

SCR132

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE
POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BETTER
ALIGN PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM WITH
DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OR
COUNTIES RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF
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Testimony of
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To the Senate Committee on Education
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair, Education Committee
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, Education Committee

SCR 132

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SCR 132. The resolution requests that the Governor's Office convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's adult education program.

Hawaii needs energy independence, food security, environmental sustainability and living wage jobs for our future. All of these social and economic goals are made possible by having the highest quality education. The Department of Education's Community Schools for Adults' core services are educational services focused on basic skills such as literacy and preparation for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) test. These are critical services for adults who have less than a high school education and are preparing for or bettering their employment and/or postsecondary education and training opportunities.

In the last several years of reduced or restricted budgets, the DOE's Community Schools' budget has been cut, like many programs that provide valuable community supports. Acknowledging the role of the Community Schools as an important contributor to the continuum of educational and workforce development services, the Governor concurred with the recommendation of the Board of Education and included \$2.5 million in his supplemental executive budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

The Governor is committed to coordination among the departments as well as public-private partnerships to advance the state's goals in order to invest in our people and sustain our Hawaii for future generations. However, the Committee should also consider the Legislative Reference Bureau to convene the task force, as the LRB has research capacity. Also, if the focus of the task force is reorganization within the DOE, then the DOE should be directed to provide a report based on its internal planning.

TESTIMONY on SCR 132
Department of Education's Adult Education Program
Senate Committee on Education
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Friday, March 23, 2012

By Deborah L.K. Spencer-Chun
President and CEO

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Adult Friends for Youth opposes the resolution. The Adult Community School system has been an effective and efficient means to enable students, who for a variety of reasons have dropped out of a traditional school, to obtain a diploma. As this testimony is being written, 20 of our students are on their way to their Clinical-Competency Alternative Education Program (C-Base) graduation ceremony. Thanks to their hard work, the Adult Friends for Youth clinician/teachers, and the Farrington Community School for Adults curriculum and oversight the student are passing a new milestone in their lives. They have moved from a bleak future, in which they could have become a drain on society, to one filled with hope, in which they can live constructive lives and contribute to society.

Students expressed that a traditional high school is not for everyone. Whereas they would feel lost in another environment, C-Base provided a non-judgmental environment in which they felt that their comments were heard. Jumping directly to a community college after dropping out of high school would not be a successful option for them. However, going through an adult community school built confidence and their self esteem to the point that the problems that existed for them before, that prevented them from achieving academically, are now behind them, and they can move forward confidently into the future. The Adult Community School provided an option that was critical in their lives.

The present Adult Community School system provides a wide range of classes in an organized fashion to meet the needs of the community. Doing away with the Adult Community Schools within the Department of Education, and placing classes within various agencies at the state and county level, would create an unorganized hodgepodge of offerings that would not be effective or efficient in delivering services to the community. Eliminating or restricting these resources to the community would be an unsound practice that would prevent many citizens from improving their lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Conner

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Committee on Education

March 21, 2012

RE: SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 132- Relating to the transfer of the Department of Education's adult education programs from the Department of Education to other departments within the State or counties- AGAINST

I'm writing in opposition of SC 132. Community School for Adults provides an opportunity for adults to complete their high school education through the General Education Diploma program. Those adults who lost their way during high school are afforded a second chance to receive an education that we are all entitled to. Immigrants can also the English language that will enable them to be contributing members to our society and allow them to acculturate quicker to our American society.

The Community School for Adults is part of the transformation of student achievement through One- six-three. which is the winning combination. We pursue one vision- the vision of a public school graduate; We strive for six general Learner Outcomes- evidence that our students have become effective communicators, critical thinkers, producers of quality work, ethical users of technology, team players and life-long learners; We hold fast to the three student priorities, academic achievement, safety and well being and civic responsibility. This is what Community School for Adults strive today and everyday. We must allow this transformation to flourish.

Aloha
Randall Higa, Vice Principal
McKinley Community School for Adults

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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

March 23, 2012

Oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

On behalf of the Community School administrators and adult learners currently enrolled, or successfully employed, I would like to express our opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, regarding adult education. The Community Schools for Adults does provide a much needed service for the State's undereducated community; offers a number of courses include GED, English as a Second Language, citizenship, computer skills and interest course. Community schools also assist students who have dropped out or were released from regular high school, immigrants and, longtime residents in improving their skills. Community schools are the conduit through which adults rely on to improve their personal well-being and employment opportunities, which in turn, allows them to contribute positively to the communities in which they reside.

