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To: Members of the Senate Education Committee
From: Malcolm Kirkpatrick
In re: SB 871
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Please support SB 871

Homeschooling parents pay taxes, which support the Hawaii DOE. I recommend that the committee amend this bill to expand the concept expressed in the current text, and that the DOE schools offer partial enrollment in regular school classes to homeschooled students. Some homeschooling parents feel competent to teach English Literature and US History but not advanced Math or lab science. Since homeschooling generates superior results at low cost, and since teachers and regular students benefit from students who want to be in their classes, partial enrollment would offer many advantages over the DOE's current all-or-nothing enrollment policy.

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