who are facing benefit reductions and often present with significant, costly, and complex medical needs. Additionally, last year CFC saw a 7% increase in homeless patients accessing services through their facilities.

This Special Fund is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers. Please do not choose to balance the state budget by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Comments:**

I **oppose** Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund. This is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities.

More than ever, community health centers are the safety net, trying to shore up services in the face of both significantly increased community needs and widespread state program cuts. Some 2009 one-year increases:

46% increase in the number of patients whose primary diagnosis is mental illness.

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If community health centers aren't supported they can't be:

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The source of care in rural areas without other health care providers.

Economic need for supporting community health center capacity:

If community health centers lose capacity, the indigent patients they should be caring for will increase inappropriate use of ERs, delay care and end up in the hospital, or possibly causing harm to themselves or others due to mental illnesses left unaddressed.

Community health centers provide a extensive array of services that help patients with the socio-economic problems that exacerbate their illnesses. However, health centers use innovative and comprehensive care models that cost the health care system less money and improve health outcomes. A recent study showed that care provided by community health centers costs \$1,262 less per patient per year. Community health centers saved Hawaii's health care system \$160,000,000 in 2010.



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**TESTIMONY: SB 120, Relating to State Funds**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Sen. David Ige, Chair

Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 10, 2011

9:00 am

Conference Room 211

State Capitol

**Hardy Spoehr**, Executive Director

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Papa Ola Lokahi (POL) has a real concern with the legislation as written and the repeal of many, if not most of the special funds directed towards improving the quality of life in our island society. There has not been any extensive dialogue with the community about what the impact of passing this legislation will be.

We are particularly concerned that section 120 of the bill which eliminates funding for tobacco prevention and cessation. This is not in accordance with how these funds were initially derived by the State of Hawai'i and how those who worked tirelessly to obtain them envisioned that these resources were to be used. This fund has been particularly useful in altering teen smoking among Native Hawaiian and Filipino youth. The programs supported by the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund actually save the state untold millions of dollars in future health care costs related to those who will undergoing treatment for smoking-related diseases.

We ask that you specifically not repeal the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

### **Testimony in Strong Opposition Section 110 of SB 120**

Relating to the **Repeal of the community health center special fund** and transfers of any balance to the general fund. **This action will eliminate state funding for health centers, including funding to provide care for thousands of uninsured patients.**

Aloha,

I am the board chair of the Lana`i Community Health Center and I strongly **oppose** Section 110 of SB 120 bill which will eliminate money our community health center so desperately needs to continue to provide excellent health care to people who are uninsured and under-insured here on Lana`i. As the only not for profit health center on Lana`i are services are vital to the community of Lana`i. I must point out that we here at Lana`i have never been a recipient of this special fund but would like to point out that W

During these tough economic times, it is tempting to eliminate programs that may be viewed by some as non-essential. Community health centers are mandated to provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Many of the cutbacks in funding for other state programs, such as the Adult Mental Health Division and Medicaid dental care for adults, have left community health centers as the only safety net open to indigent people in need.

- Community health centers in Hawaii cared for 125,000 patients in 2009, making them the second-largest provider of primary care services in the state.
- 71% are either uninsured or covered by Medicaid
  - 47% of patients in 2009 were Medicaid enrollees (QUEST), which represents a 26% increase in Medicaid patients seen over 2008.
  - 24% of patients were uninsured in 2010.
- 72% of patients are served in rural areas, where a CHC is often the only provider.
- Patients with mental health needs grew by 46% in 2009.
- 17% of patients are legal COFA migrants who are facing benefit reductions and often present with significant, costly, and complex medical needs.
- 72% are below poverty. 84% are below 200% of poverty.
- Homeless patients at community health centers grew by 7% in 2009.
- Community health centers grew overall 10% in 2009, and have grown 42% over the past five years (neighbor island community health centers have grown by 62%.)
- Our model of care at community health centers saves \$1,262 per patient per year; that means \$160 million in savings to the State in 2010.

**Again, I oppose Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund.** This is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities. More than ever, community health centers are the safety net, trying to shore up services in the face of both significantly increased community needs and widespread state program cuts. This is most crucial here on Lana`i as we have had tremendous job cuts or significant work hours reduced without any opportunity to seek employment elsewhere without giving up their home and family here on Lana`i.

On Lana`i, 70% of the households on Lana`i reported household incomes in the low to moderate based upon the 2000 census data Summary file #4 PCT117 Family Income Size. Since the economic downturn or for the last three Lana`i has lost 23% of its jobs. 17% of our population are uninsured and that number is growing by leaps and bounds due to the continued job layoffs or hourly work reduction of the employees. As hours are reduced so are the benefits which either make them unaffordable or unavailable if they are not full time employees.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition of this bill.

Mahalo

**Laura Novell**

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**Testimony in Opposition of Section 110 of Senate Bill 120  
Relating to State Funds**

**February 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Room 211**

Submitted by **May Akamine**, RN, MS, Executive Director

Waimānalo Health Center (WHC) strongly **opposes** Section 110 of SB 120 which repeals HRS Section 321-1.65 establishing a special fund for the operations of federally qualified health centers (FQHCs). This is the only source of State funds for FQHCs to provide care for the uninsured. It is irresponsible and inappropriate to balance our State budget on the backs of our most vulnerable and needy citizens of our communities.

As the vital health and social services safety net, FQHCs are needed now more than ever because of our poor economy, growth in the uninsured, cuts in public services, etc. At WHC, we have seen a 17.5% jump in our patient count this past year with a whopping 57% of new patients who are uninsured. Our State contracts were drastically chopped in half last year. As of January 2011, we have depleted our State funds to care for the uninsured. We have implemented cost-saving measures, improved efficiencies in our processes, increased provider productivity, and sought and received special purpose grants to cover the costs of this dramatic increase in the need for health services with dwindling support from our State. We have reached our maximum efficiency load with the limited resources that we have. To keep our doors open and continue our mission of service to our community, we need full use of this 2006 Legislature-Approved FQHC Special Fund.

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## Testimony in Opposition of Section 110 of Senate Bill 120

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## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

By A. **Nāmaka Whitehead**, Ecologist  
Kamehameha Schools – Land Assets Division

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011  
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

February 9, 2011

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair and Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

### **Opposition to Sections 36 of SB 120, Relating to State Funds.**

As an institution dedicated to prudent stewardship of agricultural and conservation lands, Kamehameha Schools (KS) is **opposed** to **SB 120**, which repeals special funds from critical land stewardship and conservation programs.

**SB120** Sections 36 of this bill would withdraw Section 195-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) to repeal funds currently allocated to the Natural Area Reserve Fund.

**KS's Position.** The Natural Area Reserve (NAR) Fund supports specific land and water areas that contain intact native ecosystems, and is a critical component of statewide efforts to control invasive species and preserve Hawai'i's globally-unique natural heritage. Natural resources management in the NAR systems is a necessary investment that enhances quality of place and quality of life for all of Hawai'i's residents and visitors.

KS **opposes** the above-referenced section of **SB 120**, and urges your consideration of this position.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

WAIANAЕ COAST COMPREHENSIVE  
HEALTH CENTER



February 9, 2011

To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: STRONG **OPPOSITION** to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is **Christy Inda**, the Director of Preventive Health at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. We are funded with Tobacco Settlement funds to provide tobacco cessation group and individual services to residents of the Leeward Coast, particularly Native Hawaiians and homeless.

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center serves the federally designated medically underserved rural community of Wai`anae and surrounding communities in the Leeward and Central regions of the island of Oahu. It is the mission of the Health Center to make available to all residents of the Wai`anae district complete comprehensive health and related human services regardless of the ability to pay.

The Wai`anae Coast has the highest smoking prevalence in the State, with about 30% of the adult population being current smokers. E Malama I Kou Ha (care for your life-giving breath) is a tobacco cessation program at the Health Center that is funded by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund and provides much-needed services to adult residents of the Leeward Coast, particularly Native Hawaiians and homeless. Approximately 20% of Native Hawaiians and 70% of homeless individuals regularly smoke tobacco. Furthermore, Native Hawaiians have greater lung cancer incidence and mortality rates, more than any other ethnicity in the State. Through funding from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund, we have been successfully implementing tobacco cessation and treatment programs in our community for nearly 15 years.

We hold classes on a regular basis at the Health Center and at two area homeless shelters. Our services are also requested on a quarterly basis at the Malama Recovery substance abuse program, and at least two other area homeless shelters. We serve a very vulnerable population. There are no other tobacco cessation programs on the Wai`anae Coast that offer free comprehensive tobacco cessation counseling and treatment services.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

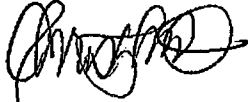
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Our programs work. Between 2007-2010, WCCHC served nearly 700 individuals seeking tobacco cessation services. Fifty-five percent of those individuals completed our tobacco cessation program and of them, nearly 50% were tobacco-free six months after completing the program. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut.

I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christy Inda', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
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Re: STRONG **OPPOSITION** to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. The Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii requests that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

**Board of Directors**

David Hudson  
President

My name is **David Nakada**, the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii. Several of our clubhouses have successfully incorporated tobacco avoidance programs into their operations thanks to grants administered by the Hawaii Community Foundation. Currently our Waianae Clubhouse receives a grant that supports its programs in helping children avoid the dangers of smoking.

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Programs such as those need continued funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

Our Waianae Clubhouse was recently hit by the TANF spending cuts which will likely lead to staff reductions. The loss of Tobacco Settlement funding could result in additional staff cuts, a reduction in operating hours, and the elimination of our outreach program to area children living in homeless shelters.

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Tobacco Settlement programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are cut further. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped.

**Founder**

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I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

**Executive Director**

David Nakada

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

David Nakada  
Executive Director





**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE BIG ISLAND

February 9, 2011

To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is **Jay Ihara**, Director of Operations of the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island. BGCBI provides youth development programs to young people age 6-17 years old.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

This is deeply alarming. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

Our programs funded by the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust fund are Too Good for Drugs and Violence-evidence based curriculum to prevent youth from using tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; Power Hour-a homework help program for youth; Goals for Graduation-introduces academic goal setting to youth by linking their future aspirations with concrete actions today; Teen Character & Leadership programs that affords teens an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and service experience. Collectively these programs instill skills in young people to become productive adults.

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I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.  
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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## CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAII

Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011

9 am.

Room 211

Opposition to SB 120 Relating to State Funds

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i **opposes** SB 120, which repeals special funds that are important to the people of Hawai'i, including the Natural Area Reserve Fund. The NAR Fund supports protection and management of the ceded land reserves in the Natural Area Reserves System, public-private partnerships to protect native ecosystems and support reforestation, watershed partnership programs, forest reserve programs, and the Youth Conservation Corps. This fund leverages federal and private funding, and it is a good investment in our future.

Please do not repeal the Natural Area Reserve Fund, which has already taken a hit in recent years. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Marjorie Ziegler**



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Date: February 9, 2011

To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
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From: **Beth Davidann**, Director - Castle Wellness & Lifestyle Medicine Center 

Re: STRONG **OPPOSITION** to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you oppose SB 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is Beth Davidann and I serve as the Director for the Wellness & Lifestyle Medicine Center located on Windward Oahu at Castle Medical Center. We provide tobacco treatment programs for patients in the hospital as well as for the general public through groups and individual counseling.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

This is alarming. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%, and in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to eliminate the funds completely.

Many of our Castle clients are low-income and also have a chronic illness. Some of our clients live in transitional housing or group homes. They report spending money on cigarettes instead of necessary medications and/or good food. We have learned how smoking cripples those with low income and chronic illness. This is the population that needs tobacco treatment programs. It is the population that most of the trust fund grantees serve. Without the tobacco funding, our program may cease to exist, leaving the clients that we serve without assistance in breaking free of an addiction that contributes to them remaining sick and destitute.

Tobacco control and treatment programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped.

I ask that you protect funding for tobacco prevention and cessation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



COORDINATING GROUP ON  
ALIEN PEST SPECIES

The Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, February 10, 2011  
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211  
State Capitol

### Testimony in Opposition to SB 120

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species **strongly opposes** sections of SB 120, **Relating to State Funds**. The repeal of special funding for two sections, SECTION 36 (Section 195-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Natural Area Reserves Fund) and SECTION 37 (Section 195F-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Forest Stewardship Fund) may seem like a small sacrifice to help make up for the budget deficit. However, last year, these funds supported the field staff that eradicated Little Fire Ants from Maui, saving millions of dollars in agriculture production, human and pet health care costs, and the unquantifiable value of the island's animals and plants. Every year, "emergencies" like these arise. Without these special funds, we do not have the ability to respond, and waiting a year or two is not an option, as invasive species multiply too quickly.

For these reasons, I urge you to reconsider repealing these funds or transferring them into the general fund. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

**Christy Martin**

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong **opposition** to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts.

Our health center believes tobacco cessation and prevention programs are essential to the health of our patients. With support from grants from Hawaii Community Foundation and American Legacy, from January 2006 to December 2010, we have enrolled 602 individuals into our tobacco cessation programs. Over half of these individuals were either pregnant or had young children living in their homes. Of those enrolled, over 50% of quit.

But the journey is long from over. Generation after generation many of our families continue to suffer from the consequences of using tobacco. We need to continue to educate our patients about the dangers of using tobacco and the benefits of quitting. And we need to continue to break down cultural and economic barriers so that our community can access evidenced based tobacco cessation support.

It has taken us many years to build trusting relationships with our patients. These relationships can be seen when patients refer their friends and family to our program. And it can be seen when people relapse but return to our program to try and quit again. We need your continued support to help us maintain and strengthen these connections.

In this tough economic climate we understand you have hard decisions ahead of you. I encourage you to consider the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee  
Sincerely,

**David D Derauf MD MPH**

Executive Director  
Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services



## Family Health Centers

February 8, 2010

State of Hawaii  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

### Re: SB 120 STRONG OPPOSITION TO SECTION 110

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the Bay Clinic Community Health Centers serving East and South Hawaii Island's medically underserved and uninsured. We care for 18,000 medically underserved Hawaii Island residents, 7% of which do not have health insurance, and all of which face barriers to health care access and services.

On behalf of these residents, and the 155 staff members of Bay Clinic, We **STRONGLY OPPOSE** SECTION 110 OF SENATE BILL 120 which repeals the community health center special fund.

This fund is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities.

**Community health centers like Bay Clinic, are the safety net of health care services, trying our best to provide services both in the face of significantly increased community needs and widespread program cuts.**

**At our health centers in 2009 we have experienced:**

- 46% increase in the number of patients whose primary diagnosis is mental illness.
- 33% increase in dental services for the indigent.
- 26% increase in Medicaid patients and 7% increase in homeless patients.

If community health centers aren't supported they can't be:

- The mainstay of the Medicaid provider network.
- The only place open to the uninsured patients besides the ER.
- The safety net for people with mental illnesses.
- The provider of dental care for Medicaid patients and the uninsured.
- The source of care in rural areas without other health care providers.

Economic need for supporting community health center capacity:

- If community health centers lose capacity, the **indigent patients they should be caring for will increase inappropriate use of ERs**, delay care and end up in the hospital, or possibly causing harm to themselves or others due to mental illnesses left unaddressed.
- **Community health centers saved Hawaii's health care system \$160,000,000 in 2010.**

**Please do not make short sighted decisions relating to the health of our most underserved and disadvantaged people, which will lead to greater costs overall for the State.**

Mahalo nui loa,

**Paul Strauss**  
CEO

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## Family Health Centers

February 8, 2010

State of Hawaii - Senate Ways and Means Committee

### Re: SB 120 STRONG OPPOSITION TO SECTION 110

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

We, the **Board of Directors** of Bay Clinic, Inc. are writing on behalf of **Board Members of Community Health Centers** in Hawaii, and the 18,000 residents we volunteer to serve. As patients of the health centers, and leaders in our community, we are writing in **STRONG OPPOSITION TO SECTION 110 OF SENATE BILL 120, which repeals the community health center special fund.**

This fund is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities.

Community health centers that serve Hawaii's most underserved and disadvantaged, like Bay Clinic and 13 others, are the safety net of health care services. We are trying our best to provide services both in the face of significantly increased community needs and widespread program cuts. At our health centers in 2009 we have experienced:

- 46% increase in the number of patients whose primary diagnosis is mental illness.
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If community health centers are not supported, we will not be able to be the strong Medicaid provider network that we are today, we will struggle to keep uninsured people out of the E.R., which we are doing now, we will struggle to help the many needing mental health services, will face challenges addressing the oral health needs of our community, and will face difficulties providing care in our rural areas, where we today are one of the few who serve rural areas like Puna and Kau, Waianae and Laie.

If community health centers lose capacity, our public hospitals will see a rise in inappropriate use of the E.R. for people who can't receive care elsewhere, this will delay care for those who really need the ER or hospital, and will increase overall health care costs paid by the state. Today, health centers innovative actions to care for the underserved saved **Hawaii's health care system \$160,000,000 in 2010.**

**For the sake of Hawaii's underserved and indigent people, we strongly oppose SB 120 section 110.**

Mahalo,

Bay Clinic, Inc. Board of Directors:

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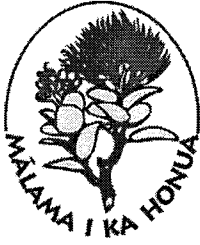
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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 10, 2011, 9:00 A.M.

(Testimony is 2 pages long)

### TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 120

Aloha Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Chapter of the Sierra Club, with 8,000 dues-paying members and supporters, **strongly opposes** SB 120, which would drastically reduce or eliminate funding for most of the Hawai'i's conservation and food and energy security efforts.

Hawai'i's stunning environment inspires us, nurtures us, and sustains us. Our environment is the foundation of our economy. Too often, though, we take a healthy environment for granted. We assume that our wild places and abundant, diverse life will always be with us. It is a dangerous assumption.

The ongoing damage caused to our environment -- whether it be by invasive species, toxic pollutant release, or carbon emissions -- demands that we have active programs to ensure safe and healthy habitats for future generations. This isn't elective. Article XI of the Hawai'i State Constitution directs that "For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawai'i's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State . . . ."

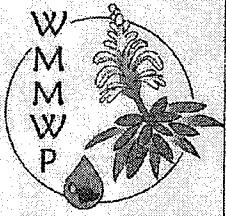
This measure would take a tremendous step backwards in our protection of natural areas. Disconnecting the tie between development and wilderness protection -- particularly when the programs protecting our native habitat are already experiencing strong budgetary reductions -- would cripple conservation efforts. This adversely impacts efforts to protect federally endangered plants and animals and our long-term supply of drinking water.

This measure would also reduce the strong efforts the State has made over the past few years to increase our food and energy security. Last year, this Legislature passed a smart tax-shifting policy designed to foster greater food and energy independence by tapping into the source of our problem (over reliance on dirty, imported oil) to fund our preferred future. We've slowly begun seeing substantial economic advancements in the clean energy side. The solar industry has been

growing at an exponential rate and a flood of new clean energy projects are being proposed. Without consistent support, however, this growth is likely to terminate.

This measure would have an manini impact on our budget -- most of these funds are fairly small in the big picture -- but would have a major negative impact on the state's long-term future.

Please hold SB 120. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



## West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership

February 9, 2011

**RE: Strong Opposition to SB 120 : Total Repeal of the Natural Area Reserve Fund**

Aloha Legislators,

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Conservancy

The West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership **strongly opposes SB120**. Even without the proposed cuts the current lack of productivity in the conveyance tax will reduce allocations to the Natural Area Reserve Fund by roughly 50%! Prudent decisions will have to be made to safeguard our economy, as well as, our forest resources and watersheds.

The proposed bill will cut highly trained resource management jobs, force the degradation of State Natural Area Reserves and State and private forest reserves, and cause the rebound of once controlled invasive species populations. Any cuts in funding will result in the loss of millions of dollars of critical matching funds from federal, county, or private grant sources and these funds will no longer stimulate local economies. Programs protecting our water and biological resources by fencing, fire suppression, weed and feral ungulate control, rare species protection, and outreach and education have already been drastically reduced and cannot withstand further cuts.

### For The West Maui Watershed this will have HUGE Ramifications!!!

- **Natural Area Partnership Programs:** Two programs including Pu'u Kukui Watershed (ML&P lands) and Kapunakea (TNC/Ka'anapali Land Management Corp lands) is reliant on a 2:1 match from the NARF; 6 positions could be lost. 9,600 acres subject to degradation.
- **State Natural Area Reserves:** The West Maui system includes the Honokowai, Kahakuloa, Lihau and Panaewa sections; 6,995 acres subject to degradation.
- **Youth Conservation Corps:** 2 positions and future trained stewardship professionals at stake; 3,400 service hours subject to loss.
- **Maui Invasive Species Committee:** Invasive Pampas grass programs will be cut back, loose positions and risk spread beyond control.
- **Watershed Partnerships Grant Program:** 12, 286 acres protected behind fences would be subject to degradation. 3 positions could be lost.
- **Overall:** 17.5 miles of protection fencing subject to disrepair, 21,000 acres out of watershed could sharply degrade, 171 rare and endangered species at risk, billions of gallons of water and nearly 80% of DWS water supply at risk!