All Community Schools are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The value of these programs creates a number of opportunities for adults such as: assist adults to seeking employment or transferring to post-secondary or other vocational training programs, assist adults leaving public assistance and sustaining income, assist adults to help their children with homework so their child can be successful in school, and also, an opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

On August 1, 2011 the Governor's Office organized a working group that included representatives to a task force referred to as Education and Training for Adults. Members of the group included representation from the Governor's office, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and the University of Hawaii. The meeting's desired outcomes was for each

departments' key leaders for adult education and training to share information regarding services being currently provided, particularly those adults who have low levels of education. Another outcome was for the group to identify whether it should reconvene to map series available for adults with low levels of education and to coordinate services and resources.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the majority of participants from the various Departments voiced loudly their concern should adult education be either terminated or transferred to the University of Hawaii Community Colleges. Concerns from the group included addressing the lower level of students that they believe the community colleges would not be able to service. Adult education serves a population that is atypical of a university or community college population. Follow-up to that meeting as suggested by the Governor's Office did not materialize.

Your opposition to S.C.R. 132 will allow the Community Schools to continue to provide quality educational services to the citizens of the State of Hawaii. Education is the key to opening doors. A well educated community creates a stable economy. We urge the committee to oppose S.C.R. 132. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Erin Conner

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RE: SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 132- Relating to the transfer of the Department of Education's adult education programs from the Department of Education to other departments within the State or counties - AGAINST

Chair Jill Tokuda

My name is Ann Antal and I am a teacher and the accreditation coordinator at McKinley Community School for Adults.

I am writing to urge that the ESL and GED education programs for adults currently administered through the Department of Education should not be transferred to other departments within the State or counties.

- The average ESL student at McKinley Community School for Adults is an Asian female between the ages of 25 and 44. Many of our students are much older. Our ESL students will not attend classes with young Community College students.
- Not only are our ESL students not only older than the majority of the community college students, our students lack both the English skills required to attend classes at our community schools and the very basic life skills needed to manage the "mechanics" of community college such as enrollment and transportation.
- Our young high school dropouts dropped out the first time because they did not "fit the mold". The GED, as administered within the Department of Education, meets their need to obtain a high school diploma. There is no viable alternative to service these students. If students do not feel comfortable and supported, they will drop out a second time. GED students must obtain their high school diplomas in order to obtain jobs that pay a living wage.
- Our GED population is diametrically different from that of the community colleges. Our students are returning to school to finish their high school degrees rather than working toward college degrees.

ESL students and GED students presently serviced by adult education programs administered through the Department of Education will not be serviced if the classes are transferred to other departments within the State or counties. I urge that adult education programs remain within the Department of Education.

Thank you.

Erin Conner

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Comments:

My name is Charles J. Ewart. I ask that you DO NOT support SB 2839 which seeks to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community College System.

I have taught ESL at McKinley Adult School for 6 years and I have seen how this school has aided those adult students seeking basic English Literacy skills. The Community school environment is conducive to students of all ages and with differing goals ranging from basic literacy to developing language skills to enter the Community College system.

Many students work full or part time and need a flexible schedule of classes to allow attendance. The Adult Community School system provides this flexibility at many locations throughout the state which makes it convenient for the students.

Many adult learners seek a knowledge of English to be able to converse more with their spouse and/or their children, to be able to help their children with school work, to help them develop skills for employment, and to become a better informed member of the community. Most students do not seek higher education at the Community College level.

Why should a successful Community Adult School system be moved from the DOE to the Community College System or other State or County Agencies? What are the advantages? What would be the time and funding cost to recreate the system presently in place? Under the current system Adult Learning is centralized under the present system and a proven curriculum in place along with WASC accreditation.

I have spoken several times to my students about the monetary problems our school is facing and asked them if they would be willing to pay more to take the courses offered by McKinley Adult School. Each student said they would be willing to pay more to keep coming to classes.

I believe there is a Hawaii Statute that requires the DOE to setup and manage a program of Adult Education in Hawaii. How can this be sidestepped?

Please do not remove the Adult Schools from the DOE. Whatever product(s) emerge from this transition will not be as good.

Thanks you for allowing this testimony.

Charles J. Ewart

Senate Committee on Education
Public Hearing on March 23, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.

