

EDNtestimony

From: Ann Shaver [alshaver@me.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:21 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: Pls. SUPPORT SB8 SD1

LATE TESTIMONY

Thank you for your continued efforts to act in accordance with the expressed will of the voters concerning accountability, allowing the Governor to nominate individuals for the Board of Education. Please support SB8 SD1 as written.

Sincerely,

Ann Sack Shaver, Ph.D.
Waianae

EDNtestimony

From: Diana Kahler [dkpuamana@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:52 AM
To: EDNtestimony
Subject: SB8 SD1

Testimony of Diana Kahler
January 7, 2011

LATE TESTIMONY

To the House Committee on Education
e-mail: EDNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chair
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice-Chair
SB8 SD1

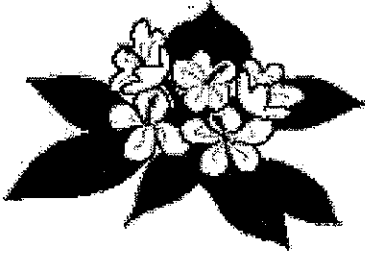
Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti and members of the Committee:

I strongly support SB8 SD1 as written. The voters opted for 'accountability' when they chose to have the governor nominate Board of Education members. I am pleased that the Senate has taken a stand that the public supports to create a governance structure outlined in SB8 SD1, and I urge you to approve this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Diana Kahler
12 West Naauao Place
Hilo, HI 96720



S E A C
Special Education Advisory Council
919 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 101
Honolulu, HI 96814
Phone: 586-8126 Fax: 586-8129
email: spin@doh.hawaii.gov

February 7, 2011

**Special Education
Advisory Council**

Ms. Ivalee Sinclair, *Chair*
Ms. Barbara Pretty, *Acting
Vice Chair*

Ms. Brendelyn Ancheta
Ms. Sue Brown
Ms. Deborah Cheeseman
Ms. Annette Cooper
Ms. Phyllis DeKok
Ms. Mary Ellis
Ms. Debra Farmer
Ms. Gabriele Finn
Ms. Martha Guinan
Mr. Henry Hashimoto
Dr. Martin Hirsch
Ms. Tami Ho
Ms. Barbara Ioli
Ms. Deborah Kobayakawa
Ms. Bernadette Lane
Ms. Shanelle Lum
Ms. Rachel Matsunobu
Ms. Kristy Nishimura
Ms. Connie Perry
Ms. Barbara Pretty
Ms. Kau'i Rezentes
Ms. Melissa Rosen
Dr. Patricia Sheehey
Mr. August Suehiro
Ms. Judy Tonda
Ms. Cari White
Ms. Jasmine Williams
Mr. Duane Yee
Ms. Carol Young

Jan Tateishi, Staff

Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chair
House Committee on Education
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 8, SD 1 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

Dear Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports** SB 8, SD1 which proposes implementing legislation for the appointment of Board of Education members by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEAC appreciates that this bill requires the Senate to consider "a broad representation of education-related stakeholders" that reflects the diversity of the students who are served in public schools. We strongly hold that individuals with expertise regarding special education policy and programming are crucial members of the Board given the unique and often complex needs of students with disabilities.

SEAC is in favor of amending the bill to include the Board of Education Selection Advisory Council that is delineated in HB 338. The added educational expertise of this proposed Selection Advisory Council will help to ensure well qualified nominees for appointment. The Council also provides a check and balance to minimize the potential for politicization of the nomination process. Once the Governor has made his choice of appointees from the nominees offered by the Council, the public will have an opportunity to provide testimony during the Senate confirmation process.

SEAC appreciates the opportunity to offer our input on this important issue. Should you have any questions, I will be happy to address them.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair

Don and Helen Hemmes
333 Kalili Street
Hilo, HI 96720-4061
hemmesh@hawaiiantel.net

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony
To the House Committee on Education
E-mail: EDNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chair]
Representative Della Au Belatti, vice-Chair

SB8 SD1

Chari Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti, and Members of the Committee:

We, long-time residents, voters, and parents of sons who graduated from Waiakea High School, strongly support SB8 SD1 as written.

The issue for us in this past election was accountability. We feel that the best way to achieve accountability will be for the Governor to nominate the candidates with the advice and consent of the Senate through confirmation of the nominees. We are pleased that the Senate has taken a stand that the public supports to create a governance structure as outlined in SB8 SD1 and thus urge you to support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Don and Helen Hemmes

February 6, 2011

To: Representative Roy Takumi
and Members of the House Education Committee

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Monique Ishikawa

Subject: Support of SB8, Appointed Board of Education with Student Member

Hello! My name is Monique Ishikawa and I am currently a junior attending Kalaheo High School. I am also part of Kalaheo's student government. I strongly support SB 8 and hope that you will join me in support as well.

Without a student member on the BOE, students across Hawaii lose their voice. They lose their chance to have a say in what happens. With my position as student body vice-president, I know exactly how important this is. It is very important for us to be the passageway for students to be heard and their ideas expressed. Our thoughts and ideas are just as important as any of the members on the council.

Appointing the board members of the Board of Education is a lot more efficient. Campaigning for that position will no longer need to be done. Also the process will take less time and move it ahead faster. It will also allow the governor to go forth with his plans in how he wants education in Hawaii to be revised. I strongly believe in this bill and support it completely. I hope you will do the same. Thank you for your time. Mahalo!

LATE TESTIMONY

To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Della Au Belatti
Member of the House Education Committee

From: Jenzen Kaleopaa, HSSC-Honolulu District; Ānuenu School
2528 10th Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816

Subject: Testimony for SB8 and HB338

Aloha my name is Jenzen Kaleopaa and I am currently a senior at Ke Kula Kaiapuni ŷo Ānuenu in Paolo Valley. I strongly stand in support of Senate Bill 8; I stand firmly behind SB8 for its support of having the newly appointed Board of Education Student member to have partial voting rights, meaning that the student member has voting rights on all issues excluding personnel issues.

I support a Student Member being able to have voting rights, because the student member is one of the first people to know what BOE policies will affect the students first. Having a student member with collective information from the Hawaii State Student Council will help the student member firmly stand behind his or hers decision when voting on an issue or policy.

Having a voting student member on the newly Appointed Board of Education will help define and maybe achieve the want and needs of over 180,000 public school student across the State of Hawaiyi.

For the past twenty-two years the Hawaii BOE has had a non-voting student member, but this is now a great time for change. The student member in HB338 has a non-voting student member; I would strongly support the house bill if the statement could be amended to having a student member with voting rights stated in HB338.

I strongly support SB8 in it's acceptance of having a student member with partial voting rights on the newly appointed BOE, with these partial voting rights of the student member, over 180,000 public school student voices will be heard directly to the BOE.

Thank you for your time in listening to my testimony.
Me ke aloha,
O wau iho no

Jenzen Kaleopaa
Ānuenu School-12th grade Senior
2528 10th Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816