I am grateful for your ongoing support and consideration of this matter. Please help to maintain the quality of forests and the sustainability of our water resources. SB120 will further cripple the stewardship of the resource which makes Hawaii a world class destination and provides the lifeblood of our economy.

Mahalo nui loa,

  
**Christopher N. Brosius**  
Watershed Coordinator





Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

By

**Suzann C. Filleul**

Regional Nurse Executive  
Kaiser Permanente Hawaii

## SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

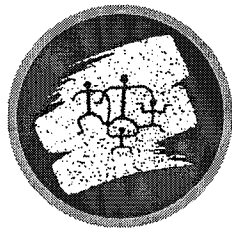
Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to this bill, SB 120, to the extent that it relates to Section 71, repealing the Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCFN") special fund and transferring the balance to the state general fund. As the Regional Nurse Executive of Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, I strongly oppose Section 71 of this bill and ask this Committee to delete it from SB 120.

Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, established the HSCFN at the University of Hawaii to conduct research on workforce issues for nurses and other assistive healthcare personnel. The establishment of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing created a nursing special fund by requiring each nurse to pay an additional fee of \$40 upon the issuance of a new license and at each license renewal period. There are no state or federal funds in the HSCFN special fund. The 21,000 nurses would, in effect, have paid a form of taxation which is not required of any other profession in Hawaii.

The Hawaii State Center for Nursing is funded by the nurses for the nurses, and this bill would take the money they contribute to the advancement of nursing and put it in the general fund. The HSCFN has done enormous critical work for the nurses in Hawaii. It has enabled us to increase the number of nursing faculty and review the current status and future needs of nursing. The Center has been assigned by the legislature to analyze the need for competency-based education of our licensed nurses, and it is currently working on residency and transition-to-practice programs for our new graduate nurses seeking employment. The Hawaii State Center for Nursing is an unbiased common denominator for nursing throughout the state with allegiance to all of nursing.

As the Regional Nurse Executive for Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, I strongly oppose Section 71 of this bill and ask this Committee to delete it from SB 120.

I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**MEMBER:**

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To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Cheryl Johnson, Teen Program Director  
Parents And Children Together

Date: February 9, 2011

Re: STRONG **OPPOSITION** to SB 120, Relating to State Funds

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I am respectfully requesting that you do not pass this bill. I am specifically speaking to section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

I am the Program Director of PACT's Community Teen Program, which provides tobacco prevention services for some of Hawaii's most at-risk youth who live in the Kuhio Park Terrace low income housing project. Services currently focus on developing the positive skills, attitudes, and abilities that young people need to be successful in school. Youth who experience success in school are far more likely to stay away from risky and unhealthy behaviors, including tobacco use.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

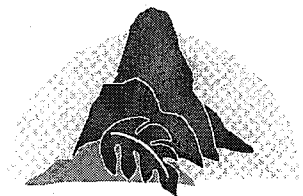
This is deeply alarming. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

Within in the next six weeks, PACT's youth program will already be experiencing a 50% cut in funding. Eliminating the tobacco prevention funds would further devastate the work that we do.

Tobacco prevention and cessation programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped.

I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

The Hon. David Ige, Chair

The Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 120  
Relating to State Funds**

Submitted by **Dana Alonzo-Howeth**, Executive Director  
February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

Our health center is in strong **opposition** to Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund. Given that we no longer receive general funds for our operations, repealing the community health center fund would eliminate State funding for health centers, including funding to provide care to thousands of uninsured patients. For our health center, the impact would be significant given that more than 45% of the patients we serve are uninsured. On our island this would be devastating to Maui Memorial Medical Center as emergency room utilization would increase substantially. At a time when individuals rely heavily on health centers as their main source of medical, mental health and dental care, especially newly uninsured individuals who have lost their jobs and insurance, I urge you to remove section 110 from Senate Bill 120 and preserve the community health center special fund so we can continue to serve those who need our services!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of this measure.



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**Testimony on SB 777, RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Chair: Sen. David Ige

Vice-Chair: Sen. Michelle Kidani

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

Testimony submitted by: **Lucille Calderon**  
Child & Family Service - Kauai Administrator

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on SB 120. I am **opposing** the elimination of Section 120, which would cut funding for tobacco and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is Lucille Calderon, the Child & Family Service Kauai Administrator. CFS provides a broad array of family and youth services including Tobacco Cessation Services on the island of Kauai.

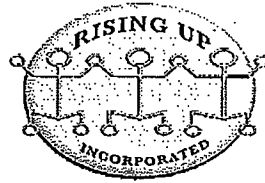
Smoking Cessation services play an important part in improving the health of the families on Kauai. Child & Family Service has been providing Tobacco Cessation Services to families on Kauai for more than three years. More than 80% of the participants served in our Tobacco Cessation services were women and they were classified as moderate to heavy smokers (15 to more than 25 cigarettes a day) and they had been smoking for many years. When these women make a commitment to stop smoking, they make a tremendous improvement in the health of their whole household. As we all know, children are often the ones who suffer negative health outcomes from living in a home filled with second hand smoke especially those prone to asthma. The Tobacco Cessation services are especially important for our pregnant women on Kauai. Smoking is well known to be related to negative birth outcomes such as low birth weight and preterm delivery. The Tobacco Cessation services have a strong evaluation component that has shown the services to be effective in helping people to quit altogether or at least decrease the level of smoking.

Our efforts to help smokers quit and prevent the next generation of smokers has already been reduced through past funding cuts to the Trust Fund % going to tobacco prevention and control. Tobacco prevention and cessation services work and every time a mother or father quits smoking - we improve the health of every member of the family and take a positive step in preventing the children from becoming smokers as they grow up.

I strongly urge that you protect funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

Mahalo for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.

# Rising Up, Inc.



## *Strengthening Community Potential through Fiscal Sponsorship Services*

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To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: STRONG **OPPOSITION** to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is **Cara Sadira**. I am the CEO of Rising Up, Inc. and the Director of the Tobacco Education & Assistance Program, which currently provides evidence-based tobacco treatment training to physicians, pharmacists, and university students throughout the State of Hawaii.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

This is deeply alarming. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

We train providers to work with patients that are low-income, and also have a chronic illness. Many smokers live in transitional and/or group housing. They spend money on cigarettes instead of necessary medications and/or good food. These people need programs such as ours to train providers on effective methods of treatment. Without the tobacco funding, our program would cease to exist, leaving the populations that are most vulnerable in an addicted, destitute and chronically ill circumstance.

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## Rising Up, Inc.



*Strengthening Community Potential through Fiscal Sponsorship Services*

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Our programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped.

I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Cara Sadira

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**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 120**

**TO BE HEARD ON :Thursday, 02.10.2011**

**AT: 9:00 A.M.**

**IN: Room 211 at the State Capitol**

TO: Senator David Ige, Chair, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Michael M. Kliks, President, Hawai'i Beekeepers' Association; Owner, Manoa Honey Company

*Aloha na hoā:* on behalf of members of the HBA and the public at large who support local, diversified agriculture and who understand the importance of the **Hawai'i Seal of Quality** (SOQ) program in promoting self-sufficiency and sustainability in our food production, I offer testimony in strong opposition to SB 120, that, in its current state, would repeal the SOQ Special Fund under language found on Page 37, line 20-21; Page 38, line 1-21; and Page 39, line 1-2.

We believe that it is both detrimental to the goals of achieving food self-sufficiency in the future. . .and that it is patently unfair to repeal this special fund as it is funded by SOQ participants themselves using income from the sales of SOQ seals and impressions. The revenues collected should benefit food producing members in the SOQ program and not be diverted back to the general fund. These types of user-funded private-public cooperative efforts should be enlarged and encouraged not killed by special interests!

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Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I agree that all of these special funds should be accessed by the state for use at the end of each fiscal year. What I disagree with is that they are then closed. The groups should be able to collect the funds and use those funds during each fiscal year and if there are funds not spent they should be turned over to the state. If this does not happen and the special funds are closed then user fees that are charged should be stopped. Why should certain people, and in most instances less well off people, have to pay more tax than others in the state?

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinions.



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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

To those concerned:

Regarding this proposed legislation, I have been bombarded today with requests for my testimony by persons at the University of Hawaii, where I worked until January of 2010. Therefore, this note.

I have been told that this program, and that program, and the other program, practically all the programs affected by SB120, all are crucial to the future of the State of Hawaii.

I'm sure they are. Particularly to the bureaucrats and functionaries who control the funds in question.

Seriously. Many, perhaps most, maybe even all - no, not all. Neither State nor University has any business supporting NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics, football in particular. As I was saying. Many, perhaps most, of the special funds addressed by SR120 are set aside for worthy purposes. Each will certainly be deemed worthy of special pleading.

However, last I knew, the State of Hawai'i, like most states in this Disunion, is bankrupt. Either expenses must be cut, or revenues raised, in order to keep Hawai'i open for business. If I were the chair of your committee, the first question I would ask of each person or group who speaks in opposition to SB120 would be,

*"How many of you will be in this same room with megaphones and picket signs protesting **the tax and fee increases** we will have to make to pay for your special pleading?"*

And if those special pleaders start pointing at each other, yelling "**Take his!**" - which I regard as the safest bet this side of rainbows over Manoa - I would close the hearing, terminate debate, and enact SB120 instantly by executive order.

SB120 is an exercise in pruning the Hawai'i state budget with thermonuclear weapons. But I can see no way to do what needs to be done within the democratic process than by doing what SB120 has proposed - wipe the slate clean and make all the special pleaders prove that their little domains actually *do* need to be preserved in the current political and financial state of the State.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

If ASUH President Andrew Itsuno is against something, then it's probably a good idea.

-Joel Mark, Current UH Manoa Student.

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Comments:

**Testimony in Opposition to SB 120  
Relating to State Funds**

**Committee on Ways and Means  
David Y. Ige, Chair  
Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair**

**February 10, 2011  
9 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**Submitted by  
Deborah Chai, Victim/Witness Counselor  
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney  
Hilo, Hawaii**

Senators Ige, Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am a Victim Witness Counselor for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Hilo Hawaii, and I am writing to voice my opposition of Senate Bill 120. This bill would not only directly affect the services that the Crime Victims Compensation Commission (CVCC) provides, but would essentially shut this service down.

In my position I directly see the benefits the CVCC offers to victims of crime. There is no other comparable service available, and without the CVCC I do not know where these victims would turn. This year I worked with a man whose front tooth was knocked out during an unprovoked assault. The CVCC was able to provide the funds to get this young man's tooth fixed. Although the trauma from the assault will take years for him to deal with, he is grateful that he no longer has to look in the mirror, see this missing tooth and be constantly reminded of what happened to him. He can smile for the first time in months, and only now feels like he can start to heal and move on from this traumatic event.

I worked with another client, who stepped in to stop an assault he was witnessing. He was just trying to be a Good Samaritan and do the right thing. He ended up being assaulted as well, and serious damage was done to his eye. The CVCC helped cover his emergency room visit and subsequent visits to an eye specialist.

These are just two of the hundreds of clients I have worked with who directly benefited from the services of the CVCC. There are numerous more just like them, whose stories are traumatic and heartbreaking. CVCC helps lift some of the burden these victims encounter as they try and heal from these events

I understand the State is working hard to relieve the budget deficits, but this is not an area that can be compromised. The funds allocated to the CVCC are critical to the work they do. Please allow them to continue to do this work, and veto SB 120.

**Testimony in **Opposition** to SB 120  
Relating to State Funds**

**Committee on Ways and Means  
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Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair**

**February 10, 2011  
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**Submitted by: **Kimberly Hashimoto**, Victim/Witness Counselor  
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney  
Hawai'i County**

Senators Ige, Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 120. I am a Victim Counselor at the Prosecutor's office and work with victims of violent crimes. Crime Victim Compensation Commission relies on the CVC fee to assist victims with out of pocket medical assistance, loss wages and counseling services. CVCC also provides financial assistance with funeral costs for the family of a homicide victim. If the Crime Victim Fee is allocated to a general fund, they will no longer be able to provide assistance and may be forced to shut down.

Often victims of violent crime require medical attention or have injuries that prevent them from returning to work so they are left to deal with not only the psychological trauma of being a victim of a crime, but the financial loss that adds to their stress level in an already difficult time in their life. Anyone at anytime can be a victim of a violent crime. I have had many victims and families of a homicide victim express their gratitude to the financial assistance that they received during an extremely stressful and painful time in their life. The financial assistance also helps victims in their healing journey as it can renew their faith in people.

The staff at CVCC do a thorough review of each case to ensure that the funding is used appropriately and they have already suffered budget cuts that limit what they can provide. Please vote against Senate Bill 120 so that they can continue to provide this valued service to crime victims.

**Testimony in **Opposition** to SB 120  
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**Committee on Ways and Means  
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**February 10, 2011  
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**Submitted by  
**Edythe M. Maeda**, Victim/Witness Counselor**

Senators Ige, Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I and the victims I serve are strenuously opposed to Senate Bill 120. The Crime Victims Compensation Commission (CVCC) has helped hundreds of victims whom I have assisted during the 24 years as a Victim/Witness Counselor with the Prosecutor's Office for the County of Hawaii.

Crime is indiscriminate and affects all people in our community. No one expects to be a victim of a crime. No one puts aside money in anticipation of becoming a crime victim to pay medical bills incurred for treatment of their injuries, to make up for lost earnings when they cannot work to pay their mortgage and utilities, or to pay for a loved one's funeral expenses who has died at the hands of another.

The CVCC has taken away some of the stress and anguish for innumerable families by reimbursing victims for some of their losses. It may not be a lot but when you've been a victim, through no fault of your own, these unexpected expenses become a huge part of the stress that one suffers. Victims are often so overwhelmed by the financial burdens, the loss of ability to perform simple day-to-day functions or the simple injustice of it all. What CVCC has done to help is synonymous to a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. Yes the financial assistance is incredibly important but equally so is the knowledge that the victim is believed.

So many of my clientele has expressed their gratitude to the CVCC. Their appreciation, gratitude and esteem are evident in their voices. I don't know of any other state agency whose services are as healing as the CVCC.

Doing away with the CVCC would truly be an injustice to everyone in the State of Hawaii and its visitors because as I've stated previously, violence and crime is indiscriminate. I hope you consider the immense affect that this bill will have on everyone. Thank you for your attention to my input.

**Testimony in Opposition to SB 120**  
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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**David Y. Ige, Chair**  
**Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair**

**February 10, 2011**  
**9 a.m.**  
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**Submitted by Victim/Witness Counselor Jane Huntington**

Senators Ige, Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am a victim counselor for the Office of the Prosecutor of Hawaii County and I oppose anything that would limit the help that Crime Victim Compensation Commission can offer to victims of crime.

CVCC has been a source of restitution for a most vulnerable population at a time when they have been devastated by violence and have had severe financial consequences as a result. A woman who has been raped and assaulted may not be able to return to work until her injuries are healed and may not work a job that offers sick leave. Through reimbursement for her lost wages, CVCC can help her avoid further victimization. CVCC helps many of my victims with medical bills and financial assistance for therapy so they can return to being fully productive members of society. In a place and time of extremely limited resources for victims of violent crimes, it would be extremely misguided to take one of the few things that provide a great service to the public.



**Testimony in Opposition to SB 120**  
**Relating to State Funds**

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**9 a.m.**  
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**Submitted by Victim/Witness Coordinator Phyllis Shinno**

Senators Ige, Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Victim Assistance Program of the Hawai'i County Prosecutor's Office has been in existence for more than 30 years. During that time, we have helped thousands of crime victims with support, information and referrals. One very important referral is to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. They have helped to reduce the helplessness and anxiety associated with being a victim of violent crime by paying for out of pocket medical bills, a portion of funeral expenses, lost wages, and other expenses related to the victimization.

The Commission has made major efforts to wean themselves from legislative handouts. The legislature helped by passing a bill to implement a special fund, funded by defendants instead of taxpayers, to ensure that the Commission kept their doors open for current and future crime victims. SB 120 seeks to take away that critical source of funding for reasons that are unclear.

Please help victims of violence recover from physical and emotional trauma and the additional burden of expenses caused by the crime by voting against passage of SB 120.

## **Testimony opposing section 110 of Senate Bill 120**

**2/9/11**

**Aloha**

**Chair, Senator Ige, Vice Chair and committee members.**

**My name is **Kauila Clark**, Chair elect for the National Association of Community Health Centers, I oppose section 110 of this bill because it denies Health Centers funding which will hinder local funding to provide the ability for Hawai'i Health Centers to develop a patient centered Health Care Home that improves the patient experience, improves health outcomes and reduces per capita costs. In 2009 Health Centers served 125,000 patients. Community Health Centers saved Hawaii health care systems an estimated \$160,000,000.**

**Most of the patients served are from rural areas where there is large populations of Medically Underserved communities. The populations served are uninsured, under insured and Homeless populations. We are committed to community and are governed by consumer boards. So patients have a voice in how there are served and the processes that are used in serving them. As the first consumer member to lead the National Organization I strongly support the voice of consumers in the way they are served.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony opposing section 110 of this Bill.**

**Aloha Pumehana kakou,**

**Kauila Clark**

Jill Oliveira Gray, Ph.D.  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist  
Waimanalo Health Center

**Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 120**

I have been working in Community Health Centers (CHC) across the State over the past 10 years and strongly oppose SB 120 which would repeal the CHC special fund and transfer this to the general fund. This action would be seriously damaging for the thousands of uninsured patients who are able to receive quality care at CHCs.

The CHC special fund is the only source of dedicated state funding for CHCs to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of CHCs. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are most vulnerable and needy in our communities.

I work with patients who are suffering with major depression, severe post traumatic stress disorders, addictions, and psychosocial stressors to include abuse, homelessness, domestic violence, and unemployment on a daily basis. In CHCs, we are able to identify patients in need sooner than later due to our integrated primary care and behavioral health system of care, whereby behavioral health providers work alongside our primary care team and screen all patients for depression. Behavioral health providers are available to provide further assessment and necessary treatment on the same day the patient sees their primary care doctor. This is nearly unheard of in the private sector, and I have seen it first hand prevent suicides, homicides, and further unnecessary tragedy for someone with mental health concerns.

More than ever, CHCs are the safety net for our medically underserved communities who struggle constantly every day and should not be forgotten when it comes to their medical, behavioral, and dental health needs.

If CHCs lose this funding, they can't continue to be the mainstay of the Medicaid provider network, or the only place open to the uninsured patients besides the ER.

If CHCs lose this capacity to serve the un- and underinsured, the indigent patients they should be caring for will increase inappropriate use of ERs, delay care and lead to more hospitalizations, or, possibly cause harm to themselves or others due to mental health issues left unaddressed and untreated.

A recent study showed that care provided by CHCs costs \$1,262 less per patient per year. CHCs saved Hawaii's health care system \$160,000,000 in 2010.

I strongly urge you to OPPOSE SB 120.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Oliveira Gray

**I oppose Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund.**

I serve on the Board of a community health center. I am deeply for the welfare of the medically underserved in our community should this funding be cut. This is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities.

More than ever, community health centers are the safety net, trying to shore up services in the face of both significantly increased community needs and widespread state program cuts. Some 2009 one-year increases:

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**Bryan Talisayan**

Senator David Y. Ige  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-chair,  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawai'i State Legislature

February 7, 2011

**Rachel Neville**

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RE: Testimony in **Opposition** to SB 120

I oppose SB 120 which would eliminate the Natural Area Reserve Fund. Dedicated funding is extremely important to the management of the Natural Area Reserves and the other conservation activities that this fund has supported. I am the manager of the O'ahu Invasive Species Committee and we are one of the many organizations that have received funding from the Natural Area Reserves fund over the years.

Natural Area Reserves funding supports on-the-ground invasive species surveys and control that protected the island of O'ahu from watershed-destroying weeds and created jobs. OISC also matches the money from the Natural Area Reserve fund with non-state funds, doubling the impact of each dollar.

The Natural Area Reserve fund pays for an important service: protecting the forests that provide our islands with fresh water and clean air. Please leave it intact so that this important work may continue. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Neville".

Rachel Neville

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

I would like to submit my testimony is **opposition** to SB 120, which would eliminate most of the special funds that support the state's environmental programs. Programs like the Natural Area Reserve fund (funding all of the state's conservation work), the Energy Security special fund (funding the state's renewable energy efforts) and the Food Security fund (money from the barrel tax designed to encourage local food production).

How short-sighted are we that we would dismantle the very programs that give our state a future? A bill that would rob our children and our children's children of their right to a clean and healthy environment. We cannot afford to turn our backs on these programs. We must find other ways to balance the budget that do not steal from future generations.

