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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
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RE: HB 2012 HD 1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **offers the following positions** regarding portions of HB2012 HD 1 that impact students with disabilities:

1) **EDN 100 (SEQ # 90-001)** - SEAC **supports** the Department of Education's request for \$13,557,502 **additional funds for the Weighted Student Formula (WSF)** due to its projected enrollment increases. The majority of students with disabilities are served for at least part of the day in general education classrooms, and WSF funds help to ensure adequate staffing and resources. While the Finance Committee has recalculated the Department's projection for enrollment, SEAC is concerned that anticipated increases in military personnel and their families might not have been adequately reflected. We also support WSF funds being used to replenish the Superintendent's depleted reserve fund, so that schools with small enrollments can receive adequate funding for staffing.

2) **EDN 400 (SEQ # 90-001)** - SEAC **supports additional funds for student transportation**. We appreciate the Finance Committee's frustration with the rising costs of student transportation; however, we are concerned that the House's recommendation of \$25 million may not be adequate to ensure transportation access to students with disabilities. While students with transportation services in their Individualized Education Plans are not in jeopardy, a large number of students with disabilities utilize regular student transportation. For students on Neighbor Islands, there are often no viable alternative transportation options. Additionally, research has shown overrepresentation of poor children found eligible for special education is a widespread occurrence



2) **EDN 400 (SEQ # 90-001) cont.**

across the nation. Should bus fares be increased significantly, or should students be required to utilize public transportation, these children with disabilities from households with financial hardships may not be able to access their right to a free and appropriate public education. While SEAC has no specific dollar amount in mind, we support an amount closer to the Department's request of \$42 million in additional funds.

3) **EDN 500 (SEQ # 90-001)** - Finally, SEAC supports **\$2.5 million in additional funds for the Community School for Adults Program** to meet their Maintenance of Effort requirements. We are grateful to the Finance Committee for restoring these funds to the budget, as many students with disabilities receive their high school diploma through GED and competency-based program options.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this critically important budget legislation. If you have questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 2, 2012, 9:30 A.M.

Room 211

(Testimony is 2 pages long)

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO A SUBSECTION OF HB 2012 HD1

Chair Ige and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation is opposed to a subsection of HB 2012 HD1 which strips important funding from the energy systems development special fund. This funding, developed from the barrel tax, provides resources to the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute (HNEI) to advance our research and deployment of clean energy technology. Our testimony is only in opposition to the language in HB 2012 HD1 found on page 60, line 16, through page 61, line 3.

The Hawaii Natural Energy Institute plays a critical role in building Hawaii's clean energy future. The Institute is part of Hawaii's clean energy transition triad, where HNEI does the research and development of clean energy solutions, the State Energy Office conducts planning and policy development, and the Public Utilities Commission regulates and implements policy. Recent projects by HNEI include the O'ahu Wind Integration Study and the Japan-Hawaii smart-grid demonstration on Maui.

We note that the funding that this measure seeks to divert for other uses—however laudable—is generated from Hawaii's oil tax. The intent of this funding, largely, was to tax our problem (imported petroleum) to fund solutions (local, renewable energy). The policy directed a portion of the oil tax funding to the energy systems development special fund to be used by HNEI for research and development of clean energy solutions for Hawaii. The nexus was clear.

