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Herewith I submit my testimony for Senate Bill # 127, and Bill # 891.

Please print it out and submit as my written Testimony to be considered.

1. **After receiving training at the Helen Keller National Center on Long Island, NY, I became a very strict observer and speaker for the neglected needs in our deaf, blind, disabled and elderly community. I noticed that there are strict statistics for every venereal disease but absolutely NO statistics for our deaf, blind, handicapped disabled or elderly. I observed that there is always the same group of 30 to 50 do gooders in so called leadership to get the money for their cause, but absolutely nothing for the needy, they claim to represent. Therefore I would like to be your watch dog that justice will be done and that no big money is wasted in the name of the deaf and blind, like the pending present Senate Bill # 127 which I herewith oppose, to pay a total of \$800,400.- to establish a comprehensive deaf center: \$449,700.- for 2011-2012 and \$350,700.- for 2012 to 2013.**
2. **Also I oppose SB 891 to spend \$449,700 to upgrade defunct Ho'opono. If those wasteful bills pass, they must be vetoed by our Governor.**
3. **The now disfunctional Hoopono facility, where they have to blindfold the already legally blind to block out the last bit of vision they have to learn computers in a Micky Mouse way. This facility could easily be used for the requested planned Comprehensive Deaf Center if that is really necessary.**
4. **For that much money we could properly educate and take care of thousands of deaf, blind or handicapped persons.**
5. **Over 5 year ago, I gave an 80 minute long speech to the executives of Ho'opono and Mr. Joe Cordova from Vocational Rehab without ever getting an answer to any of my more than 50 enclosed questions to help the blind, deaf, elderly and handicapped. There is really no one who cares for us except for their same 30+ cronies. In our deaf blind committee of lovely Senator Chun-Oakland, we only have 2 certified legally deaf blind members. All others only hold out their hands for their own benefits as in many other agencies and committees. Questions are often ignored, the same as our sunshine law.**
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Here are my still unanswered questions submitted over 4 years ago on 1/27/07

Hello Mr. Cordova. I still did not get answers since 1/25/07!!! What happened??

**Dear Mr. Cordova, Mr. Eveland and Mr. Fisk.
April 6, 2007.**

Now it will be 3 months ago since I have given you a 1 hour and 20 minutes long presentation about the needs of the blind, deaf, elderly and handicapped at Ho'opono on 1/25/07 beginning at 2 PM. Since the requested screen enlarger for reading my notes was not made available until the last 20 minutes and no requested tape recordings were made, I have left all my unedited rough drafts of my lecture notes with Mr. Eveland and Mr. Fisk, so that any overlooked items could be reviewed and addressed by all of you. There was no objection or correction during or after my presentation. Therefore I would like to hear from you, Sam Fisk and Dave Eveland, which of my positive suggestions will be acted upon and implemented and also which items are rejected as to be too difficult to resolve by you.

I do realize that agencies have their areas of expertise and purpose, but advocacy for our concerns can and must be done FOR US by any and all funded agencies for the certified handicapped, because these agencies have more clout than individuals or smaller groups. Agencies simply cannot pass the BUCK and only attend to those areas that give them the most profitable Grants and Funds for only their own benefits.

We must demand reliable statistics for all certified groups with different handicaps. We just could not be less important than those statistically reported groups with self-acquired sexual transmitted diseases, or are we??? United we stand; therefore we cannot simply ignore other groups that are blind.

It was agreed that we must have better communication between our various agencies and the certified handicapped they represent. Therefore, free high- speed Internet access must be provided with open bulletin boards, even with very cheap web cams, for access by our certified handicapped.

Presently, our very expensive Video Relay Services are subsidized by the FCC and by a small mandatory contribution from all telephone users. Now we have useless Video Relay Cameras without the free high- speed Internet access. You have the power to lobby for us. This Service alone will contribute tremendously to our vocational rehabilitation, education and usefulness. It will save the government many millions of dollars in VRS and Education. It will encourage the very slow and expensive VRS process of the deaf to improve their speech by speaking and signing ASL simultaneously. The millions of elderly, who are rapidly losing their hearing, could finally learn ASL, America's third most common language.

You will find as attachments my discussed issues and old BAD HELP ARTICLE; I left with Ho'opono, for your comments. Just ignore any duplication and consolidate all issues. Please e-mail me your answers and criticism of my attached lecture notes and given presentation within the next ten days, that I can pass them on to the waiting legislative committees.

Let me thank you again for the 80 minute presentation, you allowed me to give. With LOVE OF ALOHA TO ALL

I remain

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Ho'opono' s needed changes are advocacy.

1 What I am doing here today, should be done by Ho'opono. I am giving you the voice of the many silent blind and deaf. I am not here for my self, because my life expectancy is very short.