Mahalo,

**Brian Bell**

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Honolulu, HI 96816

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I **oppose** SB120 because it eliminates funds for Hawaii's environmental programs. Now is not the time to stop funding critical programs like the Natural Area Reserve fund (funding all of the state's conservation work), the Energy Security special fund (funding the state's renewable energy efforts) and the Food Security fund (money from the barrel tax designed to encourage local food production).

Even if you are not a believer in global warming and drastic climate change, it is critical for Hawaii to development alternative energy sources and to encourage local food production. These are not rocket science; these are important issues for the people who live on these islands.

And it is important that we continue to conserve the beauty of Hawaii for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Carolyn Knoll**

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Bill No. SB120, Thursday, February 10th at 9:00a.m.



February 8, 2011

To: Chairman David Ige, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani , Ways and Means Committee members

From: Patrick Conant

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB120

I am very much opposed to Senate Bill 120. Although I understand the great need to reduce the State deficit, this is a very destructive approach to do so. This bill would gut conservation programs of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife that have been decades in the making. Those State dollars provide matching dollars for Federal dollars that keep many people employed doing vital conservation work on virtually all the islands. Watershed weeds and pests will not wait several years for the State to eventually re-find funds to control them. Our forests and watersheds are under constant attack by myriad invasive species and any gap in control will set us back many, many years.

Funds for the Natural Area Reserve Fund, the Land Conservation Fund and the Forest Steward program have saved thousands of acres of conservation lands that would otherwise not be managed or could even be developed. The Natural Area Reserve Fund supports the Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), Watershed Partnership Programs and the Natural Area Partnership Program (NAPP). The Hawaii YCC has been providing on-the-job summer conservation work for youths for the last 15 years. It is the best opportunity for kids to get dirty doing conservation work, learn where our drinking water comes from and it teaches them the value of teamwork in Hawaii's neglected and shrinking open spaces.

The Watershed Partnerships now exist on all the main islands and are the first line of protection for our precious watersheds, most of which have been neglected for almost 100 years. The program has recruited most of the large landowners of watersheds throughout the State and this fund has allowed them to manage them properly for the benefit of all Hawaii residents.

The Natural Area Partnership Program has helped several large owners of Conservation land protect large tracts of watershed, native forest and threatened coastal sites such as summit area of the West Maui Mountains (Puu Kukui), Moomomi, Pelekunu and Kamakou Preserves on Molokai, Waikamoi preserve on Maui and and Ka'u Preserve on Hawaii.

Please do not support this bill, it will set conservation in Hawaii back about 50 years and cause the loss of some of the best trained and experienced people in conservation land management that we have.

Aloha,

Patrick Conant  
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Volcano, HI 96785

Jesse B. Owens

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Honolulu, HI 96814

Subject: **Opposition** to SB 120 for the upcoming hearing:

WAM Room: 211 Hearing Date: 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

February 8, 2010

Dear Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

I am a resident of the 12<sup>th</sup> District and would like to voice my strong opposition to removing the NAR Special Fund (HRS 195-9), the State Parks Special Fund (HRS 184-3.4), and the Forest Stewardship Special fund (HRS 195F-4) which is proposed by SB120 in its current form.

I have lived all my life in Hawaii, and hope that the special natural areas, parks, and forests of Hawaii that I love will be protected into the future. These funds were established for the long-term protection of Hawaii's unique resources. These funds drive the economy of Hawaii by providing conservation jobs to local residents while preserving the water sources of our islands (the upland forests), as well as the natural resources that tourists visit Hawaii to experience. Without the essential work that these funds provide for, so much of what makes Hawaii special, and is part of our island's heritage, would be lost. Unfortunately, these resources, especially the majestic plants and wildlife that inspire the native Hawaiian culture, are irreplaceable. Please preserve the funds that continue the long-term protection of Hawaii's fabulous natural areas. Mahalo.

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**From:** randy ching [oahurandy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:58 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Opposition to SB120 (terminating special funds)

SB120 Termination of special funds  
WAM Hearing: Thursday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am strongly **opposed** to SB120, which would terminate many of the special funds. I am particularly concerned about the closing of the Natural Area Reserve Fund. DLNR is seriously underfunded and this is especially true of the Natural Area Reserves System division. NARS is accomplishing its mission on a bare bones budget. If it loses the special fund, personnel would have to be cut. Losing personnel would mean a serious cut in carrying out its mission of protecting and maintaining the reserves around the state.

I have been on at least a dozen service projects in the Natural Area Reserves around the state and have planted natives, pulled weeds, put in fences to keep out ungulates and feral animals. These were some of the best experiences I've ever had. It means a lot to me to malama aina, especially the NARS reserves. The hundreds of hours I've spent there have been very rewarding.

I know that the State has a large deficit and needs to augment the general fund. But terminating the Natural Area Reserve fund is extremely shortsighted. The Natural Area Reserves are some of the most special State lands. Some of the reserves resemble the Hawaii of 50 or even 100 years ago. These are some of the most pristine areas in Hawaii. We need to protect these places and cutting personnel would harm the reserves by reducing operations and maintenance.

The State should look at generating revenue by taxing tourists, housing speculators, TVR owners, and SUV drivers who are harming our beautiful islands. Let's not lose sight of the big picture: Hawaii needs non-urbanized areas that people can enjoy for its special beauty. We have plenty of concrete and asphalt. Let's preserve our forests, shorelines, mountains and near shore waters. These are what make Hawaii so special, not the buildings and highways and cars and trucks.

Please hold or kill SB120. It is penny wise, but pound foolish. Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,

**Randy Ching**  
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[oahurandy@yahoo.com](mailto:oahurandy@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Peter Ehrhorn [ehrhornp001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:38 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 120 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

To: Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani Vice Chair

From: Peter Ehrhorn  
254 Kaha St.  
Kailua, Hi

Please be advised that I currently oppose this bill. While I haven't been able to read the bill and have to rely upon another's comments, it appears that it is like taking a Ax and swinging wildly against the state budget. Rumor has it that the bill would repeal all special and revolving funds for: probation services, spouse and child abuse intervention, oversight of charities, job training in critical industries, public housing revolving fund, crime victim compensation fund, pharmacy assistance program, Rx special fund, asbestos and lead abatement, noise, radiation and indoor air quality, small business assistance, clean air, mental health and substance abuse, tobacco settlement, neurotrauma (matching for federal), birth defects, early intervention, emergency medical services, comprehensive state trauma system (federal match), domestic violence and sexual assault, library special fund, UH athletics, UH alumni, UH student activities, UH student tuition, UH capital improvements, Mauna Kea lands management, RTRF, Natural Areas Fund, community health centers, animal quarantine, irrigation repair, beach repair, water resource management, dam and reservoir safety, commercial fisheries, state parks, energy security, convention center enterprise (and so on and on). The funds would be merged with the general fund. It is completely unclear how the critical needs covered by many of the special funds would be met in the future.

While some of these funds could possibly be cut (UH athletics, Alumni, and animal quarantine for example), many should not be cut but probably be increased. (abuse intervention, public housing fund, crime victim assistance, clean air, birth defects, early intervention, etc.)

It would be far better to legalize marijuana which would increase tax revenues and reduce the need for an expanding police state and prison industrial complex.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Erick Peter Ehrhorn  
254 Kaha St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96734

## Testimony in Opposition to SB 120

By Jolie Wanger

Honolulu, HI 96825

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to this bill that would repeal all special and revolving funds for important services that define the fabric of our society leaving them with no real and viable option for operation. Some services that would be affected include those such as child abuse intervention, lead abatement, public libraries, job training, emergency medical services, domestic violence, community health centers, natural resources, and dam and reservoir safety and many, many others. The funds are typically matched by federal grant funds and help provide these important programs with a reliable source of funding.

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: **Mary Ikagawa**, Kailua 

RE: SB 120. Repeals many special funds. Scheduled to be heard Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 11.

**STRONGLY OPPOSE.** This is a sweeping bill that requires considerable discourse on the part of the many, many people doing, and relying on, the enormous body of work that depend on the special funds repealed by this bill.

Unfortunately it is very difficult for the general public to follow the many things that come up at the legislature each year, and so testimony on this bill is likely to be far more sparse than is merited by the drastic changes in this legislation.

I urge you not to pass this bill but rather, if enough people feel strongly about it with good enough reason, to roll up your sleeves and work with the administration and your constituents to make sure that all the important work of the state gets budgeted and performed in an efficient way.

Precipitately dumping all the indicated accounts into the general fund is guaranteed to interrupt people's work and cause unnecessary headaches, distress, and more misuse of public funds rather than making things better. Legislation is supposed to make things better.

Thank you.

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**From:** JREconsult@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:19 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* SB 120

I am strongly **opposed** to the language in **SB 120** that will effectively kill the **Seal of Quality Program**. SOQ has been a very important tool in our companies market efforts. The program is responsible for a number of new customers our company has added.

The state should be expanding programs that support local agriculture not cutting them.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

**John Edney**  
President, CEO

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**From:** Patricia [pbaf1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:06 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Submission of Testimony on SB 120

Continue Funding the War on Cancer!

To Whom It May Concern,

As a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, I ask you - to **STOP** Senate Bill 120.

If passed, SB120 would cut funding to two critically important funds in the state which provide significant money in our battle to decrease the impact cancer has on so many Hawaiians.

The Cancer Research Special Fund and the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund provide money on two important fronts - research and prevention / cessation services.

A decrease in the Cancer Research Special Fund will dramatically increase our health care cost while placing an additional burden on cancer patients and their families who would be forced to go to the Mainland to participate in clinical trials, if any are available to them.

Additionally, any attempt to cut proven prevention and cessation programs through the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund will lead to higher smoking rates.

These cuts would result in more cancers, and more Hawaiians losing their lives.

If we lose funding to either or both of these important programs, Hawaii could take a huge step backwards in a fight where we have been making tremendous strides.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
**Patricia Lau**

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Aiea, HI 96701



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**From:** k f [mkarla02@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:06 PM  
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Dear Chairman Ige,

As the daughter of two cancer victims who didn't know any better about the dangers of smoking until it was too late, I urge you to please stop SB120 from being passed.

It is very emotionally devastating when both parents pass away because of tobacco-related illnesses. I felt hopeless and helpless during that time, especially because they were not living on Oahu and the best care was here. Luckily, my mother benefited from American Cancer Society's help by flying her over to Oahu for her treatments. It was a great program and if this funding will be cut, the neighbor island patients will not have their chance to fight this disease, even if the services are readily available.

Please stop SB120 from being passed. If you want to help the people of the State of Hawaii, this is one way to help. You'll never go wrong.

Sincerely,

**Karla Floresca**

1212 Nuuanu Ave, #2005  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Feb 9, 2011

Senator David Ige  
State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Sincerely,

**Ms. Darrah Kauhane-Floerke**  
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## Testimony on Senate Bill SB 120

February 9, 2011

As a researcher at the original Hawaii Institute of Geophysics since 1980, now Hawaii Institute of Geophysics & Planetology, I have watched and help increase outside research funding increase exponentially during my time here, much of it helped by state support. I also greatly appreciate the privilege of working here with outstanding colleagues and friends. Mahalo.

UH Manoa Faculty were awarded \$170 million in research grants in 2008. Eliminating all our special funds, which are crucial, particularly in financing the startup projects of our junior Faculty, would severely compromise our research. This bill would very rapidly decrease the amount of research funding we are able to obtain. Eventually this would result in a net financial loss to the University and hence to the state.

In short, this bill may seem penny-wise in the short term but in the long term it is pound foolish. I would far prefer to see an increase in the GET as Hawaii's tax rates, like the whole country's, are at historic lows as a fraction of GDP.

Sincerely

**Barry Lienert,**

Associate Specialist, HIGP/SOEST, University of Hawaii at Manoa

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To Whom It May Concern:

The passage of SB-120 would have **devastating effects** on student-led activities, as well as for the University as a whole.

It is tough times like this that we expect members of legislature to make the right decisions.

Are we going to invest in the future, or simply let it die off.

I ask you, do you care about future generations of students?

Because if you do, the decision is simple.

Yes, it may be a little hard.

We put you in office to do the hard things, not the easy ones.

Come through for us

Because if you don't

Who will?

Respectfully,

**-Paul Bump**

Marine Biology, University of Hawaii at Manoa Class of 2013

Testimony in **Opposition** to Senate Bill 120  
February 8, 2011

My name is **Diliaur Tellei**, and I am a junior at the University of Hawaii. I recently transferred after graduating from community college in Palau, a small island in the Pacific. The University of Hawaii is really one of the premier universities in the region, and it's more affordable than mainland institutions while still providing quality. I really like it here, and I know many others do as well. Going through the list of things whose funding will be cut by this bill (just for the University, but there are so many others!), I see that the quality of the University would definitely be impacted – computer labs and libraries being among them, and these are not exactly nonessential things. Another thing the University fosters is diversity. I like to think that it cares for minority groups, like we from other Pacific Islands and most especially native Hawaiians; however, this bill would impact not only those groups but the majority groups as well.

Going to college anywhere is not a cheap thing, and any little bit of funding we can find helps. Many students are forced to take out loans, but UH helps us with grants and scholarships; although these are limited, again, every little bit counts, especially with tuition increases. Universities are what draw new blood into the State -- students come, fall in love with Hawaii, stay, and become contributing members of society. But why should they stay – how can they stay – if they are left broke after graduation, especially when it's so expensive to live in Hawaii? Yet I have already met people who came to UH, have fallen in love with these islands, and decided to stay. Please don't make that decision harder for current and future students.

Education always seems as though it's expendable when the government needs to find a bit more funding for other programs. What people need to see is that education is never expendable – in fact, it's a right, not a privilege. \$5000 or even \$1000 may not seem a lot on a spreadsheet, but believe me, it is a lot to a student. Please don't keep treating education as a privilege for only those who can afford it – don't pass Senate Bill 120.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jonathan Fung, and I am an undergraduate at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and am a resident of Hawaii.

SB 120, if passed, would be devastating for student-led activities, as well as for the University as a whole. It would take away key opportunities for students like myself to apply for partial tuition awards, research grants, graduate test prep awards, or funding for student organizations.

After the embarrassing Furlough Friday debacle, national media stands poised to put the spotlight on Hawaii cutting education funding again, further humiliating our state. Please use your judgment and support the students and future leaders of Hawaii by voting **against** this bill.

Sincerely,

**Jonathan Fung**

Undergraduate

University of Hawaii at Manoa

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to **oppose** SB 120 due to the wording which would allow the state to assume the "special funds of the University of Hawaii". These funds are critical in allowing students to receive scholarships and graduate test preparation. This fund helps student led organizations provide the necessary technology needed for students to succeed. As is already the case, the system is underfunded and inefficient. Any further cuts would banish any chance for many students to be able to use a computer at their own college campus. Having to even ask that you don't take away money from a system that cannot even provide sufficient IT resources to their students sickens me to my core.

This would also negatively impact student led organizations and further take away each students individuality. The University of Hawaii has already lost an office which was devoted to giving students a voice in disputes with the University. By taking away these funds, the state would essentially have finalized their attempt to silence the students of the ONLY state university once and for all.

Over the last year, I have had my federal financial aid reduced, my state of Hawaii financial aid almost eliminated, and multiple lecturers quit in the middle of a semester. The quality of this states university system is quickly reducing to sub-par and the state does not appear to care that their only state university is becoming a laughing stalk of the country. President Obama mentioned in his recent State of the Union address that higher education is the key to the United States' long term economic success in this world. Please do not take away some of the final resources that students actually have at this University. The consequences of this action will learn to FURTHER declines in UH enrollment, and further drops in the University's ranking in the nation. You may not care about these facts, but my future job prospects care and this would be economic homicide for my future.

Sincerely,

**Jon-Erik Gunderson**

## SB 120 Testimony

My name is Anna Sachs, and I am currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Being born and raised in Hawaii, I know and appreciate the value of a local education – an education that promotes innovation and progress not only for the individual but also for the state as a whole. I attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa because I want to stay in Hawaii. It is my home and UHM represents a strong aspect of Hawaii's identity. Bill SB 120 proposes to repeal UH funds to transfer them to the state general fund. The effects of this bill, if passed, would shake the cores of many UH resources for students, such as student organizations and activities. On top of this, it would also take away many vital resources like tuition waivers and grants that allow many students to get a quality education at UHM. In times such as these with our suffering economy, it is understandable that funds must be wisely appropriated. However, taking away university funds would be hurting our state from the foundation up. By taking away funds from our university, we are taking away our tools of building a stronger future generation. Furthermore, we want to encourage students to attend the University of Hawaii instead of going out of state, but with budget cuts such as these, the university suffers, having less and less to offer students and prospective students. How can we expect the people of Hawaii, as well as others, to invest in our education system when our own government will not? I strongly oppose Bill SB 120 and urge legislators to do the same, for the sake of our state, our future, and our children.



To Whom it may concern;

My name is Emily Edwards. I am a student at the University of Hawai'i. In order to continue with my schooling I rely on the scholarships through the ASUH fund. If this Bill is put into action, myself and many others will lose this financial aid and possibly have to stop with schooling at UH. I have many career based goals ahead of me that require I receive a college education. I work almost a full time job on top of being a full time student. I have taken out student loans and gone through any savings that I had for my education. Please **do not pass** this bill and affect the educations of many UH students. College is difficult to pay for as is it. ASUH does what it can to help those of us that need it. I appreciate what they have done and hope that they are able to do more in the future. Please make the right decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Emily Edwards**

February 9, 2011

Oppose SB 120

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee;

I write today to **oppose** SB 120. While I find parts of the bill acceptable and probably necessary, I am very disturbed by attempts to repeal University of Hawai'i special and revolving funds, and transfer their balances to the state general fund.

I am in my final year at UH-Manoa and will be graduating with honors from the Bachelor of Fine Arts program. Very few students are accepted into this prestigious program. It adds an additional year to my studies. Thanks to grants and other partial tuition awards I have been able to afford to stay in school and will complete my degree on time.

I understand that if SB 120 passes in its current form many funds for higher education would be eliminated. Particularly important to me are partial tuition awards, research grants, graduate test prep awards, and RIO funding. I have been a recipient of some of these funds and without them I would not be in a position to graduate from the BFA program today.

I know that money is tight and that you need to find items that can be removed from the budget or money that can be shifted to help in other areas. I ask that SB 120 be defeated, or amended so it does not harm the students of the University of Hawai'i. The University's tuition and fees special fund, and the UH student activities revolving fund are essential to many of the students at UH-Manoa. I respectfully ask that you make every effort to keep these funds in the budget.

Sincerely,

**William Z. Linmark**

469 Ena Road #1705

Honolulu, HI 96815

February 8, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in **OPPOSITION** to SB 120. I work at the University of Hawaii's Lyon Arboretum, which is a 194 acre botanical garden in the very back of Mānoa Valley. Our mission at Lyon is to increase the appreciation of the unique flora of Hawai'i and the tropics by conserving, curating, and studying plants and their habitats; providing inclusive educational opportunities; encouraging use by the broader community; and supporting the educational, scientific, and service activities of the University of Hawai'i. **If SB 120 were to pass, the detrimental loss of funding for our programs would create safety hazards to over 35,000 people who visit us each year.** We would not be able to acquire or maintain equipment to properly care for our trail systems, tree hazards, many lawns, and facilities.

Our visitors are made up of many, a percentage of them being tourists who choose to visit us because they have an interest in Hawaii's unique plant life and culture. **The majority of our visitors are people from our own community – Kupuna, retired folks, families, and neighbors who enjoy Lyon for its Adult Education Classes, hiking trails, Ethnobotany and other gardens, and to simply escape the sounds of the city; Students from Halau, the University of Hawai'i, and over 10,000 keiki each year from public, charter, and private schools all across the island, along with home-schooled students, visit us daily for standards-based school field trips.** Approximately 15,000 instructional hours provided by 3 Lyon Education staff, of which I am one, deliver curriculum content (including STEM: science, technology, engineering and math content) that is aligned with National Science Standards as well as Hawaii State Standards. The environmental education, sustainability, and interdependence concepts we instill in children everyday are key to the future of Hawai'i.

**The Lyon Arboretum is also home to the only Rare Plant Micropropagation Program in the state of Hawaii,** preserving the plants that are most at risk of becoming extinct, such as the native plant species that have 20 or fewer representatives left in the wild. **This Lab is a tissue culture bank, home to over 11,246 plants consisting of 218 native plant taxa (140 are federally listed as endangered or threatened), 67 varieties of taro, and 13 varieties of banana.** How can we lose these plants? How can we lose this education? How can we endanger the people who come out of their way to see with their own curious eyes an ancient *lo'i kalo* on 'Aihualama Stream or a restored Hawaiian forest? I oppose SB 120, and I sincerely hope that you who are reading this will as well.

