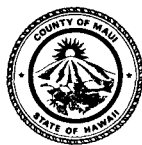


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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Don Couch
Council Member, South Maui District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Couch", written over the printed name.

DATE: Friday, February 24, 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.

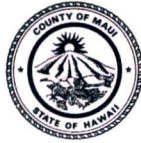
The authorization to issue general obligation bonds will enable our growing community to build the high school it has needed for some time.

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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TO: Honorable David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Joseph Pontanilla, Council Vice- Chair 

DATE: Tuesday February 28, 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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February 23, 2012

TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member, East Maui

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Carroll".

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

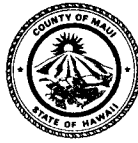
SUBJECT: **SUPPORT SB 2996, RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KIHEI
HIGH SCHOOL**

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

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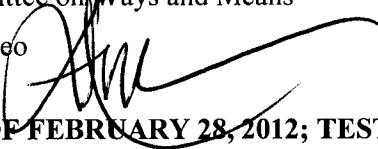


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February 24, 2012

TO: The Honorable David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Danny A. Mateo
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2996,
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR KIHEI HIGH SCHOOL**

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. From the years 2000 to 2025, the population in the Kihei-Makena region is expected to increase 57 percent. 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.