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Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair

State of Hawaii Department of Education Community School for Adults

January 27, 2012

Support for H.B. No. 2046, Relating to Adult and Community Education

We strongly support H.B. 2046, Relating to Adult and Community Education, which would help to ensure the future of this vital program by clarifying that financial support for the adult and community education program shall be from appropriations by the legislature, supplemented by student fees and establishes the adult and community education program special fund. The Bill also serves to establish the adult and community education program special fund that shall be administered by the department.

Community schools for adults serves an integral function of the Department of Education. Courses offered include adult basic education, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, Competency Based High School Diploma Program, GED, and family and workplace literacy.

In addition to the services provided to the residents of our state, with the current influx of Pacific Islanders to Hawaii, community schools have partnered with other state agencies to provide English, parenting, and basic literacy skills. As part of the orientation to Hawaii, classes also include basic functioning and survival skills.

Although H.R.S §302A-432 states that the Department of Education shall establish and regulate a program of adult and community education, the program is constantly fighting for its basic existence. The passing of H.B 2046 will help to ensure that a special can be established which is vital the program and that its valuable services will continue to be available to the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

We urge the committee to pass H.B. 2046. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

LATE TESTIMONY

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To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Della Au Belatti, Vice-Chair
Committee on Education

From: Mary Y. Matayoshi, member of the community

I am writing in support of H.B. ~~2779~~²⁰⁷⁶. I write from the standpoint of a satisfied student and colleague in co-sponsoring educational endeavors to meet the needs of the community.

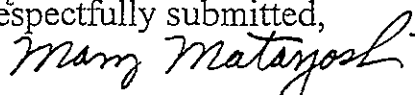
I have served as Director of State Volunteer Services under Governor Cayetano for two terms, for 7 years as a UH Peace Corps trainer and administrator, and 15 years in establishing and directing the continuing education and community service unit at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I also taught in the DOE for 7 years.

The Community Education service of the DOE is a unique function that meets critical needs of the community which no other educational unit can with their flexibility and dedication. It is the bridge to preparing students and citizens to meet further challenges in education that would otherwise lead to failure. Most of all, it is a comfortable place where immigrants, school dropouts, and others from all walks of life can make up requirements for further education, receive counseling and help from dedicated teachers and fellow students who will fight for you to succeed. It is where academics meet the real world in preparing everyone for a successful life in our community.

The Community Schools partner with us in the community to meet educational needs at all levels of need ... not only academics, but citizenship, surmounting language barriers, and yes, the enjoyment of many cultural activities in our diverse communities. It is singularly the most democratic of all our educational institutions meeting our needs at every level of society.

Please support and pass this bill for the betterment and success of our communities.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Matayoshi, retired university and non-profit administrator, and recipient of adult education services

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Aloha Representatives Takumi, Au Belatti, and Education Committee Members,

As promised, I am submitting my written testimony online, a little later than the actual hearing but here it is below, in regular text and as MSWord document for official Education Committee records.

Mahalo for your dedication to public service.

Richard Salvador
English teacher
McKinley Community School for Adults
Honolulu, HI

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Chairman Roy Takumi, Vice Chair Della Au Bellati and Education Committee Members:

My name is Richard N. Salvador. I am a teacher at McKinley Community School for Adults. I provide this Testimony in support of H.B. 2046, Relating to Adult and Community Education.

As I expressed in my oral testimony earlier today, it is best to establish an adult and community education program special fund in order to offset future uncertainties in terms of safeguarding adult/community education funding amongst competing fiscal priorities of the State.

As currently worded, this proposed bill is sound on other counts. It seeks to secure access for adults seeking training and subsequent employment. This is commendable; compatible language seeking to enhance individuals' access to self-sufficiency via adult education training and employment should be sought for and supported and hopefully added to the bill down the line.

Adult education services offer invaluable continuity of education services for individuals in our community who, for various reasons, opted out during their earlier educational careers and or as preparation for continuing higher education goals. These educational services which include English language instruction seek in so many ways to bridge gaps in peoples' lives and offer essential educational services that develop skills as vital poverty eradication strategies. In other words, adult education is such a vital resource in our community.

In times of economic stresses and challenges, it is important for all of us to ensure that other fiscal pressures do not impinge on the basic, essential services like education that prove time and time again as critical component in long term poverty alleviation strategy. For now, legislative efforts at establishing an adult and

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Thank you for your work and dedication to public service. Best wishes to each of you.

Sincerely,

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