SCR 132 Relating to Adult Education Working Group

Chair J. Tokuda, Vice-Chair M. Kidani, and Committee on Education Members:

I am Lauren Shimizu, Transition Counselor, at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). I am testifying in opposition to SCR 132 so that the Community Schools for Adults (CSA) can continue to provide services to our students under the Department of Education.

The Community Schools for Adults provide General Education Development (GED) preparation classes, Competency Based High School Diploma classes, and GED testing as options for people who have dropped out of high school. Community Schools also offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adult immigrants who have recently arrived in Hawai'i and who have little or no English skills. Our Pre-Literacy students learn the alphabet, numbers, basic words and phonics.

As the Transition Counselor, I have had the pleasure of working with upper level ESL, GED, and Competency Based High School Diploma students on their plans to continue their education beyond McKinley Community School. I assist students with college applications and financial aid applications. Some ESL students have graduate degrees and extensive work experience from their countries of origin. I help them to find an appropriate major or career to pursue so that they can earn more than their current low wages.

From Fall 2009 through Fall 2011, Introductory health classes, such as Medical Terminology and Intro to Health Professions, were offered at McKinley Community School from Fall 2009 through Fall 2011 through Kapi'olani Community Colleges Ulu Pono Project. Some of our upper level ESL students and diploma students took these classes, and then transitioned into Health Sciences Programs at Kapiolani Community College (KCC).

Below are stories about some of our students:

Angie, who is in her fifties, and Nikki, who is in her 30's, were enrolled in an ESL 5 class at McKinley Community School in Fall 2010. Nikki was unemployed. Angie was employed part-time as a Certified Nurse Aide. They took KCC Health classes at MCSA through the Ulu Pono Project, and then completed KCC's Dental Assisting Program. Currently, Nikki is a massage therapist. Angie is working part time as a Certified Nurse Aide and part time as a dental assistant. Angie is also enrolled in KCC's Adult Residential Care Home Operator Program this semester. Nikki and Angie are in their current jobs because they completed ESL classes at McKinley Community School and were able to transition.

At the age of 24, Brandi, spoke with our GED Counselor, Mr. Won. She took a GED prep class at MCSA and then passed the GED. She then enrolled in KCC Health classes which were offered at our school. Brandi continued on to complete a Certified Nurse Aide Course at KCC. She is currently enrolled in pre-requisite courses for KCC's Licensed Practical Nursing Program. I assisted her with applications for KCC, Federal financial aid, and financial assistance with Alu Like, Inc. and Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate. In less than a year, Brandi went from high school drop out to successful college student. She is well on her way to achieving her goal of becoming a registered nurse, because McKinley Community School offers GED prep courses.

Two years ago, I worked with a different Brandi who received her Competency Based High School Diploma at Wahiawa Community School. She is currently in her 4th semester at Kapi`olani Community College in their Paralegal Associate Degree Program. I helped her to apply for Federal financial aid, Kamehameha Schools financial aid and scholarships through Hawai`i Community Foundation. She is in her mid-twenties. She plans to earn her Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice, and then attend law school. Brandi was a high school drop out. Wahiawa Community School offered her a way to obtain her high school diploma. She is now taking classes from attorneys who are encouraging her to become an attorney.

From the 2012-2013 school year, students will not qualify for Federal financial aid (Title IV Aid) unless they have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED). Ability to Benefit testing, such as the COMPASS placement test used by the UHCCs, is no longer a qualifying factor for Federal financial aid.

Without the Community Schools for Adults, Hawai`i taxpayers would be faced with a greater financial burden. The rate of unemployment for high school dropouts is significantly higher than for high school graduates.

I worked at a community college for 4 years. CSA provide services to a different student base than Community Colleges. After our students complete beginning ESL classes or obtain their GED or CB Diploma at a CSA, then they are able to obtain a job or have a chance of success at a community college in upper level ESL classes or to pursue a college degree.

I hope that the Committee on Education recognizes that the Community Schools for Adults provide valuable services to the people of Hawai`i which cannot be offered through other State or County agencies or through the Community Colleges.

For these reasons, I am opposed to SCR 132.

Sincerely,
Lauren Shimizu, Transition Counselor
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March 21,2012.

Senator. Jill Jokuda, chair.
Senator. Michelle Kidani, vice chair.
Committee on education.

RE: NOT SUPPORT SB 2839 Relating to adult and community education.

Dear Senators Jill Jokuda and Michelle Kidani .