2 There must be accountability of agencies' total income and expenses without puffery.

3 There must be reliable statistics on the blind and deaf, to gain their political recognition.

- 4 Voting machines for the deaf, blind and handicapped are a needless expense and should be replaced with absentee registration and absentee voting.
- 5 We need advocacy for less expensive equipment, vision, hearing aids, and the new \$100. Laptop computers and programs.
- 6 We must object to the many overpriced equipment for the blind and deaf. Ask the deaf / blind first for their recommendations.
- 7 We need to look out for and negotiate for cheap \$10. Hearing devices combined with a recorder, frequency selectors, audio, and telephone and microphone inputs. It is hard to keep track of so many separate, different devices. Replace all those proposed Mickey Mouse devices.
- 8 We need more advocacy for the needs of the handicapped.
- 9 We need to ask foreign countries for help in development and manufacturing of needed equipment and programs.
- 10 I-Communicate, Zoom Text and Jaws are a few examples.
- 11 We need to stop using blind education with hindering blindfolds. Remember that 90% of all legally blind can and will see a little something.
- 12 We need to cut out expensive trips, bureaucracy for Voc. Rehab. And useless surveys. HKNC as example. Down-streaming and video conferencing can take its place. Too much is wasted.
- 13 We need to lobby for free high-speed Internet access for education. The SEC and public are now supporting expensive VRS services. Down streaming, down loading with web-cams is in and here already. We can save millions of Dollars in Education and wasted library cassettes.
- 14 Let Ho'opono install downloadable programs with the common password aloha, which can later be changed.
- 15 Lobby Microsoft for easier program and password installations.
- 16 Inform us about web- and chat lines, such as speed sight, Eyeball chat, goggle talk, Yahoo with voice etc. help with installation.
- 17 We need collection centers for all used hearing and vision aids and equipment. Even contact the morticians.
- 18 The mentally challenged have a social club, why not expand Ho'opono as our social club. Our current elderly blind program is a farce with only 3 members.
- 19 We need to stop nepotism and favored hiring for self- interest.
- 20 \$300,000 vendor positions must be changed every six months or the profit over \$85,000 must benefit all blind.
- 21 Hostile insider groups must be stopped from cutting e-mail access and party invitations.
- 22 Allow us to attend handicapped functions for free, without high admission or forced expensive lunch costs.
- 23 Provide a shuttle bus or bus service access to Ho'opono and other functions for the blind, like the inaccessible country club party sponsored by the Lions
- 24 Then invite all blind to parties, not only the selected few.
- 25 Have at least a weekly updated bulletin board for all functions.
- 26 Install an uncensored forum or opinion board in public places and on the Internet. Only obscenities may be deleted.
- 27 Ho'opono's optometry department must certify the legally blind and not send them back to expensive MD's.
- 28 Ho'opono must enforce THEIR mission statement to serve ALL BLIND regardless of their financial status and advertise openly all entitlements without making us beg on our knees.

- 29 A blind cane is our main tool. Let everyone get a needed replacement free.
- 30 Ho'opono is pushing high priced equipment development and does not advocate and lobby for affordable equipment.
- 31 Get us very cheap double keyboard adapters to communicate with the deaf blind. Maybe develop a less expensive Braille board too o avoid unnecessary touching through tactile signing.
- 32 We need a legal help agency to protect us against the rampant fraud. Speed up dragging investigations of complaints.
- 33 Our 2006 Ho'opono Newsletter gave us costly fraudulent job referrals. Check it out first, before you recommend. Get us the real jobs we want, without paralyses of analyses.
- 34 Stop the bragging and puffery in the newsletters. Are Camp Erdiman and Haleakala excursions the only accomplishments of Ho'opono for the year?
- 35 Is the dormitory for outer Island visitors really necessary? Can't we train trainers from there?
- 36 Advisory Boards and Council must be taken seriously and not only be used for grant collecting endorsements. Aloha to All H.G. Pink
- Blind and deaf Issues.
- We need Statistics
- Fast and organized Communication
- Free high speed inter net connection
- Self Education through inter net
- Education through PBC and the Inter-net
- Effective Bulletin boards regular and e-mail
- Free expression, blogs and columns
- Specialized short Education by appointments (AIM, IM, BLOGS, FAQs ETC.)
- Not tiring long classroom hours
- Better applied funding, 90% to handicapped, not to administration
- More social events at empty Ho'opono
- Better Health, Dental and Prescription Care
- True overall Advocacy programs for all handicapped
- Better complaint channels for handicapped
- Helpful devices at much lower prices
- Publication of all free entitlements
- No Membership fees and admissions FOR THEIR CLUBS, ORGs, SHOWS
- Disclosure of funding/donation distribution by all agencies
- True supervised mission statements by all agencies
- Double Punishment for fraud and crimes against Handicapped
- Collection of used Hearing and vision equipment.
- Aloha to All H.G. Pink

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