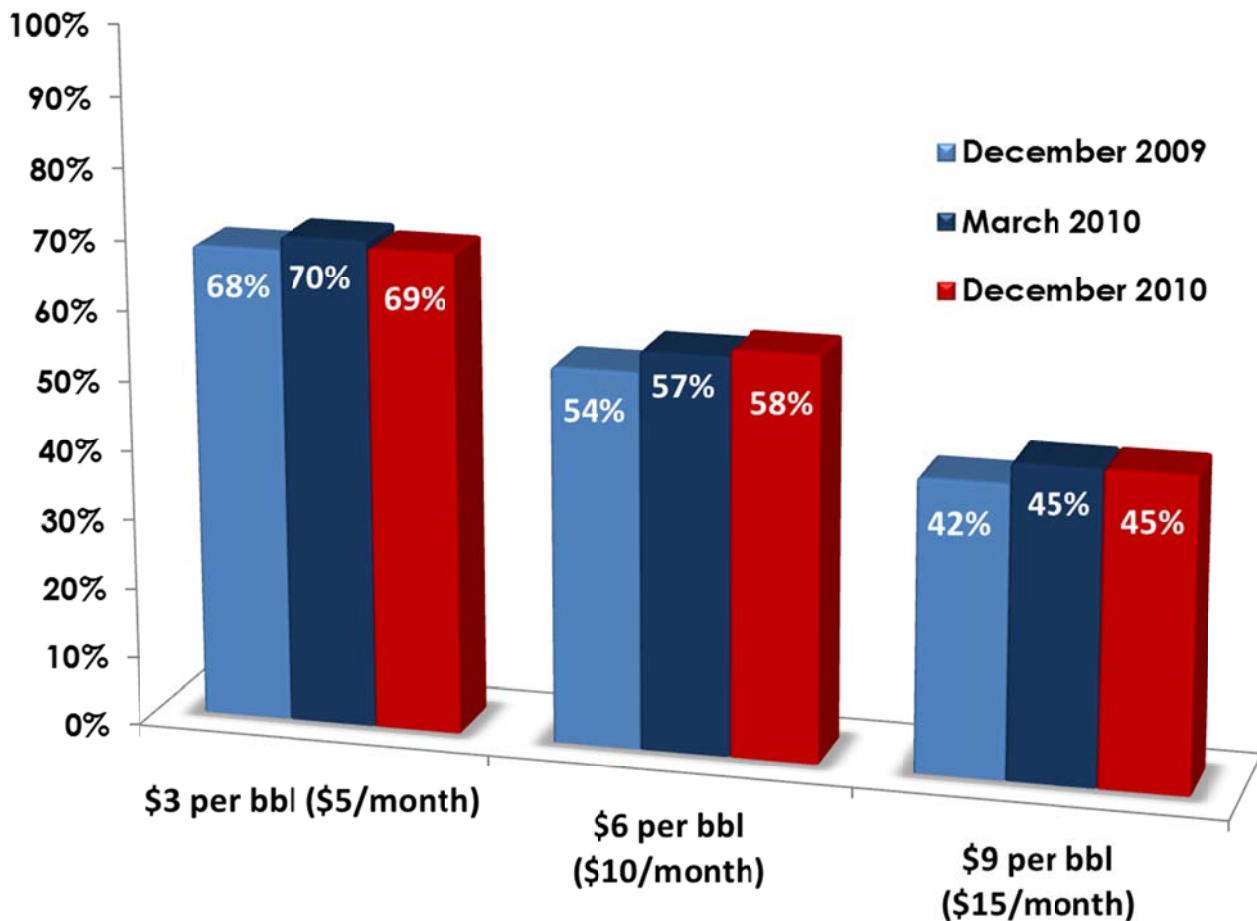
This policy is rational, effective, and supported by the public. Blue Planet Foundation conducted market research in December 2009, March 2010, and December 2010 to discern the level of public support for a barrel tax for clean energy investment. The statewide survey of residents found broad support for a barrel tax with roughly 70% supporting a tax of some amount. Each survey had a random sample of 500 residents statewide, providing a margin of error of 4.4% at a 95% confidence level.

The average level of support was equivalent to a \$5 per barrel tax. Forty-five percent of residents supported paying an additional \$15 on their monthly energy bills, equivalent to a \$9 per barrel tax. These findings reflect residents' willingness to pay to wean Hawai'i from its oil dependence. *Please see chart at end of testimony.*

While it's clear that we need to aggressively increase our energy efficiency and clean energy use in Hawai'i to decrease our reliance on imported crude, we cannot do it without adequate funding for aggressive research and development for Hawai'i's solutions. Diverting funding away from this purpose is penny-wise and pound-foolish. Hawai'i must make the necessary investments in clean energy to end our debilitating dependence on imported oil. The funding for HNEI is a down payment on our sustainable future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Resident Support for Barrel Tax





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April 2, 2012

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB2012 HD1 – Relating to the State Budget

Dear Chairs Yamane & Morikawa, and Members of the Committee,

The 17 Community Children's Councils (CCCs) of Hawaii **supports** this bill and the testimony provided by the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC).

We recognize the need to focus on consistent transportation especially on the neighbor islands, reexamine the student weighted formula by establishing a reserve fund so small schools can meet the needs of their and adult education.

The CCCs are community-based bodies comprised of parents, professionals in both public and private agencies and other interested persons who are concerned with specialized services provided to Hawaii's students. Membership is diverse, voluntary and advisory in nature. The CCCs are in rural and urban communities organized around the Complexes in the DOE.

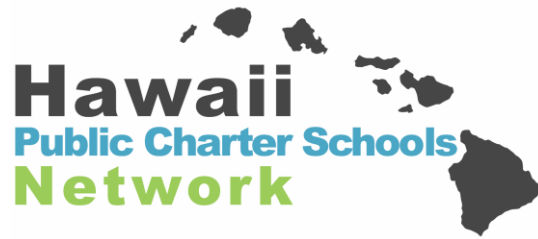
Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Community Children's Council Office (CCCO) at 586-5363.