Thank you,

**Jamie Krolikowski**

## TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 120, RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair  
Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Honorable Chair Ige and committee members:

I am **Kris Coffield**, editorial director of Fracturedpolitics, an emergent political action network born out of internet activism. Currently, the network boasts over 50 local members, though I offer this testimony only on behalf of myself, **in opposition** to SB 120.

While I support cutting costs to balance the state's budget, I do not feel that gutting funds allocated to the University of Hawaii is the proper means to that end. As written, SB 120 would slash several special funds crucial to the college's vitality, including the risk management special fund, tuition and fees special fund, scholarship and assistance special fund, community colleges special fund, and Mauna Kea lands management special fund, to name just a few. Of particular concern to me is the potential elimination of the University of Hawaii student activities revolving fund. This fund, like others mentioned, provides a safety net in cases of financial stress for programs as varied as Ka Leo O Hawaii (the university's student newspaper, published continuously since 1922), KTUH (the university's radio station, in operation since 1969) and the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (the student government organization giving voice to undergraduate concerns). Chartered student organizations need these funds now, more than ever, as the contracting economy has already caused the State Legislature to drop UH's budget by over 21 percent.

According to the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, every dollar spent on the state's flagship campus, UH-Manoa, leverages \$5.34 in spending. In fiscal year 2007, the school generated \$1.9 billion for local businesses and \$105 million in state tax revenues, while fostering 21,700 jobs. Granted, those numbers were collected prior to the onslaught of the recession, but even accounting for an expected dip in fiduciary ratios, the pattern is clear: **An investment in higher education is an investment in the future of Hawaii.** Undoubtedly, legislators must find ways to alleviate the \$71.6 million budget shortfall crippling this fiscal year and the \$771.9 million deficit weighing down the following two-year budget

cycle. Further imperiling the pecuniary solvency of an institution with a return rate of greater than 500 percent, however, would be unwise, as doing so would jeopardize state coffers, business's bottom lines and personal pocketbooks, not to mention the educational experience of students involved in the university's extracurricular programs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,  
Kris Coffield  
*Editorial Director*  
Fracturedpolitics

Dear Whomever is Concerned,

Concerning the SB 120—I know the state needs money. UH still needs money, everyone does. But it does not make it right to take away more funds from UH, from students. Many students on campus rely on these funds to pay tuition or rely on the funds to get paid from jobs. And many, many more students rely on these funded students—I would still like to be able to read the Ka Leo every week, and hear the UH radio. What you will be doing by taking away these funds, would be to take away a large part of college life—no newspaper, no radio, more students will likely have to drop out because they cannot even afford it, and many of the fun activities that make college fun will be gone. If money is really tight, maybe UH can afford more of a tight budget fund. But this removal of the funds will just be worse overall—the state does not need more dropouts, needs people with experience that know how to plan fun events, and write newspaper articles and so on. What do you think will happen if the fund goes through? All of that will be gone. So, please. Please **do not take away the funds.**

A Concerned Student,

**Lea Hisatake**

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE

ON

S.B. 120, RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

By

C. Tezuka

Student, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Chairman Ige, Vice-Chairwoman Kidani, and Members of The Senate Committee of  
Ways and Means:

I wish to testify **against** the intent of S.B. 120. If current available funds for students at UH Manoa will be transferred to the State General Fund instead, then I believe S.B. 120 would be a mistake that would deeply hurt the students.

Student funding has already been cut so tight that our classes are too full, and class availability is narrow. Many of us depend on our partial tuition awards, so please do not take them away. I hope one day to receive a research grant, but I hope that when that day comes, the grant will still be available.

I believe that taking money from the students is wrong. Please do not take away our tuition waivers and our grants. Many of us depend on these funds to continue our education.

Thank You for your time.

To: The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: **Aaron Cornelison** (Chairman of Kapi'olani Community College Student Congress)

Date: February 8, 2011

RE: SB120 (Opposed)

Given the current state of Hawaii's financial situation, I understand the need for measures like SB120.

However, I am opposed to any such action that would affect the UH student activities revolving fund – which includes all revenues received by chartered student organizations and student activity programs.

The passage of SB120 (as is) would be detrimental to our organization and it would severely hinder our ability to function as the representative voice of nearly 9,000 students at Kapi'olani Community College.

Therefore, I am **opposed** to SB120 with its current language.



Ryan T. Adverderada

February 9, 2011

Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee Members,

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 120. My name is Ryan Thomas Adverderada and I am a student at Honolulu Community College. I am a product of the public school system in Hawaii and I am proud of it. I am part of the student senate and have spoken to many of my classmates about SB120. My opposition to SB120 comes from the way it seems to go against two important principles I have learned throughout my time in school.

The first principle SB120 goes against is the belief of rewarding proper planning and execution. The University of Hawaii school system has done a fine job of planning for the future and taking into account various economic and political unknowns which can affect funding. As the economy has soured, the UH system has prospered by a combination of proper money management, enrollment increases, and an influx of fees which have helped to cover the costs of various campus services. These revolving funds allow the schools to allocate more of their State funding into areas such as educational programs and overall campus development. From a business standpoint, the money from student fees serves as a source of income for the school. These accounts act as a rainy day fund in case for emergencies. If the identification card system fails, the rainy day funds help to purchase a new system.

The second principle this bill attacks is the notion of responsible government. SB120 would allow the government to take money earned by the UH system and use it to cover the

State's losses. The funds which SB120 target are NOT the funds which are provided by the Legislature. These targeted funds come from the students. How is this responsible government? The Legislature is attempting to reduce funding to the UH system, limit the schools ability to earn income, and take money contributed by the students. Responsible government would look at each department and see where cuts are sustainable and where cuts would interfere with the ability for that department to function. SB120 is not taking an aimed approach. It is instead making sweeping changes without adequately addressing the needs and abilities of the individual departments. Responsible government would not make a group of people even more reliant on government funds when funding is scarce. Responsible government would actively encourage proper fiscal planning and execution.

At the end of the day, this Legislature must decide between supporting higher education, or hurting higher education. It is time to keep the promises and pledges to help make Hawaii's youth the best and brightest. It is time to ignore the quick fix and to think of long-term success. The choice is simple. SB120 must not move forward. As a proud Honolulu Community College student, I ask that this committee vote no on SB120.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony today.

Ryan T. Adverderada

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**Comments:**

My name is Nick Webster and I am a Junior Communication major at UH Manoa. I completely oppose SB 120 for a multitude of reasons, but especially for its inclusion of University of Hawaii's Student Activities Revolving Fund.

While I understand that the deficit is an issue, I believe that the University is the last place that should see funding cuts. If this bill were to pass, it would cause direct harm to all student media. I listen to KTUH daily as it is the only source of alternative music on the island, and because it is run by students. I also work for and read Ka Leo. Student media is the only voice students have.

The state should find ways to fix its deficit that do not negatively impact its only Research 1 institution. Students are already the victims of budgets cuts, and this bill would only add insult to injury. Please end this legislation.

State of Hawaii  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: SB120

I am **OPPOSED** to SB120.

Enactment of SB120 would lead to **unmitigated disaster** for numerous, critical State initiatives and programs, including probation services, spouse and child abuse intervention, oversight of charities, job training in critical industries, public housing revolving fund, crime victim compensation fund, pharmacy assistance program, Rx special fund, asbestos and lead abatement, noise, radiation and indoor air quality, small business assistance, clean air, mental health and substance abuse, tobacco settlement, birth defects, early intervention, emergency medical services, comprehensive state trauma system (federal match), domestic violence and sexual assault, library special fund, UH athletics, UH alumni, UH student activities, UH student tuition, UH capital improvements, Mauna Kea lands management, RTRF, Natural Areas Fund, community health centers, animal quarantine, irrigation repair, beach repair, water resource management, dam and reservoir safety, commercial fisheries, state parks, energy security, convention center enterprise, and others.

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you.

**Tom A. Ranker**  
2311 Armstrong St  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Stephen Tschudi  
Testimony against SB 120  
for Senate WAM Committee Hearing  
10 February 2011

Esteemed Senators,

Senate Bill 120 is a step backward, threatening many vital human services and educational operations of the state. The special funds that SB 120 would eliminate were established specifically to safeguard many different aspects of the public interest and welfare. This bill would expose all of those currently protected legitimate interests to competition in the state's budgeting process, drawing the efforts of the people who champion those public interests away from fulfilling public needs and toward competing for state funds that they should not have to compete for. Funds for vital human services and education should be guaranteed. The net effect of SB 120 would be to take resources away from the poor and vulnerable, while the wealthy and privileged are not asked to make a comparable sacrifice. This is not pono.

Stephen Tschudi  
Specialist  
University of Hawaii

Date: 02.09.2011

To: The State of Hawai'i Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: SB 120

From: **Siobhán Ní Dhonacha**

Dear Senators,

First of all, thank you for reading my testimony. I learned of SB 120 just today, the day before it is to be heard. I am unclear why there was no prior notice given of this very ground shaking bill. I am a student at the University of Hawai'i and would be directly affected by this, (and sorry for this verbiage) what appears to be extremely thoughtless proposed legislation. I am 100% opposed to this bill and very concerned about it passing and being implemented. It simply does not make sound fiscal sense and its inception and rationale seem very unclear and undeclared. However, its effect seems to be clear, devastating so many services in Hawai'i, and so profoundly, that we will all be reeling years later. Please do not enact this bill nor pursue any other even remotely like it.

I **oppose** SB 120 as, in essence, it would:

“...repeal all special and revolving funds for: probation services, spouse and child abuse intervention, oversight of charities, job training in critical industries, public housing revolving fund, crime victim compensation fund, pharmacy assistance program, Rx special fund, asbestos and lead abatement, noise, radiation and indoor air quality, small business assistance, clean air, mental health and substance abuse, **tobacco settlement**, neurotrauma (matching for federal), birth defects, early intervention, emergency medical services, comprehensive state trauma system (federal match), domestic violence and sexual assault, library special fund, UH athletics, UH alumni, UH student activities, UH student tuition, **UH capital improvements, Mauna Kea lands management, RTRF**, Natural Areas Fund, community health centers, animal quarantine, irrigation repair, beach repair, water resource management, dam and reservoir safety, commercial fisheries, state parks, energy security, convention center enterprise (and so on and on). The funds would be merged with the general fund. It is completely unclear how the critical needs covered by many of the special funds would be met in the future.”

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**Comments:**

I realize that the state is running out of money. And that it is already closing down schools to afford itself. However, funds rasied by university students should not be utilized for the state to balance itself out. It seems like stealing.

February 9, 2011

I am writing to **oppose** SB 120 because I am worried about taking away funds at the University of Hawaii, namely the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) funds. As a PhD student at UH, I know how important the GSO is to graduate students who are seeking funding to attend academic conferences and conduct essential research for our theses and dissertations. Attending and presenting our work at academic conferences is a vital part of our professionalization and maintaining UH academic credibility. Our university is already broke and our departments do not have the funds to send us to important conferences, therefore we rely on the GSO special funds. I am firmly convinced that cutting additional funds such as these will make us less competitive scholars, more isolated from our colleagues at mainland universities, and ultimately degrades the academic reputation of the University of Hawaii. Please vote no on SB 120!

**Angela Krattiger**

PhD Candidate in American Studies

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SB 120 – argument con

I **oppose** this proposal. The elimination of special and revolving funds will adversely affect the ways in which a number of units can do business. I am particularly concerned about the effect on the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and on the University of Hawai'i, two agencies which are important for culture workers within the State.

I am involved with both organizations and know that their ability to serve the State will be drastically reduced and defeated with the proposed transfer of all moneys to the General Fund.

This is an unwise and unnecessary proposal.

**R. D. Trimillos**

Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

**Huy Minh Nguyen**

Student and Campus Center Board Undergraduate Member  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

February 9, 2011

**Opposition to SB 120, Relating to State Funds. Repeals certain special funds and transfers balances to the state general fund.**

To the Honorable Senator Ige,

Chair Ige and members of the committee, my name is Huy Nguyen and I am an undergraduate member of the Campus Center Board, a Chartered Student Organization at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on SB 120 Relating to State Funds.

As a representative of the university's student union, and also as a student myself, I strongly oppose SB 120. This bill would redirect the student activity fee monies from the Campus Center Operations & Recreation Fee and the Campus Center Programs Fee also known as the University Revenue-Undertakings Fund into financing our state's budget shortfall situation.

There are many reasons why this should not be done:

1. The special and revolving funds were established for specific purposes, For example, the University of Hawaii student activity funds are set to provide services, programs and facilities that will enhance the student's college education. The intention of these services is to help with student retention so that students can better engage their community with the goal of eventual graduation. There is documented research that shows students who engage in co-curricular activities are better prepared as citizens and members of the workforce. Taking from these funds will impact, weaken and possibly eliminate these programs and services that are meant to support students.
2. The University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus Center Student Union operates with special and revolving funds and is self-sustaining. We, at the student union, have had to make decisions that were well thought-out and frugal about how we can deliver services and programs as we address the demands of students. Funds that are saved are used to maintain and repair the facility and replace aging equipment. If we transfer these funds, the result will negatively impact how we can continue to be self-sustaining.
3. The impact on student employment, job training and preparation will be great. The loss of funds and reduced budgets will cost students their jobs. Many of our students take on campus

jobs to improve their learning or to obtain work experience; and there are some students who cannot possibly pay for their education, or even make ends meet, without them. Transferring these funds will reduce the number of student jobs available and will most certainly reduce services and programs.

4. Any fund balances are used for future equipment and building repair and replacement. The university's student union buildings, Hemenway Hall and Campus Center, were built in 1938 and 1974, respectively. We are responsible for these buildings and there will be greater deterioration of facilities and equipment if funds that have been allocated for maintenance and replacement projects are taken away. The action of transferring balances to the general fund will prevent us from making the necessary repairs.

Because of these reasons, I urge the committee to be in opposition of SB 120. I strongly believe that the effects of SB 120 will be detrimental to our community both in the short term and the long term.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Senator David Ige, Chair  
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February 8, 2011

To the Honorable Senator Ige,

Re: **Opposition** to SB 120, Relating to State Funds. Repeals certain special funds and transfers balances to the state general fund.

Chair Ige and members of the committee, my name is **Jessica Kim**. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 120 Relating to State Funds.

I strongly oppose SB 120, which would redirect student activity fee monies from the Campus Center Operations & Recreation Fee, and the Campus Center Programs Fee also known as the University Revenue-Undertakings Fund into financing our state's budget shortfall situation.

The reasons why this is bad legislation are:

1. Special and revolving funds were set-up for specific purposes, as in the case for University of Hawaii student activity funds which are derived to provide services, programs and facilities that will enhance the student's college education. The intention of such services to students is to help with student retention so that students can better engage their community with the goal of eventual graduation. It is documented research that students who engage in co-curricular activities will be better prepared as citizens and members of workforce. Taking from these funds will impact, diminish and/or eliminate these programs and services that are meant to support students.
2. The UH Campus Center Student Union which operates with special and revolving funds is self-sustaining. We have had to be planful and frugal in how we deliver services and programs as we address the demands of students. Funds that are saved are used to repair the facility and replace aging equipment. Transferring these funds will negatively impact how we can continue to be self-sustaining.
3. Our ability to offer students employment, job training and preparation will be greatly impacted. The loss of funds and reduced budgets will cost students their jobs. Many of our students take on campus jobs not only to improve their learning or to obtain work experience but they do so to help pay for their education. Many of our students need their jobs to make ends meet. Transferring these funds will reduce the number of student jobs available and will almost certainly reduce services and programs.
4. Any fund balances are used for future equipment and building repair and replacement. Given the age of the UH student union buildings (built in 1938 and 1974) of which we are

responsible for, there will be greater deterioration of facilities and equipment if funds that have been allocated for maintenance/replacement projects are taken. The action of transferring balances to the general fund will prevent us from making the necessary repairs.

I urge the committee to be in opposition of SB 120. I strongly believe that SB 120 will be detrimental both in the short term and the long term.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
February 9, 2011

To the Honorable Senator Ige,

Re: **Opposition to SB 120**, Relating to State Funds. Repeals certain special funds and transfers balances to the state general fund.

Chair Ige and members of the committee, my name is Stacy Hadano. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 120 Relating to State Funds.

Although consolidating these funds may provide short-term cost benefits for the State, these funds were intended to help the State reach its long term goals. Each fund is part of a carefully built house of cards – a financial plan. Consolidating the funds will jeopardize each program's financial resources and the execution of each mission.

The University of Hawaii actively collects admission fees, student tuition, student fees AND DONATIONS. The public donates to keep these programs alive and viable – to fund a Division I football program, to nurture future leaders, and to inspire responsible citizenry. If the State transfers the balances to the general fund, they create financial havoc for these programs as they could no longer plan. University administrators would spend more time lobbying for funds. Should the regents have to add to the skyrocketing tuition rates the “hidden state bailout plan”. The house of cards is crumbling – maintenance, program funding, employee morale, etc. are on the decline. The financial stress of no long term financial planning should not be added to the problem.

An Over Simplification: The State of Hawaii income tax would be from ALL the resources – unemployment, Wireless Enhanced 911 Service, University of Hawaii student fees, admissions to the University of Hawaii Volleyball game, and the donation to the Waikiki Aquarium – when the special funds are consolidated in the general fund. We are throwing years of financial planning out the door in a panic to find a short-term resolution that will ruin Hawaii's future.

**I strongly oppose SB 120**, which would redirect student activity fee monies from Campus Center Operations & Recreation Fee also known as the University Revenue-Undertakings Fund into financing our state's budget shortfall situation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
February 8, 2011

To the Honorable Senator Ige,

**Re: Opposition to SB 120, Relating to State Funds. Repeals certain special funds and transfers balances to the state general fund.**

Chair Ige and members of the committee, my name is Vivian Lin. I am the President-Elect of the Campus Center Board, a Chartered Student Organization at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 120 Relating to State Funds.

As a student and a representative of our University's student union, I strongly oppose SB 120, which allows for the redirection of student activity fee monies from Campus Center Operations & Recreation Fee, also known as the University Revenue-Undertakings Fund, into financing our state's budget shortfall situation.

There are three important reasons as to why SB 120 needs to be opposed:

First off, these monies are used in direct support of enriching student education. In today's society, the college experience extends well beyond academics in the classroom to gaining a positive out-of-classroom experience where students can learn to network and interact with their peers. The student activity fee monies are used to provide a diverse range of programs that cater to a wide population of students, with activities such as athletic events, concerts, movie nights, to more academically related initiatives such as scholarships, test prep assistance, and many more. The student activity fee monies in discussion have an immediate and direct impact on all of our students.

Secondly, these funds are used to support the development of student leadership on our campus. Students involved in clubs, chartered student organizations, and student government all benefit directly from this money through the process of learning valuable lessons in governance. The student activity fee monies help to provide these opportunities that are essential in the learning and development of our future leaders.

Last, but definitely not least, these funds help our campus to sustain and operate the UHM Campus Center Student Union, which is the main venue where student life and development programs and events are held. It is also a place where students come to continue their studies, interact with their peers, and get involved with extracurricular activities, which together, comprise the modern definition of a "college experience." The student activities monies are



used to fund the upkeep and maintenance of our student union, and this allows for the continued development of programs that will benefit the greater student population.

I strongly urge the committee to be in opposition of SB 120. I truly believe that SB 120 will have a very detrimental impact on the educational experience of our students. Please help support the success of our students and future leaders by opposing SB 120 and making the choice to help the continued enrichment of student life on our campus.

Thank you,

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Yolanda Domingo Writes:

I am a student from UH-West Oahu and am the President of the Psi Chi Honor Society and the out-going VP for the Psychology Club. If I understand the bill correctly, they are saying that they can take the balance of the student fees that we pay for STUDENT ACTIVITIES and transfer them to the state general fund? Would that not be misappropriation of funds????? As a student, I am paying this fee for student activity fees---not for the state general operating fund. These funds whether used for club and organizations, student government are being used for students. In my opinion, if our funds are used for other purposes, that's misappropriation of student funds and it is a disrespect to us as students. Why is it that when they are looking for areas to cut, they always focus on having the students suffer. If it weren't for students, there would be no need for universities and colleges to teach us. Have a great day!!!! Thank you for allowing us students to voice our opinions.

Aloha,

Yolanda C. Domingo

I am a student of UH-West Oahu and the President of the Business Club and the Gay Straight Alliance. As student the loss of the extracurricular activities provided by both the student government and the clubs would be a loss to the school and students. Many students, myself included, find a sense of pride about our school when we join or participate in clubs and their activities. In addition, many students have been taking upon themselves to start new clubs in order to provide more opportunities to help students, faculty, and the community with new ideas and new experiences. The transfer to the new campus with an ending of the clubs and their opportunities would be a set back for student moral. We look forward to activities in our daily, weekly, or monthly student lives. Go Owls!

