

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Date: 04/20/2011

Committee: House Education/Culture &
The Arts

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 130,SD1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER USING THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON YOUNG STREET, ADJACENT TO THE ACADEMY ART CENTER, AS AN ART RESOURCE CENTER FOR TEACHERS.

Purpose of Resolution:

Department's Position: The DOE supports Art education as an important part of a student's education. The DOE also recognizes that the provision of appropriate facilities is a challenge and is open to participating in a working group to look into the possible options to re-purpose the existing Office of School Facilities and Support Services functions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

COMMITTEE EDUCATION
Rep. Roy M. Takumi, Chair
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Rep. Jessica Wooley, Chair
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday April 20, 2011
TIME: 1:30 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

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Good afternoon, Chairs Takumi and Wooley and Committee Members:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 130 calls attention to the fact that Fine Art is one of ten Core Content Areas in the National and Hawaii State Department of Education's standards-based education benchmarks. Although general classroom teachers in K thru 6 are required to teach "fine art" (including the visual arts), many teachers feel under-prepared to teach art.

Due to this major disconnect in our educational agenda we need multiple ways to provide practical help and guidance to general classroom teachers as they, in turn, help students develop their innate creativity, understanding and appreciation for art. For this purpose I support SCR 130 as a major step toward solving the current problem. An art resource center for teachers adjacent to the Academy's Linekona Art Center would provide a lending collection of educational art objects, media, and space for professional development workshops.

Thank you.

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