Thank you for considering our testimony,

Tom Smith, Co-Chair

Jessica Wong-Sumida, Co-Chair

(Original signatures are on file with the CCCO)



Hawaii State Senate

Committee Ways and Means

DATE: Monday, April 2, 2012

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of Senate Ways and Means,

Re: HB2012 HD1, EDN 600 Charter Schools

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the state budget. Our charter schools have been working very hard to provide quality options for public education for Hawaii's families despite weathering deep cuts over the years. Schools were responsible with their per pupil allocations setting aside a portion to establish reserves and school facilities funds accounts. It has been a real struggle. Schools have worked to be more efficient, made hard choices to cut programs and staff, and many have still made significant academic progress throughout this time.

Charter schools are struggling and need your support. The lack of facilities funding continues to be a glaring inequity in the charter schools budget. There is widespread support of this among legislators and charter school supporters. As the charter school sector and legislators search for ways that we can solve this problem for the long haul, there is a way to start to address it today.

NEEDS BASED FACILITIES FORMULA

We have proven, quality schools that are at risk of keeping their doors open to our keiki. This struggle was acknowledged in the 2010-11 Charter School Funding Task Force report to the legislature. During the 2011 session, support to address this struggle was confirmed with the legislature passing language in law for the Charter School Administrative Office (CSAO) to provide a "needs based facilities formula" when submitting the charter school budget to the Governor.

The CSAO submitted this needs based facilities request, however, it has not been added to any iterations of the state budget thus far. The amount needed to fully fund 100% of the calculation is \$10,287,846 (attached is needs based facilities funding request with details).

If the full amount cannot be allocated, please consider including and funding a portion of the needs based facilities request with a portion of the \$5m that is in "under/over appropriations account." This would allow a partial funding of facilities without taking from other areas of the budget. In order to work within the \$5m available, here are some numbers to consider:

40% of the calculation is \$4,115,138

30% of the calculation is \$3,086,353

20% of the calculation is \$2,057,569

These challenges to keep our schools open are very real. Charter Schools have been able to survive on less while doing more over the last decade. As we work on improving the overall governance system and ask charter schools to rededicate themselves to another decade to improving quality options for public education, HPCSN humbly asks that the legislature also commit to charter school quality by funding the needs based facilities formula.

Thank you for your time and efforts to provide high quality public education for all of Hawaii's keiki.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Finnegan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynn Finnegan
Executive Director

Attachment

**CHARTER SCHOOLS FACILITIES FUNDING
REQUESTED FUNDING PER "NEEDS BASED" FORMULA
FY 2012-13**

Charter School	Projected 10-15-12 Enrollment	Adjusted Enrollment Count to be Used for Facilities Calcs K-6	Adjusted Enrollment Count to be Used for Facilities Calcs 7-12	Sq Ft/ Student K-6	Sq Ft/ Student 7-12	Total Authorized Sq Feet	Amt of Space Provided by SofHI	Net Authorized Sq Ft	AVG Mo Cost/Sq St	Annual Facilities Funding Support
CONNECTIONS-PCS	370	168	202	73	95	31,454		31,454	\$1.57	\$592,593
EDUCATION LABORATORY-PCS	450	116	334	73	95	40,198		40,198	\$1.57	\$757,330
HAKIPU'U LEARNING CTR-PCS	96	28	68	73	95	8,504		8,504	\$1.57	\$160,215
HALAU KU MANA-PCS	82	6	76	73	95	7,658		7,658	\$1.57	\$144,277
HALAU LOKAHI-PCS	265	79	82	73	95	13,557		13,557	\$1.57	\$255,414
HI ACADEMY OF A&S-PCS	489	214	235	73	95	37,947		37,947	\$1.57	\$714,921
HAWAII TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY PCS	1,326	261	325	73	95	49,928		49,928	\$1.57	\$940,644
INNOVATIONS-PCS	205	160	45	73	95	15,955		15,955	\$1.57	\$300,592
KA 'UMEKE KA'EO-PCS	354	275	79	73	95	27,580		27,580	\$1.57	\$519,607
KA WAIHONA 'O KA NA'AUAO-PCS	642	498	144	73	95	50,034		50,034	\$1.57	\$942,641
KAMAILE ACADEMY	1,045	775	250	73	95	80,325	73,405	6,920	\$1.57	\$130,373
KANU O KA'AINA-PCS	293	170	113	73	95	23,145		23,145	\$1.57	\$436,052
KANUIKAPONO-PCS	132	96	36	73	95	10,428		10,428	\$1.57	\$196,464
KAWAIKINI-PCS	128	88	40	73	95	10,224		10,224	\$1.57	\$192,620
KE ANA LA'AHANA-PCS	84	0	84	73	95	7,980	2,625	5,355	\$1.57	\$100,888
KE KULA NI'IIHAU 'O KEKAHA-LPCS	45	25	20	73	95	3,725		3,725	\$1.57	\$70,179
KE KULA 'O KAMAKAU-PCS	182	112	54	73	95	13,306		13,306	\$1.57	\$250,685
KE KULA 'O NAWAHIOKALANI'OPU'U IKI-LPCS	285	236	49	73	95	21,883		21,883	\$1.57	\$412,276
KIHEI-PCS	645	142	361	73	95	44,661		44,661	\$1.57	\$841,413
KONA PACIFIC-PCS	232	184	48	73	95	17,992		17,992	\$1.57	\$338,969
KUA 'O KA LA-PCS	280	142	138	73	95	23,476		23,476	\$1.57	\$442,288
KUALAPUU	409	391	0	73	95	28,543	36,118	(7,575)	\$1.57	\$0
KULA AUPUNI NI'IIHAU (KANAKA) PCS	57	32	25	73	95	4,711		4,711	\$1.57	\$88,755
LANIKAI-PCS	350	332	0	73	95	24,236	24,978	(742)	\$1.57	\$0
MYRON B THOMPSON ACAD-PCS	523	47	145	73	95	17,206		17,206	\$1.57	\$324,161
VOLCANO SCH OF A&S-PCS	168	120	48	73	95	13,320		13,320	\$1.57	\$250,949
VOYAGER-PCS	256	215	41	73	95	19,590		19,590	\$1.57	\$369,076
WAIALAE-PCS	465	465	0	73	95	33,945	48,822	(14,877)	\$1.57	\$0
WAIMEA MID-PCCS	258	84	174	73	95	22,662	56,156	(33,494)	\$1.57	\$0
WATERS OF LIFE-PCS	110	91	19	73	95	8,448		8,448	\$1.57	\$159,160
WEST HI EXPLOR ACAD-PCS	205	28	177	73	95	18,859		18,859	\$1.57	\$355,304
Total Schools	10,431	5,580	3,412			731,480	242,104	489,376		\$10,287,846