Aloha,

Theresa Blasque



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February 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Room 211

Submitted by **Veronica Tomooka**, Executive Assistant

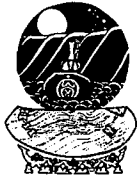
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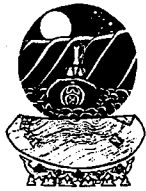
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Submitted by **Francoise Mueller**, Eligibility

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Please hold this measure in Committee.

**Madeleine Ferguson**

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With these numbers, Hawaii is among the most successful states when it comes to saving lives of future generations by lowering smoking rates and lowering the acceptability of smoking as a social norm. But this success does not mean we should sit back now - just the opposite is true. Here are two reasons:

1) The tobacco industry is heavily investing in our youth, not only by using every strategy to maintain the irresponsible image of smoking as a 'lifestyle choice', but also by opening new markets with smokeless tobacco products that in some cases clearly appeal to youth and young adults. The numbers are mind-boggling, with industry money spent on advertising beyond 10 Billion dollars per year nationally, and more than 42 Million in Hawaii. Cutting the already too low funds to fight this influence will not only make it easier for the industry to reach their goal, it will also send a devastating message to all those in the community who have invested their hard work into keeping our youth and everyone else healthy.

2) As health professionals, we have managed very well to reduce the smoking rates, but we have picked the 'low-hanging' fruit until now. Those who are still smoking are the ones who need more help than others, more coordinated efforts, more support and incentives, and more guidance. We also know that smoking rates are considerably higher in socially disadvantaged groups of the population, those that are harder to reach. Any decision to cut funds that benefit these groups is a decision to accept inequalities and social injustice in our state. It contradicts the core values that the state leadership, that you as a decision maker for all of us have adopted.

I fully understand the predicament that we are in regarding limited funds in hard economic times. But we cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated. And this is not only about saving dollars - it's about saving lives in our communities.

I have worked as a health professional in teaching, promoting and researching health issues in Europe and the U.S. for over 20 years now. I have never seen a group of people more engaged and investing more of their own resources, time, and efforts than the people in Hawaii who work in the tobacco prevention and cessation programs. I have seen them working without adequate reimbursement, I have seen them work until physical exhaustion, and I have seen them inspire the youth of our islands to engage in a positive activity that benefits our

communities and educates our young generations to become responsible and educated adults who will be leaders in the future. Please do not signal to these people that you as decision makers do not value their engagement. Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

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Please hold this measure in Committee.

Stefan Keller, PhD

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Mahalo

Paul Perretta

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**Kathleen Christopher**  
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**May Dela Cruz**  
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**TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee, Chair, David Y. Ige**  
**RE: Senate Ways and Means Committee, scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2011, 9:00a.m.**

**Testimony of Professor Mark A. Levin in strong opposition of SB120, Relating to State Funds**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

**I am hoping that the public health, morality, and social welfare benefits of tobacco control are already evident to you. But equally important is the point that tobacco control funding represents a crucial cost-efficient investment for significant fiscal savings in the state's future - avoiding health care costs, environmental harms, and social service costs that would otherwise be needed to abate detrimental impacts that tobacco use places on people who use tobacco products and their families.**

**As WAM's primary concerns leans to fiscal considerations, clear thinking along these lines too justifies funding for tobacco prevention and control.**

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in **opposition** to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Aloha and thank you for your consideration.

**Mark A. Levin**

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**From:** Rachel Kruse [rkruse@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:16 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in **opposition** to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Bill Zwick [wzwick@westhawaiiichc.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:20 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in the strongest possible terms **against** SB 120.

I am especially dismayed at section 120, which would eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts.

One of the most cost effective public health efforts of the last 20 years, tobacco cessation saves states many many years of treating the consequences of smoking in the 1/3 of smokers who will die from their addiction.

If an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, cutting these funds is a foolhardy, counterproductive way to try to save money. Not to mention the untold havoc on families who will have additional members ill and dying from tobacco use.

My sister died of lung cancer. I have 3 aunts who die of smoking related lung problems, and 3 uncles who die of heart conditions caused by smoking.

Please do not condemn yet another generation to the killing power of this deadly drug.

Mahalo,

Bill

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:23 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** doctor.katalina@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

**Categories:** Green Category

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:  
I strongly oppose SB 120

Smoking increases health care costs. I urge you to support public health. Oppose SB120 and maintain funding for tobacco prevention and smoking cessation programs. Actually, it would be money well spent to increase funding until smoking is a thing of the past.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee.  
Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

3920 Hunakai St.  
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February 9, 2011

To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: STRONG OPPOSITION to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is Janice S. Bond. I was Kauai's first Tobacco Coordinator for the Tobacco-Free Coalition, Co-vice Chair for the State Coalition with Dr. Elizabeth Tam, and the only neighbor island Tobacco Trust Fund Advisory Board member for six years from inception, helping form the state's strategic plan. I started the state's first youth coalition S.H.O.U.T. (Students of Hawaii Opposing Use of Tobacco) and accompanied 15 youth from Hawaii to the first TRUTH Summit in Seattle, Washington. I have produced six editions of "Smokers Talk: Stories of Struggles and Successes" and "In This Life, End Ice", two editions. I was a 2001 Ola Pono Individual Award winner having been nominated by then Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono. I have also been American Cancer Society's Legislative Advocate after being on the Kauai ACS board.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

Our programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped. I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Bond

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Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
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My name is Deb Michaels and I am a citizen concerned about second-hand smoke and teen smokers. I also work for the American Lung Association in Hawaii and I know firsthand that our adult tobacco cessation program Freedom From Smoking® works.

The community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

This is deeply alarming. There have already been severe reductions in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

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I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**From:** Hannah Hedrick [hedrickhneca@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong **opposition** to SB 120, Section 120. Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. Please don't be "penny wise and pound foolish."

Tobacco use and the life-threatening diseases it causes do more to harm our economy than any other single behavior. It is appalling that so little is being spent to prevent youth from smoking and help smokers quit. It would be extremely short sighted to reduce funding for the efforts that have been successful.

Please note that every dollar pays for many hours of volunteer work in tobacco control. Tobacco control programs are a tremendous value for the dollar. As a community activist involved in numerous projects, I don't know of any program that more effectively uses volunteers.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

**Hannah Hedrick**

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**From:** Lila Parong [lilapsalm100@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:24 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control. We can possibly be a model state for the rest of the states. I find that the announcements and tv commercials to be very effective and promising to get people to think.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Donn Mende [donnmende@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:10 AM  
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**From:** Russell Arikawa [russell@ginozarealty.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:18 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
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**From:** Warren Walker [warrenwa@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:27 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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**From:** John A. H. Tomoso [jtomoso@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:00 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Aloha kakou,  
Mahalo a nui for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our efforts, in a coalition that spans both the public and private sectors, to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

The kuleana and work must continue, just as vigorously. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

Me ka mahalo pono,  
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**From:** Zachary Santos [santosj@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:07 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii and its partners have worked diligently to keep youth and young adults, especially promising athletes like myself, tobacco-free and to help those who want to stop the addiction by quitting smoking. And, the investment is paying dividends, in saved lives, work productivity, and healthcare costs! Not to mention that youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But the State can't stop the funding that enables these efforts, especially when its own Indigenous population, Native Hawaiians, still have the highest smoking rates and smoking-related diseases in the State, not to mention other minority populations like Filipinos, Pacific Islanders, and many of the immigrating Asian populations.

The health and welfare of Hawaii's children and public should not be negated to balance the State budget. We can't afford the lives cut short or the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

And those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction and the predatory practices of the tobacco industry that get people hooked on cigarettes and other tobacco products.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers of their marketed products. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free from cigarettes, snus, chew, cigars, cigarillos, ALL tobacco manufactured products, even e-cigarettes.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control to help our communities fight this tobacco epidemic. Do it for me and you. Do it for Hawaii's youth and adults. Do it for your family, friends, community, and most of all, do it because it is the right thing to do.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

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**From:** William Walter [bill\_walaka@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:00 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

I must question the integrity of our State Government taking funds provided in settlement of a huge lawsuit by the Tobacco industry SPECIFICALLY TO FUND SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMS. This shows A SIGNIFICANT LACK of faith on our part. Further, how can the state support a SODA TAX saying that it is designed to fight obesity and fund health programs and at the same time RAID the tobacco fund. What does this tell us as voters about the real intent of our government.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** SANDRA SILVA [SANDCASTLE808@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:54 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Kathy OConnor [kaukathy@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:43 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Angelina Lovell [amlovell@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:58 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Abby BRown-Watson [abbykailua@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:29 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Angela Atkins [angieatkins9@gmail.com]  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Pedro Haro [haroarvi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:35 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Barbara A. Hastings [Bahastings@me.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:36 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Barbara Nosaka [barbrick@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:17 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Ruby Tidwell [rubyjt479@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:24 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** natalie norberg [info@nataliebrownphotography.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:13 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Lily Chan-Harris [naturehawaii@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:42 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Cheryl Reeser [reeser@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Cyrus Wilson [cysunnyhunny@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:22 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Jerris Hedges [hedgesew@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:42 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120 - Support our Medical School and Tobacco Prevention Efforts

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned about the impact that this bill will have upon the ability of multiple entities to efficiently use funds dedicated to specific social, educational, and research purposes that were previously established by the legislature and various state agencies.

I am concerned about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and the use of critical new funds for support of the John A. Burns and our vital tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to address the harm produced by tobacco-related injuries. A key part of that effort is to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our collective efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But we can't rest. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if the Medical School and other tobacco cessation efforts are eliminated.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. Just as we need funding to ensure we will have the next generation of health care providers in Hawaii who will treat the life-long effects of tobacco use, we need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for the John A. Burns School of Medicine and related Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** Mona Maehara [m.maehara@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:06 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

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Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**From:** jackie kalani [jkalani@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:42 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
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**From:** Gloria Faltstrom [gloriam@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:26 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
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**From:** Michelle Gray [mmg2b@msn.com]  
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**From:** Joan Takamori [jatakamori@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:56 PM  
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**From:** kanani costales [mccrkcostales@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:31 PM  
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**From:** Garrett Doyle [kailuahawaii808@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:07 PM  
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Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

Thank you.

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**From:** THEA Morales-McClendon [gwoth@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:32 PM  
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**From:** Forrest Batz, PharmD [fbatz@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:47 PM  
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**From:** Karen Seth [kseth@queens.org]  
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**From:** Ivan Nakano [ivan.nakano@kamaainanissan.com]  
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**From:** LorrieAnn Santos [lsantos@queens.org]  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:46 PM  
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The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii and its partners have worked tirelessly to keep youth and young adults like me tobacco-free and to help those who want to stop the addiction by quitting smoking. The best part, is that their efforts are working! Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But the State can't stop the funding that enables these efforts, especially when its own Indigenous population, Native Hawaiians, still have the highest smoking rates and smoking-related diseases in the State, not to mention other minority populations like Filipinos, Pacific Islanders, and many of the immigrating Asian populations.

The health and welfare of Hawaii's children and public should not be negated to balance the State budget. We can't afford the lives cut short or the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

And those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction and the predatory practices of the tobacco industry that get people hooked on cigarettes and other tobacco products.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

Do it for me. Do it for Hawaii's youth and adults. Do it for your family, friends, community, and most of all, do it because it is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,  
**Kana'auao Santos**

Kana'auao Santos



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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But we can't rest. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

And those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

**Beverly Wong**  
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To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: STRONG OPPOSITION to SB 120, Relating to State Funds  
Hearing on Feb 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 120. I ask that you eliminate Section 120, which would eliminate funding for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund.

My name is Amanda Yong-Yow, I am an intern from Hawaii Pacific University, majoring in Health Sciences.

Our community needs funding from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to keep kids from tobacco use and to help smokers quit. Eliminating the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and HRS 328L-2 means that there will be no revenues dedicated for our crucial tobacco prevention and control efforts.

This is deeply alarming. Our efforts have already seen a severe reduction in funding for tobacco prevention and control. In 1999, the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund received 25% of the Tobacco Settlement Dollars. In 2001, the Trust Fund portion was cut down to 12.5%. And in 2009, it was cut again to 6.5%. We cannot afford to cut it down completely.

(SHARE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOUR ORGANIZATION IF FUNDS WERE CUT)

Our programs work. We have seen strong reductions in youth smoking from almost 25% in 2000 to just above 11% in 2009. Our concern is that this progress will end if funds are further cut. All that stands between our youth starting to smoke and the tobacco industry is our tobacco prevention efforts. These efforts will be gone if funds are stopped.

I ask that you keep protect funding for tobacco prevention efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But we can't rest. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

And those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

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Comments:

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned about the impact that this bill will have upon the ability of multiple entities to efficiently use funds dedicated to specific social, educational, and research purposes that were previously established by the legislature and various state agencies.

I am concerned about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and the use of critical new funds for support of the John A. Burns and our vital tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to address the harm produced by tobacco-related injuries. A key part of that effort is to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our collective efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But we can't rest. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if the Medical School and other tobacco cessation efforts are eliminated.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. Just as we need funding to ensure we will have the next generation of health care providers in Hawaii who will treat the life-long effects of tobacco use, we need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for the John A. Burns School of Medicine and related Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

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**From:** Sean Ginoza [sean@ginozarealty.com]  
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**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But we can't rest. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

And those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

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Those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

It is because we had the Special Funds that tobacco prevention & control efforts have been successful. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

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Comments:

I am an educator and scientist employed by the State of Hawaii. I oppose SB120 and its provisions to repeal the special funding set aside to combat noise, radiation, and indoor air quality issues, reallocation of the tobacco settlement monies, along with child, spouse, and sex abuse allotments, into the state general fund. I also include in this opposition the abolition of special funding for mitigation of birth defects and protective animal quarantine. These special services are essential to the health and well-being of Hawaii's people, and need to be untouched at this time of fiscal emergency. As the only public institution of higher learning in Hawaii, UH always seems to be the chopping block. Come see the run down facilities that catch fire and ruin research protocols when they lose power. If the offshore wealthy, with their business as well as residential assets in this state, cannot be taxed at a proportionally higher rate, people will mobilize, like in the UK, to shut down these companies until they pay their fair share.

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**From:** J Taylor Spurrier [seacliffitness@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 120

Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee Members,

As a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, and supporter of the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii I ask you - as Senate Ways and Means Committee members - to STOP Senate Bill 120.

If passed, SB120 would cut funding to two critically important funds in the state which provide significant money in our battle to decrease the impact cancer has on so many Hawaiians.

The Cancer Research Special Fund and the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund provide money on two important fronts - research and prevention / cessation services. A decrease in the Cancer Research Special Fund will dramatically increase our health care cost while placing an additional burden on cancer patients and their families who would be forced to go to the Mainland to participate in clinical trials, if any are available to them. I watched my mother die of breast cancer when she was 51 years old. Her house was in foreclosue while she lay dying due the cost of cancer treatment. Those cancer patients willing to participate in clinical trials are taking on a tremendous role for the public. They are allowing themselves to be utilized in hope that this horrible disease may one day be cured. Most of these patients are tolerating unknown risks, additional inconvenience, and sometimes painful procedures and treatments for the good of others with cancer. Certainly they may hope that their research participation may benefit their own health but most know that any potential benefit will likely come when they are gone. Please make it as easy as possible for our local heros to be part of these important clinical trials. If cancer research in Hawaii is decreased will all of our unique populations be represented by new screenings and treatments that do arise? Not likely.

Additionally, any attempt to cut proven prevention and cessation programs through the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund will lead to higher smoking rates. I am a Certified Health Education Specialist with a graduate degree in Community Health Education. More importantly I am a mother and asthma patient. Over the years I have worked with over 100 people who wanted to quit smoking. For most of these individuals it is the most difficult challenge they have ever faced- even for some who had previously been addicted to illegal drugs such as methamphetamine! We need to keep young people from starting and provide sufficient support and resources for tobacco users to quit. This is a basic public health and quality of life issue. All people of Hawaii have the RIGHT to breathe clean air! Please do not risk the progress we have made in this state but taking away from the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund! It is no accident that Hawaii's tobacco use rates have improved. It is due to constant work and attention by the people at the Department of Health and their partners. To neglect this issue now would have grave consequences.

These cuts would result in more cancers, and more Hawaiians losing their lives. I can't live with that...can you?

If we lose funding to either or both of these important programs, Hawaii could take a huge step backwards in a fight where we have been making tremendous strides. In the end, it will also undoubtedly cost us a whole lot more than it may "save" in the short term.



Mahalo for your consideration.

Most Sincerely,

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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

Our efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and help smokers quit are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. And adult smoking rates have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009.

But we can't rest. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health. We can't afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future if programs are eliminated.

And those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction.

When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free.

Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

Curtis P. Chun: Hard economic times will leverage reallocation cuts in areas that lawmakers deem "easy" prey. Essentially, for tobacco use reduction, the perspective missed is "...penney wise, pound foolish...". Secondly, the tradition of tobacco usage is no longer the same since technology has brought forward the truth of what it destructs. Furthermore, technology has refined tobacco industry strategies and mission objectives. As lawmakers, please have the courage to stand ground against this industry and resist their tempt.  
Regards, Curtis

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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Strong **Opposition** to SB 120 Section 120; Keep Funding for Tobacco Prevention

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

I respectfully submit my letter of support in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use in Hawaii.

Adult smoking prevalence rates in state of Hawaii have dropped from 21.2% in 2002 to 15.4% in 2009. However, these prevalence numbers of adult smoking have been stagnant in the past four to five years because there has been no sufficient funding to help the current smokers to quit smoking. This smoking prevalence has not yet met the Healthy People 2010 and 2020 target goal of less than 12% smoking prevalence. Our efforts to keep kids tobacco-free and prevent them from smoking are working. Youth smoking rates have dropped from 25% to just above 11%. I strongly believe those who smoke need critical programs that can help them to quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit.

As a pharmacist, I would like to point out that many clinically significant interactions between tobacco smoke and medications have been identified. Tobacco smoke (first and secondhand smoke) interacts with medications the patients taken through pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic mechanisms that can lead to reduced therapeutic effectiveness and increased toxicity of medications consumed by the patients. This tobacco smoke and medication interaction event could adversely threaten the health and wellness of the patients with concomitant diseases (e.g., diabetes, hypertension, coronary artery diseases, cancers, psychiatric disorders, etc). Consequently, it can adding the total economic cost/burden of cigarette use more than \$193 billion annually in health care expenditures and loss of productivity.

As a pharmacy educator, I have taught pharmacy students pharmacotherapy for tobacco use and dependence for many years and was interested in teaching tobacco interventions with patients. The Tobacco Free Hawaii Coalition Program has also assisted us training into our 90 second professional year student class for the past 3 years at the College of Pharmacy, University of Hawaii at Hilo. The program has prepared with training manuals, intervention materials, flyers and pamphlet packets for all of our 90 pharmacy students. The coalition provided the training on tobacco brief intervention skills over three separate days, bringing in 10-15 colleagues one day such that our students had access to health care professionals in the field who personally provided assistance with their role-playing with clients. With this collaboration between the College of Pharmacy and the Coalition, pharmacy students can apply and transfer these tobacco brief intervention skills to patient care early during their pharmacy practice experiential programs.

I firmly believed we cannot rest. We cannot balance the State budget on the backs of our children and the next generation's health and helping the current smokers to quit smoking. We cannot afford the hundreds and millions of dollars that smoking will cost our State in the future in terms of adverse consequences of cigarette smoking if programs are eliminated. When other states including California and Massachusetts have cut funding for tobacco prevention programs, progress has reversed. All that stands between our children and the tobacco industry is our prevention efforts. The tobacco industry spends \$42 million dollars

every year to find youth "replacement smokers" and future consumers. We need funding to fight to keep our youth tobacco-free and help the current smokers to quit smoking.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you and would like to express my strongly support for the continued Tobacco Prevention and Control program in state of Hawaii. Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

Supakit

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB 120. I am concerned primarily about section 120, which will eliminate the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and new funds for tobacco prevention efforts. The Tobacco Settlement funds were intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

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And those who smoke need critical programs that help them quit. Last year, more than half of Hawaii smokers tried to quit. And almost 90% indicate they want to quit. Let's make sure they can get the help they need to fight nicotine addiction.

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Please do not pass this measure out of Committee. Please keep funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in opposition to SB 120 Section 120 with you.

Please hold this measure in Committee.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I have worked for pay and no pay at Lyon Arboretum for ten years. I can't stress enough how important it is to maintain our forests especially at Lyon Arboretum. I overheard a kid once not knowing what to do in a forest. It was sad to see a kid bored in a forest. One thing the Lyon Arboretum is good for is educating people about the forest and our connection to it. It is especially important for young children to learn about the forest. Not only does it apply to outer well being of us humans, but also to inner well being as well. What will happen when there is no forest left because we were never taught to value it as children. As for me it was a way of life growing up to interact with the forest. That is where we got our resources and sometimes food. It would be a disaster if we lost all of our forest because no one cared, even the end to human kind as we all know. We need to keep whatever staff we have at the Lyon Arboretum since we already to small of a staff, and we just lost a very important member. For me the Arboretum has served as a source of healing and a place to be at home doing something worthwhile in this world we live in. It is hard to describe the feeling of what it is like to be at home in a place most familiar or to have a place to go to to get a peace of mind. I hope you please consider reading my letter. I understand that money is tight, but we need to keep the few valuable resources we have.

