

# SB2996

Kihei High School; \$  
EDU, WAM

**Date:** 02/06/2012

**Committee:** Senate Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 2996 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL

**Purpose of Bill:** Authorizes the issuance of \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds and makes an appropriation for planning, design, and construction for Kihei High School, a new high school in Kihei, Maui.

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education supports this bill.

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February 2, 2012

TO: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Danny A. Mateo  
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012, TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2996,  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL**

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds and appropriate the necessary funding for the planning, design, and construction of the new Kihei High School, in Kihei, Maui.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Construction of a new Kihei High School will help to address overcrowding at other Maui high schools. Both Maui High School and Baldwin High School have current enrollments that exceed their design capacity. Population in the Kihei-Makena region is expected to increase 57 percent from 2000 to 2025. School overcrowding will only worsen unless construction is started as soon as possible so that Kihei students no longer are forced to travel to the Kahului and Wailuku high schools.
2. Completion of the school will help fulfill the goals and objectives of the Countywide Policy Plan, the Draft Maui Island Plan, and the Kihei-Makena Community Plan, all of which support providing a high school educational facility in the region.
3. Economic benefits from the project include design and construction employment in the short-term, followed by long-term employment from the estimated 120 permanent jobs at full build-out. This employment would provide an important boost to the local economy that would generate future State tax revenue.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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February 3, 2012

TO: Honorable Jill N. Tokuda , Chair  
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Joseph Pontanilla, Council Vice- Chair

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DATE: Monday February 6, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2996, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KIHEI  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure. I provide this testimony as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support SB 2996** for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by Maui County Council Chair Danny A. Mateo and urge you to support this measure.

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TO: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Don Couch  
Council Member, South Maui District

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DATE: Friday, February 3, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2996, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR  
KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure. I provide this testimony as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

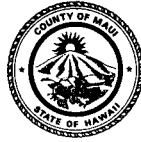
The authorization to issue general obligation bonds will enable our growing community to build the high school it has needed for some time.

I strongly **support SB 2996** for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.

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February 2, 2012

TO: Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Robert Carroll  
Council Member, East Maui

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DATE: Monday, February 6, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2996, RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL**

I support SB 2996 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.



Testimony of Clyde T. Hayashi  
Director  
Hawaii LECET  
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
Monday, February 06, 2012  
1:35 p.m., Conference Room 225

**SB 2534 - RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani. and Members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting this testimony especially on behalf of the many members of Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 who call Maui their home & our many union contractors who work on Maui. Hawaii LECET is in **strong support** of SB 2996.

A new Kihei High School is long overdue and needed to meet the large population increase in South Maui. The new high school will bring many positive improvements to the South Maui community and will end the long commutes which South Maui students have had to Central Maui high schools.

It will also provide badly needed construction jobs on Maui.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

## Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Andrew Beerer  
Organization: Kihei High School Action Team  
E-mail: [andrew@alohabydesign.com](mailto:andrew@alohabydesign.com)  
Submitted on: 2/5/2012

### Comments:

The Kihei High School Action Team strongly supports the development of a high school in Kihei. This is a top priority for our community.

Significant population growth in the Kihei-Maui-Kea region, coupled with the geographical separation from existing crowded central Maui high schools, has created the need for the proposed Kihei High School. The proposed high school has been planned for in County planning documents such as the adopted Kihei-Maui-Kea Community Plan (1998), adopted Countywide Policy Plan (March 2010) and the MIP General Plan 2030 Draft (December 2009).

The draft EIS is accurate in illustrating that the build-out of the Kihei High School campus will boost the economy by providing design and construction-related employment during the phases of campus construction. The project is anticipated to provide approximately 120 permanent jobs at full build-out and occupancy. The jobs will include teachers, librarians, counselors, grounds maintenance staff, and administrators. The project will also result in indirect jobs supplying goods and services to construction companies and their employees and families. Construction of the project will provide considerable tax revenues for the County and State.



Re: [SB2996 \(?\)](#)

I currently serve as the Kamali'i Elementary School PTA President, representing 125 current members for over 650 students.

We are in favor of the proposed Bill to appropriate funds for the Kihei High School. South Maui is in desperate need of a High School for our kids. This Bill will help get us one step closer to achieving that goal. It's time that we move forward on a High School in South Maui, the idea of the overcrowding and long distance of the current high school for our kids is archaic.

Please pass this Bill.

Regards,

Halleh Dunncliffe

Kamali'i Elementary School PTA

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**  
**Monday, February 6, 2012**  
**1:35 p.m. – Conference Room 225**  
**State Capitol – 415 S. Beretania St.**

**SB2996 Making and Appropriation for Kihei High School**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in strong support of SB2996**, which authorizes the issuance of \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds and makes an appropriation for planning, design, and construction for Kihei High School, a new high school in Kihei, Maui

I support this measure for the following reasons:

- Kihei is a large, rapidly growing community with several large residential projects being planned.
- There is significant distances from the Kihei population and the two central Maui High Schools
- This appropriation will provide much needed assistance to allow the Department of Education to continue to pursue creative financing for the remainder of the remaining costs for the school

I respectfully urge the committee to pass SB 2996. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wesley Lo**

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**Erin Conner**

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Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:  
I strongly support the need for a Kihei High School.

February 6, 2012

RE: SB2996

To whom it may concern:

I am providing written testimony in support of SB2996 in making an appropriation for Kihei High School to authorize the issuance of \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds and making an appropriation for planning, design, construction for Kihei High School, a new high school in Kihei, Maui.

I have three young children in Kamali'i Elementary School in Kihei, and we look forward to sending our children to high school in our own community.

Kihei is the fastest growing community on Maui, and the ONLY community on Maui without a high school. Currently, children are being bused more than 30 minutes on heavily trafficked roads to overcrowded schools outside of our community. The new Kihei High School would address this antiquated problem and give our community a great sense of pride.

Sincerely,

Yvonne L. Biegel  
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Submitted by: Steve Farwig  
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E-mail: [farwig@earthlink.net](mailto:farwig@earthlink.net)  
Submitted on: 2/6/2012

**Comments:**

Please support this Bill. We need a High School in South Maui! Charter Schools have been created in the time since this plan had been proposed. South Maui had grown too large to not have a High School.