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted on: 4/1/2012

Comments:

Please restore \$446,000 in funding for three child welfare contracts that were eliminated effective November 30, 2011: Permanency Support Services-Oahu, Family Centers-Kauai, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui. These programs are critical to the families and communities they serve. Also, please support the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget request for \$1.5 Million for the Domestic Abuse Shelters (HMS 301). Without this funding, some of the shelter programs may not be sustainable, particularly on neighbor islands, may not be sustainable.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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FOR: HB2012, HD1, Relating to the State Budget
DATE: Monday, April 02, 2012
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
COMMITTEE(S): Senate Committee on Ways and Means
ROOM: Conference Room 211
FROM: Roger McKeague, Executive Director
Charter School Administrative Office

Testimony with comments on HB2012, HD1

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha, I am Roger McKeague, Executive Director of the Charter School Administrative Office (CSAO). I have two comments on HB2012 relating to the State budget.

First, as you know, there is a charter school omnibus bill (SB2115) circulating this session and is currently at the House Committee on Finance. If SB2115 passes, a charter school authorizing entity to be called the State Public Charter School Commission would be created. According to the omnibus bill, the Commission shall have dedicated resources. However, there is no allocation within HB2012 for the Commission. **If the charter school omnibus passes, it will not be able to be implemented without a funding allocation for the Commission.**

Secondly, we continue to ask for adequate funding for charter schools, especially funding for facilities. SB2115, if passed, would move all funding within the charter school "over/under appropriation account" back into the general fund. That amount is equal to about \$5 million. **We ask for that the money currently within the "over/under account," which was originally intended for charter schools, be allocated as charter school facility funding.**

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.



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HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

To: THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

From: Veronika Geronimo, Executive Director
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

RE: SUPPORT - HB2012, DHS request additional funds for domestic violence shelter and support

Hearing Date and Time: 4/2/2012 9:30:00 AM

Good morning Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. As a statewide coalition of domestic violence service providers, our mission is to engage communities and organizations to end domestic violence through education, advocacy, and action for social justice.

The Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence submits this testimony in support of HB2012, and for the Department of Human Services' request for additional funds for domestic violence shelter and support. House Committee on Finance acknowledged the importance of maintaining essential domestic violence services by adding \$2,000,000 to HB2012 to fund domestic violence shelters and support. We respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Finance also includes the additional \$2 million in HB2012 for domestic violence shelter and support.

The nine emergency shelters statewide and domestic violence programs continue to see an increased demand for their services while funding has decreased. On one day in 2011, domestic violence shelters and programs served 485 victims across Hawaii. Unfortunately, on the very same day, programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff that kept them from assisting 23 victims in need of services. When fewer community resources are available, victims become more isolated, risking their safety and recovery. Funding shortages have created greater and greater vulnerabilities in the network of services survivors need for their safety, escape, and self-sufficiency.

We thank your Committee, House Committee on Finance, and the DHS for recognizing the dire need of providing domestic violence survivors protection and services so that they are safe, supported and self-sufficient.

Thank you for your consideration.