Sincerely,  
Felice

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund. This is the only source of dedicated state funding for community health centers to provide care for the uninsured and the operations of community health centers. The state budget cannot be balanced by sacrificing the health of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities.

More than ever, community health centers are the safety net, trying to shore up services in the face of both significantly increased community needs and widespread state program cuts. Some 2009 one-year increases:

46% increase in the number of patients whose primary diagnosis is mental illness.  
33% increase in dental services for the indigent.  
26% increase in Medicaid patients and 7% increase in homeless patients.  
If community health centers aren't supported they can't be:

The mainstay of the Medicaid provider network.  
The only place open to the uninsured patients besides the ER.  
The safety net for people with mental illnesses.  
The provider of dental care for Medicaid patients and the uninsured.  
The source of care in rural areas without other health care providers.  
Economic need for supporting community health center capacity:

If community health centers lose capacity, the indigent patients they should be caring for will increase inappropriate use of ERs, delay care and end up in the hospital, or possibly causing harm to themselves or others due to mental illnesses left unaddressed. Community health centers provide a extensive array of services that help patients with the socio-economic problems that exacerbate their illnesses. However, health centers use innovative and comprehensive care models that cost the health care system less money and improve health outcomes. A recent study showed that care provided by community health centers costs \$1,262 less per patient per year. Community health centers saved Hawaii's health care system \$160,000,000 in 2010.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I submit this testimony in opposition to SB 120.

The University of Hawai'i has served the people of the state for over 100 years. It was created by the legislature of the Territory of Hawai'i in 1907 and expanded to university status in 1919, effective July 1920, in order to provide higher education opportunities to all citizens of Hawai'i. The University of Hawai'i has done so very well over the century plus.

As part of its efforts to function efficiently, the university has depended upon a variety of revenue sources, many of which have specified sources and/or specified uses. Tuition is one of those sources. When I first arrived at the University of Hawai'i in 1988, tuition revenue went into the state's general fund. If we got any of it, it was by grace of the legislature. None of the tuition revenues were guaranteed to the university, and each biennium the amount coming to the university from tuition could vary. During the past decade or so, the state offered the university its autonomy, but in exchange voided certain legislatively mandated funding minima for the university. At the same time, the state granted that tuition funds would go into the university's coffers, not into the general fund of the state. Up to that point tuition seldom rose, because the university had no guarantee that the tuition revenue would come to it. Since then because funding from the legislature has been increasingly difficult to obtain and maintain, tuition has had to increase dramatically. Voiding this special fund alone would unfairly deprive the university of valued income and would send a message to the general population of the state that the university is not valued by the government.

Voiding other special funds and folding them into the general fund would deprive the university of other income generated beyond the state legislature. Autonomy would cease to exist at all. All programs which do not generate extensive grant funds would become totally dependent upon the state legislature. Unless the current legislature is ready and willing to commit not only the current legislature but all future legislatures to vastly increased support of the university system, this legislature cannot honorably pass this bill.

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Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Comments:

As professor and interim dean at UH Mānoa, I am writing in opposition of SB 120, which would repeal all UH special and revolving funds and transfer their balances to the state general fund. Such an action would be devastating for UH Mānoa. Serving as a research 1 university requires the flexibility to generate and direct funding for specific purposes, from student-led activities to research programs. Having such funds transferred to the state general fund endangers the ability to meet obligations related to those funds, from bonds to buildings to student organizations, and virtually eliminates the opportunity for planning and prioritization by the institution. I am also greatly concerned about the tremendous hurdles that the passage of SB 120 would place on social services within the state designed to serve needy groups, such as crime victims, environmental and health agencies and libraries, etc. These are agencies that are already struggling with budget cuts and thus may not be able to withstand the crippling effects of this legislation.

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Conference room: 211  
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**Comments:**

I oppose cutting funds which will hurt the environment of Hawaii. Our land supports us, and we need to support our land. Funding is necessary for protection of the little we have left.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

**Please delete Section 110 of SB 120. Doing so will protect the support provided by the community health center special fund to Hawaii's archipelago of community health centers.**

When the economy gets bad for the state, it is usually after it's been even worse for the citizenry for some months. People have lost their jobs or had their hours reduced, lost their private medical coverage, perhaps become enrolled in Medicaid—all of which points to them being more and more likely to seek the services of a community health center (or an Emergency Room—which would we rather pay for?). When things are bad in the state, it is exactly the worst time to deny funding to safety net providers like community health centers. Often the people at a community health center, offering medical, dental and behavioral health care, are all that stands between a person in need and total desperation. Right now, at CHCs from Waimea to Pahoehoe, need is up, demand is up, and cutting support, which might look like a good idea in the short term, is a very bad idea indeed.

You have before you all the information about the cost-saving capabilities of community health centers, and what high-quality care they deliver to EVERYONE, regardless of income level or insured status, even what economic engines they are for their communities. Please remember that health centers are a very wise investment in society. Immunizations, preventive care, chronic disease management—all areas in which health centers excel—these are the critical areas of health care that, over time, save the state money.

Community health centers lost a significant amount of state support in recent years because the existence of the special fund gave the previous administration cover to cut CHC money from the general fund. Now the lifeblood provided by the special fund is under threat. It is the responsibility of all of us, as represented by you, to care for those least fortunate in our society. Please ensure that this support remains intact. CHCs cannot continue to provide essential services to those who need it most without this resource. Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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More than ever, community health centers are the safety net, trying to shore up services in the face of both significantly increased community needs and widespread state program cuts. Some 2009 one-year increases:

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Economic need for supporting community health center capacity:

- If community health centers lose capacity, the indigent patients they should be caring for will increase inappropriate use of ERs, delay care and end up in the hospital, or possibly causing harm to themselves or others due to mental illnesses left unaddressed.

• Community health centers provide a extensive array of services that help patients with the socio-economic problems that exacerbate their illnesses.

However, health centers use innovative and comprehensive care models that cost the health care system less money and improve health outcomes. A recent study showed that care provided by community health centers costs \$1,262 less per patient per year. Community health centers saved Hawaii's health care system \$160,000,000 in 2010.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
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Testifier position: oppose  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly and urgently oppose Section 110 of Senate Bill 120 which repeals the community health center special fund.

Balancing the state budget by sacrificing the health and health care of those who are the most vulnerable and needy in our communities will drastically increase ER costs and reduce the health of the poorest of the HI population.

Community health centers continue to be the last line of defense in the face of both significantly increased community needs and widespread state program cuts.

Community health centers are:

The mainstay of the Medicaid provider network. Who will see the patients? Private practice providers mostly do not see medicaid pts, as you know.

The only place open to the uninsured patients besides the ER. Without the Primary Care Provider management of care at the Community health Centers, thepts will go to ER, at a much higher cost per case.

The last health care refuge for people with mental illnesses.

The provider of dental care for Medicaid patients and the uninsured. Who will see them? Currently private practice dentists routinely turn away these pts.

The source of care in rural areas without other health care providers. Rural areas like Kailua Kona.

I am told a recent study showed that care provided by community health centers costs \$1,262 less per patient per year.

Community health centers saved Hawaii's health care system \$160,000,000 in 2010. Reducing their budget will explode other budgets the state will end up responsible for.

I respectfully request that you think about all this, because if you do, you will see that damaging the community health care system is a very counterproductive way to attempt to save money.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

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State funding for community health centers has remained relatively flat from 2005-2010, however health centers have seen a 48% increase in patients and 18% increase in uninsured patient visits during that same time period. In total, uninsured patients now represent 24% of all community health center clients. This increase in client load is taxing the operational capacity of these organizations.

Community health centers are mandated to provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral and mental health/substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. Many of the cutbacks in funding for other state programs, such as the Adult Mental Health Division and Medicaid dental care for adults, have left community health centers as the only safety net open to indigent people in need.

\*Community health centers in Hawaii cared for 125,000 patients in 2009, making them the second largest provider of primary care services in the state.

\*71% are either uninsured or covered by Medicaid:

- 47% of patients in 2009 were Medicaid enrollees (QUEST), which represents a 26% increase in Medicaid patients seen over 2008.

- 24% of patients were uninsured in 2010.

\*72% of patients are served in rural areas, where a CHC is often the only provider.

\*Patients with mental health needs grew by 46% in 2009.

\*17% of patients are legal COFA migrants who are facing benefit reductions and often present with significant, costly, and complex medical needs.

\*72% are below poverty. 84% are below 200% of poverty.

\*Homeless patients at community health centers grew by 7% in 2009.

\*Community health centers grew overall 10% in 2009, and have grown 42% over the past five years (neighbor island communities have grown by 62%).

\*Our model of care at the community health centers saves \$1,262 per patient per year; that means \$160 million in savings to the State in 2010.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
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**Comments:**

I oppose section 110 of Senate Bill 120 please do not cut community health care funding. It will cost us more in the long run at the E.R.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I am a physician at a Community Health Clinic who strongly urges defeat of this bill. Currently CHC's provide valuable acute and preventive care to patients who would otherwise have no options. If this funding for health care funding is lost, there will be even more overutilization of hospital emergency rooms, which will drive the cost of health care up for everyone. Loss of this funding will have devastating effects for those who will lose medical care.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

In strong opposition. The money for this fund comes directly from individual nurses at the time of license renewal. It is intended to fund the unique work of the Center which is critical to the support & advancement of nursing. Rerouting this money to the general fund amounts to an unfair additional tax on nurses and the elimination of a vital service to our profession. Leave these funds earmarked and restricted for use as intended. They were not collected as general tax revenue and should not be used as such.

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Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tim O'Connor  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 11 Maha Makawao HI  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bobglorptknck@hotmail.com](mailto:bobglorptknck@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Hawaii needs to look into and invest in sustainable energies and absolutely needs to protect and preserve our beautiful environment. Funding for these should continue!!!!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** ndavlantes@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nancy Davlantes  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 47-228 Kamehameha Hwy Kaneohe, HI  
Phone: 808-239-5501  
E-mail: [ndavlantes@aol.com](mailto:ndavlantes@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

As I understand it, this bill would kill most energy and environmental funding. If this is so, cutting funding in these areas would be disastrous for Hawaii and what this state needs to do.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tessie Lumabao  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1512 Spreckels St Honolulu  
Phone:  
E-mail: [08teluma@gmail.com](mailto:08teluma@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Hannah Trenhaile

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [htrenhaile53@hotmail.com](mailto:htrenhaile53@hotmail.com)

Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jennifer Arashiro

Organization: Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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Phone: 241-1748

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:20 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** mtlam@kauai.gov  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marla Torres Lam  
Organization: Pros. Atty's Office/Victim Witness  
Address: 3990 Kaana St. Suite 210 Lihue, Hawaii  
Phone: 808 241-1749  
E-mail: [mtlam@kauai.gov](mailto:mtlam@kauai.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I am writing in strong opposition to the elimination of the funds that help victims of crime through the Crime Victim Compensation Commission. These funds are necessary to help pay victim's medical bills, loss of wages, counseling and funeral/burial expenses due to an Murder, Negligent Homicide/Injury, Assault, Sexual Assault, Family Abuse or Kidnapping. This program and their funds have helped thousands of people with the financial burden left after such an traumatic event. Please do not eliminate such an important and essential program.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** cheriv@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cheri Vasek  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 3673 Loulu St Honolulu, HI  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cheriv@hawaii.edu](mailto:cheriv@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I am deeply concerned for all the many important areas that would be impacted by this change in legislation, in particular these special funds that will be devastated: child abuse, mental health and substance abuse, lead abatement, job training, emergency medical services, domestic violence, UH student tuition, water resource management and dam and reservoir safety. These are all items that have significant impact for our community. Please be careful in all areas involving health, safety and quality of life, and the future for Hawaii's citizens.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:06 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** mgalimba@kuahiwiranch.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michelle Galimba  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mgalimba@kuahiwiranch.com](mailto:mgalimba@kuahiwiranch.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose the repeal of the Seal of Quality Special Fund. The Seal of Quality program helps farmers to market their products. It is a very effective program. Funds in the Seal of Quality Special Fund are derived from payments made by participants and should remain in the program.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mark Chaplin  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 8087537877  
E-mail: [mchaplin@hawaii.edu](mailto:mchaplin@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

In opposition to SB120

This bill is absolutely offensive. Exempting businesses from taxation while leaving individuals to pay should be unconstitutional if it is not already. Removing the special funds for many programs would be devastating to our communities. This bill has special interests and corporate hands all over it.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** clarkllew@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Clark Llewellyn  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 4959 Maunalani Circle #2 Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 808-450-2426  
E-mail: [clarkllew@gmail.com](mailto:clarkllew@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

The passage of SB120 would be a dramatic blow to numerous organizations within the State of Hawai'i. Further centralization of services and funds is neither productive nor effective.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:56 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** barleigh2@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Barbara Leigh Cooney  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [barleigh2@yahoo.com](mailto:barleigh2@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

Do away with services for child abuse, lead abatement, job training, emergency medical services, domestic violence, UH student tuition and activities, and dam and reservoir safety?? What would our Hawaii be without services to our community???

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:04 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** c2paul@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dr. Paul M Chandler  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 2333 Kapiolani Blvd Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 808-218-3129  
E-mail: [c2paul@hotmail.com](mailto:c2paul@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

Please do not pass this enormous bill that will potentially weaken or destroy so much that supports our society. It is better to make incremental changes that help us meet the needs of our people while also trying to save. Raise some taxes before cutting services. The US already has the lowest taxes in the Western world!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:04 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** philip.moravcik@gmail.com  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Philip Moravcik  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 9563097  
E-mail: [philip.moravcik@gmail.com](mailto:philip.moravcik@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I am writing to strongly object to SB 120 sponsored by Clayton Hee and Malama Solomon. The bill is a wholesale gutting of many important programs that I very strongly feel should continue. It seems that the bill specifically targets the poor, students, victims of crime, and the at risk. It is anti-democratic. Do not pass this bill.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:21 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** mauiaprn@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dolores Soler-Bergau APRN  
Organization: Individual  
Address: PO Box 711 Hana, Hi 96713  
Phone: 808 2488425  
E-mail: [mauiaprn@yahoo.com](mailto:mauiaprn@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I oppose our nursing dollars be removed from funding, as intended, The Hawaii Center for Nursing, to the state's general fund. Our money are working hard to collect, analyze data, prepare and disseminate written reports. Provide recommendations regarding current and future status and trends of the nursing workforce. We conduct research on best practice and quality outcomes; And actively plan and implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses. Please remember the nursing shortage as we continue to see the "baby boomers" retire from nursing as well as age in the general population. Mahalo Nui.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** islandxhawaii@msn.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

**Categories:** Green Category

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: William Martin  
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Phone: 808 779-7439  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:  
I oppose this bill

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** adminhmansfield@pacthawaii.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Haaheo Mansfield

Organization: Parents And Children Together

Address: 1485 Linapuni Street, Ste. 105 Honolulu, HI 96719

Phone: 847-3285

E-mail: [adminhmansfield@pacthawaii.org](mailto:adminhmansfield@pacthawaii.org)

Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:29 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** kauailady@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cynthia Johnson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kauailady@hotmail.com](mailto:kauailady@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I CANNOT BELIEVE OUR LEGISLATURE WOULD PASS A BILL SUCH AS THIS.  
THIS COMMISSION HAS PROVIDED VICTIMS WITH MORE HELP OBTAINING RESTITUTION THAN ANY OTHER  
MEANS AVAILABLE

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:05 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** debreo@hamakua-health.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Debra Toledo-Ebreo  
Organization: Hamakua Health Center  
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Phone: 808-775-9895  
E-mail: [debreo@hamakua-health.org](mailto:debreo@hamakua-health.org)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:08 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** abaalto@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: anthony aalto  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [abaalto@gmail.com](mailto:abaalto@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Aloha Senator David Ige and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

My name is Anthony Aalto and I oppose this bill because I strongly support local, diversified agriculture

I believe the Hawai`i Seal of Quality (SOQ) program is vital to the promotion of self-sufficiency and sustainability in our food production.

We produce barely 15% of the food we consume. That is neither healthy nor secure. We must diversify our economy and support our farmers.

Please reject this bill  
Mahalo  
Anthony Aalto

We believe that it is both detrimental to the goals of achieving food self-sufficiency in the future. . .and that it is patently unfair to repeal this special fund as it is funded by SOQ participants themselves using income from the sales of SOQ seals and impressions. The revenues collected should benefit food producing members in the SOQ program and not be diverted back to the general fund. These types of user-funded private-public cooperative efforts should be enlarged and encouraged not killed by special interests!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** andrew\_yoshimoto@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Andrew Yoshimoto  
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Phone: 8085573126  
E-mail: [andrew\\_yoshimoto@yahoo.com](mailto:andrew_yoshimoto@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** forster@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Richard Forster  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 2948 East Manoa Rd B Honolulu  
Phone: 808988 6820  
E-mail: [forster@hawaii.edu](mailto:forster@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Dear State Legislators,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed redirection of funds from such crucial areas as higher education, child abuse, lead abatement, job training, emergency medical services, domestic violence, UH student tuition and activities, and dam and reservoir safety. Rather than redirecting funds from these areas in order to pay for basic operations of state administration, I would suggest that you increase taxation of the wealthiest members of our community.

Aloha and mahalo.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:21 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** jamescorderjc@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: JAMES CORDER  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jamescorderjc@gmail.com](mailto:jamescorderjc@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:50 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** rlayosa@kauai.gov  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: RANEE LAYOSA  
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Address: 3990 KAANA STREET, SUITE 210 LIHUE, HI  
Phone: 8082411752  
E-mail: [rlayosa@kauai.gov](mailto:rlayosa@kauai.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Darrell Kicker  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone: 956-4728  
E-mail: [kicker@hawaii.edu](mailto:kicker@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

I strongly oppose SB120. Times of financial difficulty, real or imagined, cannot be an excuse for government to abandon its commitment to support its citizens! SB120 would merge the funds for many critical programs, including those affecting the most vulnerable members of society in Hawaii, into the general fund with no contingency plan for how these needs would be met in the future. In other words, I expect, funding for these programs would not be available. This bill also seems like another effort to eliminate public funding for the (very public) University of Hawaii! Hawaii wants and deserves a quality public university. NO to SB120!

Mahalo,  
Darrell Kicker  
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Occupation: Coordinator of Manoa International Exchange (provides study abroad opportunities for UH Manoa students and contributes to the internationalization of UH Manoa)

**Written Testimony AGAINST SB 120 by Peter Mouginis-Mark, 2212 Round Top Drive, Honolulu, HI 96822**

Dear Senators:

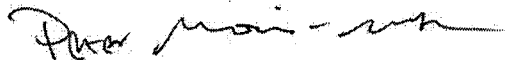
I urge you all to **VOTE "NO" for SB 120**. I believe that it will wreak widespread havoc within our community at a time when there is already great distress in trying to deal with numerous fiscal challenges.

Removing all special and revolving funds will make it impossible for numerous activities that our community relies on to support our most at-need members. The list is long of organizations that would have significant problems maintaining services, including spouse and child abuse, public housing, mental health and substance abuse, and community services. All residents of Hawaii depend on the services supported by the funds to keep us safe, as well as protect our environment, including state parks, water resource management, beach repair and dam and reservoir safety. Why would you want to put these activities at risk, or even make more difficult for the hard working members of our community to protect Hawaii?

I am also deeply concerned about the impact that enactment of this bill would have on my own organization, the University of Hawaii. At a time when the State is turning more to UH to be the innovator for our economy, removal of the UH student tuition (seed money for us to train our next generation of residents and tax payers), UH capital improvements (replacing much of the old infrastructure on campus), Mauna Kea land management (affecting the use of the large telescopes), and in particular the RTRF funds (which support many innovative research ideas at their early stages of development) would cripple the University's abilities to sustain research and bring in new Federal funds. Loss of these revolving funds would be catastrophic for much that the University is doing to help our State and our economy.

**I therefore urge you all to VOTE "NO" on SB120.**

Thank you,



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:37 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** overdrive\_live@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shawn  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [overdrive\\_live@yahoo.com](mailto:overdrive_live@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:  
I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:54 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** dgwhite@kauai.gov  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Diana Gausepohl-White  
Organization: Kauai Victim/Witness Program  
Address: 3990 Kaana St. Ste. 210 Lihue, HI  
Phone: 808-241-1747  
E-mail: [dgwhite@kauai.gov](mailto:dgwhite@kauai.gov)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Our office has worked with hundreds of crime victims who have received assistance from the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC). Many victims who are harmed are left with mounting medical bills and loss of income. CVCC is the payor of last resort and is an essential resource for victims in their road to recovery.

