

Date: 03/21/2011

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1383,SD2(sscr656) RELATING TO SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates moneys to the Hawaii 3R's as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2) (\$)

Department's Position: The Department of Education has long been a partner of Hawaii 3R's in the repair of public schools. We are supportive of their continuing legislative support.



**TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**
Monday, March 21, 2011
2:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conf. Rm. 309

S.B. 1383 SD2 – RELATING TO SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti, and members of the committee:

I am submitting written testimony in support of Senate Bill 1383, Senate Draft 2, which makes an unspecified grant-in-aid to Hawaii 3R's. I respectfully request this committee's consideration to reinsert our full request of \$400,000 for each fiscal year of the biennium

For the past ten years, Hawaii 3R's has successfully put a dent in the public school repair and maintenance backlog by providing proactive schools with a way to complete needed repair and maintenance projects outside of the normal DOE process. Additionally, Hawaii 3R's provides community-minded businesses and organizations with a means to give back to the public schools through donations and volunteerism.

However, Hawaii 3R's faces an uncertain future due to the political climate in Washington, D.C. and may no longer be able to receive federal funds. This reality, coupled with the difficulties of raising private funds during this tough economic period, makes this a key point in determining the future viability of Hawaii 3R's.

If Hawaii 3R's were unable to continue, not only would public school facilities and the students suffer, but the community would lose a valuable partner. These community partners, including the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation, American Savings Bank, Central Pacific Bank, Hawaiian Electric Company, Prudential Locations, Grainger, Aloha Air Cargo, New Hope Christian Fellowship Church, and all branches of the military, utilize Hawaii 3R's to plan and coordinate projects with schools and to navigate the DOE bureaucracy.

Due to the State budget situation, it is not surprising that Hawaii 3R's has not received any State funds in the past two years to assist us in carrying out its mission. However, as time goes on, our reserves continue to diminish. Therefore, in spite of the continuing State budget woes, we hope that the Legislature believes that Hawaii 3R's is worth the investment for both the public schools and the community.

# of grants awarded	503 grants
\$ of grants awarded	\$17.2 million
# of different schools	186 schools
Est. \$ value of projects completed	\$39.6 million
\$ State funds received	\$2.9 million
\$ savings to the State	\$36.7 million
\$ completed to State \$ invested	\$12 to \$1
# of volunteers	Over 3,300
# of volunteer hours	Over 13,000
% of admin costs (2005-2010)	7.42%

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony and for all of your support.

- Ryan T. Shigetani, Executive Director, Hawaii 3R's