



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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SB 3071 SD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 3071 SD1.

The University of Hawai'i College of Education supports SB 3071 SD1. We appreciate the acknowledgement of Ho'okulaiwi's accomplishments on behalf of Native Hawaiian children and their exemplary work with schools on the Leeward coast, Ni'ihau, and Moloka'i. Our College of Education faculty, including those associated with Ho'okulaiwi, have been successful in obtaining grant funds through the Native Hawaiian Education Act and other sources, enabling us to support teachers and schools through curriculum development and professional development throughout the state. However, such grant funding is inconsistent and short term, usually for two to five years maximum.

In addition, the College has reallocated its own resources, expanding its outreach to and support of Native Hawaiian communities by increasing recruiting efforts to bring more Native Hawaiians into our teacher preparation programs, streamlining access to these programs for students coming from community colleges, and establishing counseling and student support efforts for undergraduate students interested in pursuing education as a career. Even with these increased efforts the need remains great.

SB 3071 SD1 proposes to complement these efforts with more stable funding of permanent positions that will better ensure sustained focus and support through programs of proven effectiveness. Ho'okulaiwi has established a strong record of accomplishments and by working closely with communities gained their support and appreciation.

We note one clarification in the current language of the bill. Ho'okulaiwi is a program within our department of curriculum studies and not an official center within the University, a designation that requires Board of Regents approval.

As with other legislative initiatives of this kind, however, we support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Comments:

Aloha mai Senator Ige (Chair), Senator Kidani (Vice Chair) and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

I write in very VERY STRONG SUPPORT of SB3071 to appropriate funds for three permanent positions and operating expenses for Hookulaiwi: Aha Hoonaaauao Oiwi (the Center for Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Education) within the University of Hawaii.

In keeping with the educational priorities of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA), the primary purpose for this appropriation is to acquire faculty positions and operations monies for the UHM Hookulaiwi in order to deliver critically needed teacher education/education programs in Hawaiian homestead communities of highest need—beginning with Molokai and Maui. The appropriation will also be used to support existing initiatives in Nanakuli/Waianae. The plan is to extend to other Hawaiian communities state-wide in the near future.

Please note that this is a Native Hawaiian community-driven bill. It has been introduced BY community, FOR community—in partnership with the University of Hawaii Hookulaiwi Center for Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Education. While Hookulaiwi is housed, in part, in the UHM College of Education, it is a Hawaiian community initiative in every sense of the word.

I believe our SCHHA/Hookulaiwi Partnership is the first step in bringing about systemic reform to public education in Hawaii that will provide enhanced educational opportunities for Native Hawaiians. That the community is central to this initiative—in the conceptualization, planning, implementation, and assessment—brings a “never-before-attempted” element to educational reform in Hawaii. Our goal is to make significant progress in addressing the critical need to prepare;

- · teachers for Hawaii DOE Title I schools with large numbers of Hawaiian children
- · teachers for the Hawaii DOE Hawaiian Language Immersion Program
- · teachers for Hawaiian charter schools, and
- · Native Hawaiian educational leaders in areas such as curriculum research, school administration, and teacher education through study at the master’s and doctoral levels.

With this in mind, I ask that you give your VERY STRONGEST SUPPORT to our community-driven SB3071 by PASSING IT. MAHALO NUI.

Me Kealoha Pumehana

Myron K. Brumaghim
Co-Chair of the Education Committee
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February 25, 2012

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Mahalo nui a ke aloha no ia oukou apau,

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Co-Chair, SCHHA Committee of Education