**Testimony for Senate Bill No. 120**  
**The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, 2011**  
**State of Hawaii, Senate**

**To: Senator David Ige, Chair**  
**House Committee on Ways & Means**

**Regarding: Ways and Means Committee hearing, February 10, 2011, Conference Room 211**

**SB 120**

**Please distribute this testimony to members of the Ways & Means Committee**

**Written testimony\* from:**

Jill Laughlin  
2878 Kalawao St.  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Aloha:

**I am writing to you in strong opposition to Senate Bill 120**, which in part, would allow the transfer of special funds from the University of Hawai'i to the state general fund. As the manager of the Lyon Arboretum's education, volunteer and outreach programs, I can attest to the harrowing effects of the loss of funding.

The University of Hawaii's Special Fund is essential to the operation of the Lyon Arboretum. The University's Special Fund provides a large portion of the Lyon Arboretum's annual operating budget, providing funding for essential positions that are not covered by the University's General Funds. These positions include most of the staff of the internationally recognized Rare Plant Rescue Lab at Lyon. These key lab staff are responsible for the rescue and recovery of over 230 species of rare and endangered native Hawaiian plants, and hundreds of Hawaiian cultural plants. Loss of funding for this important lab would create an immediate and irreversible decline and possible loss of native Hawaiian species as well as many rare kalo cultivars and other Hawaiian cultural plants. **The potential loss of endemic native species and generations of Hawaiian cultural plants would be unconscionable.**

The University of Hawai'i's Special Fund also provides staffing for the Arboretum's Education and Outreach programs, which currently serves 10,000 GK-12 students annually, and provides over 15,000 instructional hours of hands-on experiential STEM learning opportunities for our keiki. The Arboretum's educational programs, aligned with National Science Standards and Hawai'i State DOE standards, serves public, private, charter and home schooled students. Our programs are inclusive and serve many students with disabilities, providing learning opportunities that cannot be replicated in a classroom. **The loss of special funds would cut 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of our education staff, drastically reducing the safety, quality, content and impact of our school programs, and most likely would end the education program at Lyon Arboretum.**

Thousands of visitors from the mainland and foreign countries visit the Arboretum each year. Many of them say it was their favorite experience on the island of O'ahu. The University's Special Funds help to provide staffing to maintain the gardens, the rare plant collections, and the safety of the visitors. Currently 2.5 FTE staff care for nearly 200 acres, while the industry standard for botanical gardens is 1 staff per 5 acres. We now operate on a shoestring, which

cannot be stretched further. **Any loss of funding would endanger the safety of visitors, and most likely result in closure.**

Six years ago, at the 2005 Legislature, I testified and attended hours and hours of House and Senate hearings, which resulted in funding to provide upgrades to our facilities to bring them up to safety standards, into ADA compliance, and to provide essential staffing. To lose critical funding from the University Special Fund would undermine the hard-fought advances made since 2005 when lack of funding closed the Arboretum for 3 months. **This time it might not be recoverable.**

If the legislature cuts funding to the Arboretum via the transfer of University Special Funds, thousands of school children, university students, visitors, community members, and endangered plants will be affected. **It's in your hands. Please kill this bill.**

Mahalo for your consideration.

Jill Laughlin



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Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Palika Bell-Cockett

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Catherine Lampton  
Organization: Individual  
Address: PO Box 1828 HI  
Phone: 808 640-1080  
E-mail: [clampton@hawaii.edu](mailto:clampton@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Taking student fees into the general fund is tantamount to cheating students out of their educational experience. How can you even think of such a thing, no matter how broke Lingle made us.

You MAY not steal from me or any of my fellow students.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

To whom it may concern;

I oppose bill SB120 that is scheduled to be passed today at 0900 hours local. I realize that this bill repeals all UH special and revolving funds and transfers the balances to the state general fund. I realize that this will delete the Universities tuition and fees special funds as well as the UH student activities revolving fund. I realize that the University is the root of support for the education of the students and that cutting funding will not only cause devastating effects, but will also cause more harm than good.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the following reasons. First, chartered school organizations and clubs provide students with a sense of belonging on campus. Second, funded clubs and organizations has been proven to increase recruitment and maintain retention. Third, cutting money from schools is morally and ethically wrong. We should not deprive our students of a well-rounded educational experience.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we cannot simply remove the money without expecting negative impact on daily student life. Student organizations and clubs are just as important as the classes students take. As you are already aware, without the heart and soul of a campus, the student body cannot survive.

For these reasons, I oppose SB120

Howard Kam III  
ASUH-Honolulu Community College Student Body President

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

UH student activities revolving fund which fund student-led activities is crucial for students. A part of personal development is the co-curricular activities and opportunities that are provided to the students. Gaining lifelong skills stems beyond the classroom and into the experiences gained through social interaction. To most students, these student-led activities provide a sense of belonging to the university, It also provides that sense of pride that students can take away once becoming alumna of UH Manoa. The SB 120 bill will deprive students of the Manoa Experience. That investment students have made for higher education will not amount to what they should gain from college if the bill is pushed forward. I highly oppose SB 120 because I am a student who has grown and fostered through these student-led activities including those provided by Campus Center Board, Associated Students of the University of Hawaii, Board of Publications, and Registered student Organizations such as the Pre-Medical Association and Katipunan, These organizations have helped me build social and professional character that I am confident will help me in future endeavors.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:



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Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

There is very little that the University gives back to the students for all the money we pay. It would be unfair and unjust to take even more from us just because the state cannot figure out how to budget their money properly. Take and take and eventually the well will run dry. Your students deserve the scholarships and benefits of being students. Budget cuts need to be fixed in other areas like running the a/c in all your buildings on 55 when its rainy and 70 or lower. This is a waste of money. This is just one example that I have witnessed in the wasteful practices of Hawaii.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I am a part of the Student Government at Windward Community College. We host many events each semester to make the campus more of a community. Taking away funds in these areas will destroy all that we have strived to build.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

If this bill were to pass, the effects would be devastating for student-led activities, as well as for the University as a whole. The student activities provide a venue for us to feel connected to the school, and amongst our peers. It also provides tuition awards, research grants, and graduate test prep awards, and so on that students depend on to further their education. I understand that the government is hurting for funds but taking from the students and even the teachers is not a solution. Please look elsewhere. Thank you for your time.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I feel like this measure is sending a big F.U. to the students at UH, and only further shows the greed of the government in Hawaii. The government in Hawaii is really doing everything in its power to show that Hawaii is becoming a shitty place to live. So you're going to take away student funds WE pay for to only fatten the wallets of the already pathetic and useless members of our government? Don't you people get enough taxpayer dollars to fatten your wallets?

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

The funds that would be cut do to this Senate Bill would be devastating to the University of Hawaii Manoa. I am a student studying here to receive one of the best educations possible. Tuition is rising every year and this is followed by a higher cost of living while wages remain stagnate. Several organizations which offer financial support to those of us in need to fund our educations would be slashed by this proposal. Education should not be viewed as a privilege but a right for every student with no economic limits. These funds allow students who may be on the verge of dropping out, to stay and continue their education until graduation. I plead that you hear the voices of the UH organizations and students and reject SB120.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: James Larson

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill. While I understand the value of consolidating funds in this time of fiscal uncertainty, creating an additional layer of bureaucracy for the University to spend on the education of my fellow students and me is going to have a severe negative impact on our educational experience.

Please do not move this bill forward. Mahalo.



Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I understand that our state has a huge deficit to repay, but punishing the students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa is not the answer. Why is that the first solution that you legislators can think of, is to take funds from the states education system? Are there not any other areas that you can cut spending on, without taking away opportunities from future leaders, doctors, teachers, engineers of the state of Hawaii? I currently receive financial aid from ASUH and your proposition would cause a great burden for myself and many people alike.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I do not support this!! This will be devistating to me and my peers at the University of Hawaii at Manoa!!

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Please only encourage funding for our schools in Hawaii. We have worked long and hard to secure what meager funds we have.

Please support us and together in unison we will shape this world into a new sustainable enlightened world.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I am pretty sure many students rely on the financial aid in which we receive from the University of Hawaii and I would hate to see it taken away from us. Please oppose this bill because we need this financial aid to help pay for school and lessen the financial blow so we can focus on school.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I am writing to request that you do not support SB120. Taking away these funds from the students of UH will negatively impact the experience these students have. UH is the only statewide public opportunity for residents of Hawaii and these funds allow local residents to expand on their social and educational skill sets. By taking away the funding from the students, you are taking away the opportunity for students to be leaders. If our local residents are not given the opportunity to learn leadership and teamwork skills at the only public state university, where will they learn these types of important skills? We need an educated and skilled workforce for the community, please do not support SB120.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Aloha,

This bill will take away the funds for KTUH and other student organizations. I have been a director at KTUH for two years and it is truly the best radio station I have ever volunteered for. The support from the community is incredible. As a graduate student from Oakland, C.A. I have had trouble making friends and adjusting to life in Hawaii. KTUH is truly a warm and nurturing environment, and the people there have become ohana to me. Please think twice about approving this bill.

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Gov. Abercrombie,

I respect and admire your years of service to Hawaii. However, I feel taking money from student activities is a short-sighted misnomer.

Mr. Governor, it wasn't long ago when you were once a wet-behind-the-ears college freshman at the University of Hawaii. A man in your position doesn't get there without a good education, which I've always thought included what you learn outside of lectures. Joining clubs, intramural sports, and other student activities have an inextricable and innumerable benefit to young adults. It helps relieve stress, encourages socializing, builds confidence, and ensures positive memories for those involved. Higher education should be an oasis of hope in a time when public schools face longer school days, furloughs, the No (Every) Child Left Behind Act and whatever else gets thrown its way by garden-variety pencil pushers. I would expect something like this from a douche pump like Mufi Hanneman or Peter Carlisle but not you, Neil.

Sir, I voted for you in 2010 and would like to again in 2014. You have a lot of new ideas with an old-school work ethic. Your biggest audience was obviously the elderly and youth movements; both of which helped you win all but four districts last September and slightly fewer last November.

Honestly, I'd rather see marijuana legalized and taxed for public education, whether that is the public school system the Republicans raped for eight years or a beacon of prosperity like our UH System.

Mr. Governor, I leave you with this thought: No matter what heights this governorship brings you to, it all started at Manoa. Go Warriors!



Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120  
Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Comments:  
08 February 2011  
The Honorable David Y. Ige

Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 120

Mr. Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

I am writing this testimony to voice my concerns over the action that SB120 will be repealing the University of Hawaii student activities revolving fund as of July 1, 2011. The money in this fund is currently used by the Associate Students of the University of Hawaii at Manoa (ASUH) to fund many scholarships, research grants, graduate test preparation, and various Registered Student Organizations (RIOs). Each of these expenditures go towards creating a better relationship between the students and the University and encourage student involvement.

The RIOs that benefit from these funds can include the Manoa Peer Advisors, a group of peer advisors that are trained to assist fellow students create and implement educational plans to ensure timely graduation and promote fellowship between students. It can also include organizations such as the Pre-Medical Association and Society of Women Engineers bring together students in similar departments to enjoy each other's company outside of the classroom and to give back to the community through community service. Although most if not all of our RIOs conduct fundraising drives throughout the year, the RIO funding grants given by ASUH from the student activities revolving fund help them financially with events they would ordinarily not be able to hold.

This was one of the many ways that the student activities revolving fund helps foster a better university environment that encourages students to explore. To eliminate this fund and others relating the University of Hawaii that directly impact the quality of the student on-campus experience would be detrimental to the success of the university as a whole. To produce a well-rounded student that can ultimately contribute positively to society the university must foster these programs that enable learning beyond the classroom such as networking and civil/community service.

Please reconsider section 87 concerning the repeal of the University of Hawaii student activities revolving fund and any other action that this bill seeks to take concerning University of Hawaii special funds.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 120.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

This bill will essentially kill all programs and organizations at UH Manoa. These organizations provide students with experiences that complement their education and have been a part of The University of Hawaii for many years.

These organizations are an extension of the University and the student body. Cutting these funds to make up a deficit is like taking away our arms and legs and leaving us to roll around on the ground on a bed of thorns. Its painful.

Life is not fair, but taking away funds to balance the budget, which has been plagued by corrupt and self-indulgent politicians is a true injustice, and if this bill proceeds, we shall organize and fight it till the end.

I find it extremely displeasing that Senator Solomon, who has just come into office, is flexing her paniolo olos in a 193 page bill. Who reads a 193 pages anyways?

@Senator Solomon, please drop the bill. Its no good for all the programs that REAL people depend on, like Cancer Research. Really? You are going to drop funding for cancer research? What were you thinking when you introduced this bill? No pat on the back for you, no high five, and no malama for Senator Malama!

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

As a Senator-At-Large for students at Kauai CC, I greatly oppose this bill. The students here don't even have an ongoing publications so there isn't much student life beyond the events that student government throws out. The money is from students FOR students and should not be liquidated into the general funds!

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Comments:

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Comments:

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Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

It is irresponsible to remove funding through the special funds of all of these important programs for the State of Hawaii. This bill would damage the State and it's people through the loss of services and program operations that depend on these funds.

Please vote against this Bill SB 120

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Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

It is irresponsible to remove funding through the special funds of all of these important programs for the State of Hawaii. This bill would damage the State and it's people through the loss of services and program operations that depend on these funds.

Please vote against this Bill SB 120

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly will oppose this bill that will cut funds to support UH students with extra curricular activities.



Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

## **Objection!!!**

Please let me study at school without bearing more burdens from expensive tuitions and lack of scholarships!!! This is enough!!! If you are really considering Hawaii's future, you shouldn't cut the university's funds that encourage young students to grow up as the leading components of the state.

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Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

As Senator for the Associated Students of University of Hawaii, I am completely opposed to this measure or any that may take more funds away from students or education. If the state proceeds to siphon funds from students there will be much larger national repercussions and statewide discontent.

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

Cut student fund = decrease in Student academics = college for local students diminished = UH (and Hawaii's education) reputation tarnished = Hawaii viewed as inferior.

**DON'T DO IT! WE NEED FUNDS!**

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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** cyan@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cyan Curtis  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 99-801 Halawa Drive Aiea, Hawaii  
Phone: 415-420-8836  
E-mail: [cyan@hawaii.edu](mailto:cyan@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

I am a recipient of an ASUH partial tuition scholarship. Without this opportunity, I most likely would not, and will not be able to finish my college education. Please do not take this opportunity away from me and others like me who are trying to graduate with limited resources.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:25 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** leanned@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leanne Dunn  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 41 Kulalani Dr Kula, HI  
Phone:  
E-mail: [leanned@hawaii.edu](mailto:leanned@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

As a full time students, the funds that are given to ASUH directly influence myself and my education. It is unfortunate that the monies for scholarships, activities and events revolving around the University of Hawai`i could be depleted. What are we investing in for our state if we are cutting the monies for education?

Thank you kindly for this further considerations of the SB 120 Bill.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:24 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** jmyeh@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jessica Yeh  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 333 Hobron Lane Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 5103041550  
E-mail: [jmyeh@hawaii.edu](mailto:jmyeh@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

As a non-Hawaii resident, I depend on the grants given to California residents in order to afford my tuition. Because I am the sole supporter of myself, I pay for my own living expenses here in Hawaii. But because I make too much money, I don't qualify for financial aid, even though everything I make doesn't go far after my expenses. If these funds were no longer to be offered, I won't be able to finish my last semester at this school. I appreciate how you have the students' best interests in mind, so thank you for your consideration

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:08 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** rharter@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rebekah  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rharter@hawaii.edu](mailto:rharter@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

I don't know much about this bill; however, if its main objective to to acquire more money through the transference of university student programs fees to the state general fund, that is only slightly ridiculous. There are far more applicable ways of acquiring money. Student lead events are what make a school. Taking funds from these will make the appeal of the school far less than it has already been depleted to considering the tuition increase. It's not really state money to take since it was given with specific direction. Transferring this designated money is practically illegal since the designation is a specific contract with the students.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:42 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** eagaran@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Emiliano Agaran  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Aiea  
Phone:  
E-mail: [eagaran@hawaii.edu](mailto:eagaran@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

To whom it may concern,  
I'm a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Please don't pass this bill. It would negatively affect UH and the campus life for students. It would take away many of the funds for our student programs and activities. And not just the extracurricular activities, but academically you be would taking away from reasearch grants, partial tuition awards and graduate test prep awards. It's like trying to take away the means to get some financial help with school. To those proposing this bill, think of when you were once in college. You were like us right now, students trying to strive for a better life. If you pass this bill it would be like you are doing it to yourselves and to the future college students. So please don't, I beg you.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:11 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** corinac@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Corina Sampaia  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [corinac@hawaii.edu](mailto:corinac@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Richard Akina  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [akinar@hawaii.edu](mailto:akinar@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I am but one of the many students that rely heavily on assistance from the University of Hawaii so that I can pursue my education. I know without a doubt that without the help of UH (and by extension, the state of Hawaii), my siblings before me would not have been able to afford an excellent education nor would have been able to get excellent jobs. I know that without UH's continued assistance I myself will not be able to continue attending UH, which in the long run, will put my future in jeopardy. My circumstances are not unusual, around the state thousands of young eager minds face the same threat of having their education ripped from them for the sake of balancing the budget.

In these dire times, with the economy being in the miserable state that it is, I understand that budget cuts and drawbacks in spending are an inevitability. However, education should be one of the last things that we cut, for a variety of reasons. Without an educated public, we cannot possibly hope to send enough adequate people into the workforce. It is because of an education that people are able to get jobs and without it, we are throwing our young people out into society utterly unprepared for the challenges that await them. The young people, WE, are the future, and do to something as drastic as to sabotage our future by cutting off our ticket to a good education all for the sake of balancing a budget that is so wasteful in plenty other areas is not only absurd, but immoral.

I'm sure it's been said countless times to the point of ignorance, but education IS the key to success. I pray that the state of Hawaii, the Senate, the Legislature, and all governing bodies will realize the importance and significance of funding education, and that they will also realize the grave repercussions that we as a community face if those funds were to be withdrawn.

Education IS NOT a waste of money.

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Conference room: 211

Testifier position:

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Francesca Koethe

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [Fskoethe@hawaii.edu](mailto:Fskoethe@hawaii.edu)

Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Testimony

We students pay a huge amount of fees. Not only is it unfair to the students but also the groups that take time to make being a student at UH more fun and enjoyable. Taking these funds just for the economy is unfair. UH has already taken large amount of budget cuts and tuition has increased exponentially! By taking that money that students think are being spent on them is unjust. There has got to be other places to take money out from in the state. These student fees are meant for us not the state. Knowing that my fees are going to the state not my college just seems pointless. Please don't take our fees! The economy isn't as bad as it used to be anyways! Thanks for your time.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** loeding@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David R. Loeding  
Organization: HawCC OSS/Records & Internal Data Management  
Address: 200 West Kawili Hilo, HI 96720  
Phone: 808-974-7662  
E-mail: [loeding@hawaii.edu](mailto:loeding@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Please do not take away this critically important piece of our funds. We are already strapped for funding and running on fumes. Without our transcript revolving account at HawCC Records Office, we cannot survive. Our students do not deserve being punished this way. We beg you: PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY THIS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT MEANS FOR OUR SURVIVAL.

MAHALO

dave loeding, registrar

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** hillga4@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Garrett Hill  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 2583 Dole St. 885A Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 808 214 0284  
E-mail: [hillga4@hawaii.edu](mailto:hillga4@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

I am opposed to the passing of this bill. It will only hurt the entire University community as a whole.

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Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Eve Millett

Organization: Individual

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: [millett@hawaii.edu](mailto:millett@hawaii.edu)

Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I am writing you today to oppose SB 120. This bill is trying to take away, in part, monies that are very important to the UH System. I am a student at UH Manoa and a Senator-at-Large for ASUH, this has our students very concerned. There should not be at any point money taken away from things such as student fees that are paid. These fees when collected are intern given right back out to the students and are really important to the livelihood of the student body at UH Manoa. Not only does this money go help funding different projects such as campus center renovations, extracurricular events, clubs, but they also go to giving directly back to the students in forms of tuition awards. Taking that money would not only hurt the students directly, but it would also hurt the livelihood of the University which not only has an impact on us, but the entire state of Hawaii. It will have an impact on the state, because these students that will be impacted by passing of this bill are the next generation of Hawaii's public servants. Please oppose SB 120.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:41 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** gomesese@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Emily Gomes  
Organization: University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [gomesese@hawaii.edu](mailto:gomesese@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

College education doesn't begin and end in the classroom. Extra curricular activities are an important part of our overall education. This bill would take away vital funding for many on-campus societies. As an engineering student, I rely on student clubs to receive hands the on experience I will need after graduation.

