

# Hawaii Student Activities Association

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TO: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Vice President  
**Angella Brandt**  
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FROM: Richard Lau, President  
Hawaii Student Activities Association

SUBJECT: Testimony in Opposition of SB871 SD1

Secretary  
**Art Fillazar**  
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The Hawaii Student Activities Association that represents all Student Activities Coordinators in secondary schools in Hawaii **OPPOSE SB871 SD1**.

Treasurer  
**Donna Vierra**  
Baldwin High School  
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Parents choosing to pull their children out of public schools submit Form 4140, withdrawing them from the school. By opting out of public education, they are also opting out of all activities sponsored by the school. Home school students should not receive the same privilege of participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities as public school students receive.

**Sherwin Pang**  
Moanalua High School  
Central District

All public school students are subject to Chapter 19 regarding student misconduct, discipline, and other behavioral issues. Home school students are exempt from Chapter 19. How will home school students be accountable for their misbehavior? What disciplinary guidelines are they subject to? This is a huge concern in ensuring that all students are disciplined fairly. School administrators have no control over disciplinary action for home school students.

**Rinda Fernandes**  
Kaiser High School  
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**Mike Ishihara**  
Pearl City High School  
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Participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities requires a 2.0 grade point average. The process of monitoring student's GPA and administering academic review status is clearly defined in public schools. Home school students do not have a process to monitor academic progress that is consistent with public schools.

**Harriet Watanabe**  
Kapaa High School  
Kauai District

Public school students are required to pay student fees to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities. These fees are often used to fund leadership training, activity planning and purchase of supplies and services. Home school students who do not pay school fees should not receive any benefits from this including participation in activities. Even if

home school students pay to participate, some activity fees would be too difficult to calculate fairly. Some co-curricular activities are funded through weighted student formula. How can we fairly assess activity fees for WSA funded activities?

It is clear that allowing home school students to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is unfair public school students. The Hawaii Student Activities Association **STRONGLY OPPOSES SB871 SD1.**

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To: Representative Roy Takumi  
Members of the Committee on Education

From: Wren Fukada  
Kalaheo High School, Grade 11

Subject: Opposition of SB871 SD1

Hello, my name is Wren Fukada; I'm currently a junior at Kalaheo High School and I'm also member of the student council (ASK). I am opposing SB871 SD1.

Public school students in Hawaii are under the Chapter 19 disciplinary code. A home school student who attends a public school event is not covered under Chapter 19. If a home school student misbehaves and or breaks rules school administrators cannot enforce Chapter 19 disciplinary action. However, public school students in the same situation can be disciplined under the Chapter 19.

It is unfair to public school students to allow home school students to participate in sports. Public school students must follow the 2.0 rule and pay school fees. Home school students don't pay fees and don't have grade checks. Why should home school students be allowed to participate without these requirements?

Please do not pass SB871 SD1. Thank you for your consideration.

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To: Senator Jill Tokuda  
Members of the Committee on Education

From: Kayla Avega  
Kalaheo High School, Grade 11

Subject: Opposition of SB871 SD1

Hi, my name is Kayla Avega; I'm currently a junior of Kalaheo High School and I'm a member of the student council (ASK). I don't believe in home school students participating in public school extracurricular activities.

Public school students in Hawaii are under the Chapter 19 disciplinary code. If a home school student attends an activity at the school they are supposed to go to, the school is responsible for his/her actions but he/she is not covered under Chapter 19. For example, if a home school student attends to prom and he/she is drunk, the school administrators can't do anything because this student is not under Chapter 19. However, public school students in the same situation can be suspended under the Chapter 19 disciplinary code.

It is unfair to public school students to allow home school students to participate in sports. Public school students must follow the 2.0 rule and pay school fees. Home school students don't pay fees and don't have grade checks. Home school students need to follow the same requirements.

Thank you so much for your time. I hope that you'll take action and oppose SB871 SD1.

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**From:** Pomai Fernandez [pomai.fernandez@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2011 10:06 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** testimony RE SB 871 SD1

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To Whom it May Concern,

As a former student-athlete in the public school system, I urge you to oppose SB 871 SD1, relating to extracurricular activities.

Please consider the following points in making this decision:

First, home schooling has proven beneficial to many children and teens across the nation. However, the fact remains that in choosing home school, you as a parent or student are choosing to opt out of the public school system. Whatever the specifics of each individual case may be the bottom line remains that choosing to opt out of school is just another technical term for dropping out. In fact, both a dropout and a student opting out of the school system require the same form. In essence this bill would allow students to dropout and still be able to participate in sports.

Second, being a student-athlete means that you are a student first and then an athlete. As a student you are required to attend all of your classes, study everyday, pass every exam, and submit to random grade checks periodically. In the school system this is possible because there are standards set across the board for each student to strive for and achieve. But in the case of a home-schooled individual even if the standards are there, there is no way of enforcing them. The parents are the teachers and at the end of the day, can you honestly believe that these parents could give their children F 's on a game day if they did not meet the set standards? No, because parents just want to see their children succeed.

Lastly, although I strongly oppose the passing of SB 871 SD1, I do believe that home-schooled students should have access to athletics. I suggest that a separate organization be created for these students and that they be allowed to compete in athletics through this organization.

I appreciate your efforts in defeating SB 871 SD1.

Sincerely,

Pomai Fernandez