It is also important to have non-academic activities for students! I really enjoy the occasional concert or campus center activity supported by these funds. Students need to relax and have fun.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** ryankd@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ryan Daugherty  
Organization: University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ryankd@hawaii.edu](mailto:ryankd@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

The activities and clubs on campus are necessary to provide a well-rounded college life. If everyone is just studying all the time, students won't have the social skills necessary for life outside of school. I can also imagine that stress levels would increase, because we need ways to relax. The campus center activities are great, because they are often free (or really cheap), which is conducive for college students. Please don't take these benefits away from UH Manoa. If you keep chipping away pieces from the school, you're going to end up with a big, fat nothing.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:26 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** sggal@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Scott Gal  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1020 Aoloa Place 103A Kailua, HI  
Phone: 808.542.3427  
E-mail: [sggal@hawaii.edu](mailto:sggal@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:  
Please do not do this to the students. We deserve better.

Sincerely,  
Scott Gal

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:49 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** jsong7@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jennifer Song  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Honolulu  
Phone: 8083569433  
E-mail: [jsong7@hawaii.edu](mailto:jsong7@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** kcchew@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kheng Choo Chew  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Hokulani St Honolulu  
Phone: (808)387-1654  
E-mail: [kcchew@hawaii.edu](mailto:kcchew@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:39 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** naiadance@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dorinna Manuel-Cortez  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone: 808-987-9685  
E-mail: [naiadance@gmail.com](mailto:naiadance@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

The impact of SB120 would be debilitating to the University and to all student-led activities. Students pay fees and these fees should be used to meet student needs. Furthermore, individual campuses should be able to utilize tuition and fees at the discretion of the campus which generates those monies.

To whom it main concern-

2/8/11

I am submitting a written testimony OPPOSING the SB 120. Students at UH thrive from special and revolving funds and that money should NOT be transferred to the state general fund. UH needs the tuition and fees special funds, activities funds, and all student organization funds available to students. As a student applying for the ASUH partial tuition award, I am in great need of this scholarship and to have the state take the money away that I or other deserving students could be awarded should not happen. I am OPPOSING this bill.

Thank you,

Dakota Robinson

Individual UHM Student

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:09 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** sheabh@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shea  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 2542 Date St. Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 702-499-7869  
E-mail: [sheabh@hawaii.edu](mailto:sheabh@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

**Comments:**

I OPPOSE ANY MEASURE THAT WOULD TAKE FUNDS AWAY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA. THE UNIVERSITY IS IN NEED OF THESE FUNDS AND IF TAKEN AWAY SEVERAL THOUSAND STUDENTS WILL BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:45 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** cgilmore@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Christy Camp  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Honolulu  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cgilmore@hawaii.edu](mailto:cgilmore@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I do not support this bill since it is unclear on how current needs met through special funds will be handled under the allocation of these funds to UH's general fund.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:49 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** sarahyapuh1@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sarah Yap  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sarahyapuh1@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahyapuh1@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose the transfer of funds from special and revolving funds to the general fund particularly it relates to fund balances that have been saved or identified for specific projects, programs and services. For UH student activity fees, many of these programs have to be self-sustainable and rely on these funds to continue to provide services and to maintain its facilities. The obligation to provide students with a successful college experience will be threatened if these funds are transferred. Please reconsider this bill. Thank you.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:23 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** geary@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Gregg S. Geary  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1551 Noe St. Honolulu  
Phone: 808-595-6385  
E-mail: [geary@hawaii.edu](mailto:geary@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I oppose SB120 because it will remove the special and revolving funds from the control of the University of Hawaii and give control of these funds over to the State. The UH already functions as a State agency but, as with all such State agencies, requires some autonomy in budgeting its resources. The students who attend the University pay tuition with the knowledge and understanding that the University will use these tuition moneys to fund the operations that directly support student learning. This bill removes that understanding.

As one who has served on many committees throughout the University over the past twenty (20) years, I know about the responsibilities and complexities of budgets and funding in the UH System. From my experience in the recent recession of 2008 I learned that the University needs to be nimble, flexible, and entrepreneurial to meet economic challenges. SB120 removes the University's ability to meet these challenges. It will have a devastating effect on the running of the University.

I believe SB120 violates the autonomy that the University was granted to govern its operation. This type of governmental control over the University is wrong and will diminish the University's ability to meet its mission effectively. I strongly urge that SB120 be defeated.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:53 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** bholland@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brenden Holland  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Honolulu HI  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bholland@hawaii.edu](mailto:bholland@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:41 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** novam@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nova Morrisette  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [novam@hawaii.edu](mailto:novam@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

This bill includes too many different types of cuts. None of these cuts should be made until reliable sources of replacement funding are in place.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:26 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** omalley@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lurana O'Malley  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1770 East-West Rd HI  
Phone: 808-956-9609  
E-mail: [omalley@hawaii.edu](mailto:omalley@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I am particularly concerned over the proposal to eliminate the UH Student Activities Fee fund. This fund is one of the campus's best assurances that typically under-supported areas such as the arts can receive the nourishment they need to bolster the enriching university experience for its students AND for the community-at-large. The fee per student is very low (\$11 per semester?), but the effects on the University are enormous. Moreover, the fee board is made up of 11 students and 3 faculty, so is a great example of students having autonomy in supporting campus activities. It should not be the legislature's right to take away their ability to allocate student fees as they see fit.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:28 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** knakano4@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kimberly L. Nakano  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1212 Nuuanu Avenue #2806 Honolulu, HI 96817  
Phone: 808-956-8692  
E-mail: [knakano4@hawaii.edu](mailto:knakano4@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:39 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** jungkamil@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kamil Deen  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1890 East West Rd #559 Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 8089563223  
E-mail: [jungkamil@yahoo.com](mailto:jungkamil@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I understand the need to streamline our budget, but removing these items from the budget and merging them into the general budget is the pinnacle of irresponsibility. How will these serious and important needs be addressed by the legislature?

Child abuse prevention/intervention, dam maintenance, UH student tuition, etc., etc. These are all very important issues, and to sweep them off the table in one fell swoop is just poor legislating, and utterly disrespectful to the voters' intelligence. Please show more respect in dealing with these important issues and address them one-by-one in a meaningful and productive manner.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:36 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** danielcfc@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Daniel Cooper  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1030 aoloa pl Honolulu, Hawaii  
Phone: 3912424  
E-mail: [danielcfc@hawaii.edu](mailto:danielcfc@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:43 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** bertz@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ned Bertz  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 956-6766  
E-mail: [bertz@hawaii.edu](mailto:bertz@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:47 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** shawna7@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shawn Asistin  
Organization: University of Hawaii at Hilo Student Association  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [shawna7@hawaii.edu](mailto:shawna7@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

As a student of UH Hilo and a Member of the Student Government at UH Hilo I really OPPOSE this bill because it will hurt the students in many ways and one such way is the VOICE of the Student Body. This bill should NOT be pass also because it goes against all freedoms that students have at school!

Mahalo,  
Shawn Asistin

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:50 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** slantel@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sara Antel  
Organization: UHSA  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [slantel@hawaii.edu](mailto:slantel@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose this bill. This would significantly hinder my ability as a student leader to serve my fellow students. A University without a strong student programs will neither attract nor retain students.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:08 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** laura.chen.allen@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position:  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura Allen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [laura.chen.allen@gmail.com](mailto:laura.chen.allen@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

This bill would be devastating to the operations of Hawaii University system, depriving students of the opportunity to get a decent education in the state of Hawaii, something which should be their right. Please do not allow this bill to pass.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:10 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** reecej@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Reece Jones  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [reecej@hawaii.edu](mailto:reecej@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

This bill would be devastating to the University of Hawai'i and should not be passed.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:16 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** klawonn@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Malin Klawonn  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [klawonn@hawaii.edu](mailto:klawonn@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Dr. Paul Bienfang

Organization: Individual

Address: 3586 Kumu Pl HNL, HI

Phone: 808-988-7222

E-mail: [bienfang@soest.hawaii.edu](mailto:bienfang@soest.hawaii.edu)

Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

For a number of key social and educational areas, this bill would remove the value of both (a) the experiential wisdom of those currently involved, and (b) decision making power/responsibility from those individuals best informed to make the most prudent choices regarding the expenditures of the associated funds. This bill is myopic and against the best interests of the broadest constituency of the State.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:22 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** loriena@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Loriena Yancura  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1714A Maoi Place HI  
Phone: 808 352-3784  
E-mail: [loriena@gmail.com](mailto:loriena@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I am in extreme opposition to this bill, particularly the portion pertaining to UH capital improvements.

As an Associate Professor at UH Manoa, I can attest to the currently decrepit state of many of the buildings. A portion of my office space is not useable because of a leak in the roof. Plant facilities has been out to assess the source of the damage, but does not have the resources to fix it.

Further limitation of an already strained budget would devastate operations of the UH Campuses. It would also be fiscally imprudent because UH, and UH Manoa in particular, generate money in the form of tuition dollars and grants. Inadequate physical facilities would impair the ability to generate this money and worsen the state budget crisis.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:27 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** forster@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Richard Forster  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 2948 East Manoa Rd B Honolulu  
Phone: 808988 6820  
E-mail: [forster@hawaii.edu](mailto:forster@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Dear State Legislators,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed redirection of funds from such crucial areas as higher education, child abuse, lead abatement, job training, emergency medical services, domestic violence, UH student tuition and activities, and dam and reservoir safety.

Rather than redirecting funds from these areas in order to pay for basic operations of state administration, I would suggest that you increase taxation of the wealthiest members of our community.

Aloha and mahalo.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:27 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** smartel@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stephen Martel  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1680 East-West Road Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 808-956-7797  
E-mail: [smartel@hawaii.edu](mailto:smartel@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

Please do not pass this bill. Previous budget cuts to the university have already resulted in a loss of "flexible funds" that can be used to respond to targets of opportunity, serve to seed new projects, replace worn-out equipment, travel to meetings on short notice, etc. The loss of these funds is already crippling the ability of faculty to compete for extramural grants. A business would not be able to thrive without funds to respond to targets of opportunity, and neither can UH. Thank you.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:28 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** smartel@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stephen Martel  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1680 East-West Road Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 808-956-7797  
E-mail: [smartel@hawaii.edu](mailto:smartel@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

Please do not pass this bill. Previous budget cuts to the university have already resulted in a loss of "flexible funds" that can be used to respond to targets of opportunity, serve to seed new projects, replace worn-out equipment, travel to meetings on short notice, etc. The loss of these funds is already crippling the ability of faculty to compete for extramural grants. A business would not be able to thrive without funds to respond to targets of opportunity, and neither can UH. Thank you.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:28 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** cmcgahan@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Chris McGahan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cmcgahan@hawaii.edu](mailto:cmcgahan@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

Our Graduate funds are already strapped for supporting students in various fields to their desire to attend conferences, workshops, and other specialized educational opportunities.

By removing these funds as specific to graduate students, the senate would be sending a message that education does not matter to them and that our students are not a priority.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:34 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** poima@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: poima v sataua  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 142 orig place unit 101 honolulu, hawaii  
Phone: 808-457-0377  
E-mail: [poima@hawaii.edu](mailto:poima@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

It is my understanding that the funds held in these accounts were initiated from student fees for student activities and therefore should be left available so the funds may be accessible for all student activities that may arise and that would enhance and strengthen the student lively hood within each campus and their involvement within their environment as well as their community. I oppose the passing of bill SB 120.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:18 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** elliseakazawa@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ellise Akazawa  
Organization: University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Address: 3075 Ala Poha Place, Apt. 1204 Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 808-385-3940  
E-mail: [elliseakazawa@gmail.com](mailto:elliseakazawa@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:  
Please vote NO on SB120.

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:59 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** jweiss@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jonathan Weiss  
Organization:  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jweiss@hawaii.edu](mailto:jweiss@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

Please vote NO on this bill. As a UH graduate student I have benefited from a number of the programs that will lose funding if this bill passes. I do not support this bill and again urge you to vote NO.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:01 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** kweng@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kevin Weng  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 1000 Pope Rd Honolulu  
Phone: 8089564109  
E-mail: [kweng@hawaii.edu](mailto:kweng@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

Many of the special and revolving funds that are to be cut in SB120 are critical to the operation of the University of Hawaii. It does not make sense to hamstring the university, which will drive economic recovery in hawaii. Please take a more measured approach to budgeting.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kevin Weng



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:01 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** jragen@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Moki Anderson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jragen@hawaii.edu](mailto:jragen@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose to having all UH special funds transferred to the state general fund. These funds allow me to learn and fully engaged myself with the use of up to date technology that will better my chances of getting a job that requires previous experience with particular programs and technology that we are currently trying to obtain. Without the support of these funds, it would be nearly impossible for me to develop the underlined knowledge required in the working environment.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:02 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** parcheta@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Carolyn Parcheta  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [parcheta@hawaii.edu](mailto:parcheta@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:38 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** tamaira@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marata Tamaira  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tamaira@hawaii.edu](mailto:tamaira@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I write to voice my strong opposition to this bill. If it is enacted, it will not only negatively impact operations at the University of Hawai'i, where I was once a student and where I now lecture, but as well operations of other agencies that provide vital services in our community. Please do not allow this bill to go through.

Marata Tamaira

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:40 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** mfj@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

**Categories:** Green Category

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Johnson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mfj@hawaii.edu](mailto:mfj@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:  
Hello.

It is vitally important to Hawai'i nei that higher education be seen as a priority. To reduce funding to UH sends the opposite message when in fact, we should be investing more funding in the University and education in general here on the islands. Please vote no on SB 120.

Thank you.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:40 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** adurrant@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Amanda Durrant  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [adurrant@hawaii.edu](mailto:adurrant@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

The job that I have as a Graphic Designer for the UH school newspaper, Ka Leo, has given me such great opportunities. I am learning so much that I need to know for the career I am headed to. Every time I come in to work I gain knowledge and confidence in what I am creating. If the funds were to be cut for this job, myself along with all the other designers and everyone who works for Ka Leo, would suffer greatly. We would not be able to keep up with the technology and maintain the level of confidence we have now to go into our future careers. It is important that we are able to keep up with the new design features and that we can keep learning and creating successful designs for clients. If we are not able to please clients, they will go elsewhere and we will suffer even more. We cannot afford for these funds to be eliminated, so please don't make everyone at Ka Leo suffer from this possible loss of funds.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:41 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** thomast@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Thomas Tsutsumoto  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [thomast@hawaii.edu](mailto:thomast@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:44 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** scasato@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sara Asato  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [scasato@hawaii.edu](mailto:scasato@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I am writing to oppose SB 120 which proposes to diminish funding that would be available to students in the state of Hawaii. As a student who attends UH and holds an on campus job, I feel that a cut in funding would be a great disservice to the university community. This money allows thousands of students to obtain employment, exercise their right to voice their opinion, and improve campus life through student led organizations. I am extremely disappointed in the state leaders who feel SB 120 is an acceptable proposal. The University of Hawaii, is a place where the future leaders of the state are being developed and educated. I do not understand why certain state leaders feel it is a good idea to decrease the resources available to Hawaii's students, and hope that my testimony will help to stop the approval of this bill.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:46 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** areilly@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dr. Andrew Reilly  
Organization: UHM  
Address: 2515 Campus Road MIL 110 Honolulu, HI  
Phone: 956-5061  
E-mail: [areilly@hawaii.edu](mailto:areilly@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I am in extreme opposition to this bill, particularly the portion pertaining to UH capital improvements. This bill would devastate UH and lead to a decline in faculty retention, student retention, and student acquisition. UHM generates funds in the form of tuition dollars and grants, and the loss of faculty and students would devastate the economy. The UHM campus is deplorable. Buildings are condemned or falling apart. In particular, I teach in classrooms where there are broken air conditioning units, broken and rusted windows, and with roofs that leak. Why would students or faculty want to remain in this environment if already here or why would they come here?



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:48 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** mariebro@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marie Alohalani Brown  
Organization: PhD student at UHM  
Address: 430 Keoniana St. Apt. 301 Honolulu, Hawaii  
Phone: (808) 282-0451  
E-mail: [mariebro@hawaii.edu](mailto:mariebro@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

This bill would repeal all UH special and revolving funds and transfer their balances to the state general fund. It will do the same to many other special and revolving funds that affect health, public and environmental safety, health services, and economic development. There is tremendous concern about this bill on campus. If passed it would devastate UH operations, as well as operations of other agencies providing vital services in our community.

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Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Anne Leake

Organization: Individual

Address: 46-395A Kahuhipa St. Kaneohe, HI 96744

Phone: 247-4737

E-mail: [aleake@hawaii.edu](mailto:aleake@hawaii.edu)

Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

SB 120 would repeal all UH special and revolving funds and transfer their balances to the state general fund. It will do the same to many other special and revolving funds that affect health, public and environmental safety, health services, and economic development. As an assistant professor of nursing at UH at Manoa, I am very concerned about this bill. If passed it would devastate UH operations, as well as operations of other agencies providing vital services in our community. Our ability to educate the next generation of nurses will be greatly impeded by loss of this funding. I anticipate that travel to conferences would be eliminated and health agencies in the community will offer fewer services resulting in fewer learning opportunities for our students in the community. I request that you vote no on the bill.

I strongly oppose SB 120. This bill would be devastating for our community by cutting funding where we need it most. Please consider the ramifications for child abuse, lead abatement, job training, emergency medical services, domestic violence, UH student tuition and activities, and dam and reservoir safety.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Laura Shiels

PhD student, University of Hawaii at Manoa

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:07 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** thomhudson@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Thom Hudson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone: (808)732-5915  
E-mail: [thomhudson@gmail.com](mailto:thomhudson@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

This bill will adversely affect many entities in Hawaii. It will especially affect the University of Hawaii operations. These funds are generated through grants obtained by and conducted by members of the university community. They are generally used in support of the grant activities or in support of securing additional grants. If these funds are taken into the general fund, it will make securing future grants very difficult if not impossible. Please do not pass this bill.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:08 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** rosend@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Devan Rosen  
Organization: Individual  
Address: 956-8911  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rosend@hawaii.edu](mailto:rosend@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:17 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** mrumpf@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mary Elise Rumpf  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [mrumpf@hawaii.edu](mailto:mrumpf@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:17 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** fonga@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Allison Fong  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

These special funds are invaluable to supporting many of the services necessary to promote a healthy and culturally diverse environment. These funds also support the very basic needs of many in our community. More importantly, the services which these funds support are invaluable to our community.

As a Hawaii resident who is an active member in oceanographic research at the University of Hawaii, I encourage the committee to evaluate how passing a bill such as SB 120 will be to the detriment of many research pursuits in Hawaii. Many scientific research groups rely on special funds to conduct outreach and knowledge transfer, an important component of teaching the local and global communities about our ground-breaking discoveries.

I encourage the committee to vote no on SB120.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:23 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** argon@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Argon Steel  
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Phone: (808) 358-5726  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I am writing to strongly oppose SB120 which would, as I understand it, repeal all UH special and revolving funds to transfer to the state general fund. I am a graduate student at UH Manoa and pay numerous fees to the university that go to supporting important student programs not otherwise funded. For example, graduate student fees go to support individual grants for grads to present at conferences and fund research. To take away fees that all grad students pay to support our work in order to make up for state deficits is no more than larceny on the part of the state. I urge you to kill this bill.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:45 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** jowardhi@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Joseph O. Ward  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 808-385-1112  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I am writing to express my STRONG opposition to SB120 which, by eliminating the Natural Area Reserve fund, would have a disastrous effect on native Hawaiian ecosystems and undermine decades of committed, back-breaking conservation work. This would be a giant blunder backwards as there have been many hard-won victories thanks to this fund, specific examples of which are the rediscoveries and subsequent protections of several rare Hawaiian plants and animals that were thought to be long extinct within the boundaries of Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve on Maui, which is a direct beneficiary of the NAR fund through the Natural Area Partnership Program. Native Hawai'i is well worth protecting. Please do the right thing for her unique flora and fauna and send this bill where it belongs, to the 'opala.  
Mahalo for your consideration.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:51 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** sheldonp@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ikaika Pakele  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sheldonp@hawaii.edu](mailto:sheldonp@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:54 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** knoll@everythingflows.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill, which hurts the socially and economically weak.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:54 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** Jon.K.Miyajima@hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jon Miyajima  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose this bill and feel that funding should continue for the Crime Victims Compensation Program instead of moving that funding to the General Fund. Mahalo for your time.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:55 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** cella@everythingflows.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cella  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: 258-2324  
E-mail: [cella@everythingflows.com](mailto:cella@everythingflows.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose this bill, which hurts the socially and economically weak.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:57 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** trina@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB120 on 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WAM 2/10/2011 9:00:00 AM SB120

Conference room: 211  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Trina Kudlacek  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

**Comments:**

I am an academic adviser at the University of Hawaii and have seen our student support services cut and valuable support programming put on hold for the past few years due to recent economic conditions. If this bill is passed, staff and faculty who have already suffered severe budget cuts will have to continue attempting to meet the needs of students while already being stretched very thin. Please make education and future of this state's students a priority and do not pass this bill.