I am writing to ask for your support for adult education to remain in the Department of Education. I ask that you **NOT SUPPORT SB 2839** (proposes to move adult education from the department of education to the community colleges) for the following reasons:

My purpose in coming to McKinley Community School for Adults is to:

Improve my English skills in order to obtain a good employment here in Hawaii, to achieve my U. S. citizenship and then register to vote the first time. Also too, improve my English so that I can help my daughter with her homework.

The tuition is reasonable and the location is convenient for me, is close to the place where I live. In addition is very importance of continuing my education to higher my skills to reach my goals and get a better job o run for federal office.

McKinley Community School for Adults have a basic elementary programs that offers reading and speaking English, writing, arithmetic, civics and computers courses.

We need your help to keep Adults Education in the Department Of Education. I concerned that if these functions are transferred to community colleges we would be intimidated by the setting, deterred by high course costs, unable to attain high school diplomas, and unable to receive an education close to where we live and work. If you have any questions, I can be reached at.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

Calvin Shimomura, Principal of Moanalua/Aiea Community School

On behalf of the Community School Administrators and adult learners of past and present, I would like to express our opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132. The Community School for Adults offers many educational services to adults in an effort to improve their personal well-being and employment opportunities, which in turn, allows them to contribute positively to the communities in which they reside.

Under the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 302A-433 identifies four core functions of the adult community education program, they are:

- 1) Basic elementary education
- 2) Advanced elementary education
- 3) Secondary education
- 4) Adult literacy.

These core functions are provided through academic programs such as the English as a Second Language (ESL) program; Adult Basic Education (ABE); and Adult Secondary Education (ASE), which includes two diploma-track programs – the Competency-Based High School Diploma Program (CBHSDP) and the GED preparation program. In addition to these programs, the Community Schools provide additional value-added services to the Department of Education such as the Substitute Teacher Certification and Recertification courses, PRAXIS preparation courses for teachers who are not highly qualified, credit-recovery courses for high school students, and test-preparation courses for students who plan to take the SAT, COMPASS, or ASVAB tests.



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The Community Schools goals are the same as any regular K-12 school within the department:

- 1) Assure all students graduate college and career-ready through effective use of standards-based education;
- 2) Ensure and sustain a rich environment and culture for life-long learners; and
- 3) Continuously improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of the educational system.

Furthermore, statewide all Community Schools are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The value of these programs creates a number of opportunities for adults such as assisting adults to seek employment or transfer to post secondary or other vocational training programs, assist adults leaving public assistance and sustaining income, assist adults to help their children with homework so their child can be successful in school, and lastly, the opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

Your opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132 will allow the Community Schools to continue to provide quality educational services to a population that does not function well in a university or community college environment. Education is the key to opening doors. We feel that a well educated community creates a stable economy. We urge the committee to oppose SCR 132. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.



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Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
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Oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

I am writing testimony to express my opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, on behalf of all students enrolled and attending one of 11 Community School for Adults in the state.

Community Schools provide the means for the non-traditional student to achieve their personal and professional goals. Through programs such as English for Language Learners (ELL), EL Civics (formerly known as citizenship), Adult Basic Education (math and reading remediation), and Adult Secondary Education (GED or Competency Based High School Diploma Program), students are able to obtain the skills necessary to be successful in life.

Whether it be to improve on their reading/writing/speaking skills, preparing to pass the test to be naturalized, or to achieve a high school diploma, each community school student has made a decision and commitment to not only improve on his/her quality of life, but to be an active and contributing member of our state.

Removing Community School programs from the Department of Education will sever the lifeline these students have to pursue their goals. Where will the nearly 9,000+ students who currently attend community school academic classes go to achieve these goals?

Community Schools have always been, and will continue to be recognized and valued centers of lifeline learning. Moving the functions of community schools to other state and county agencies is not the answer. A large percentage of our clientele are economically disadvantaged. Is the expectation that they will attend a community college to attend classes a reality? Many of our students can barely afford to pay the cost for a textbook much less tuition at a community college. Has this been taken into consideration?

All administrators, staff and teachers remain steadfast and committed to providing services and programs for each of our unique communities and clientele. We will

continue to do so for our students until the day that we are forced to close our doors. It is with this, that I re-state opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132.

Lance Jyo
Vice Principal
Moanalua/Aiea Community School for Adults

March 20, 2012

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
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Bruce Naguwa, Principal, Wahiawa Community School

I am writing in opposition to SCR132, requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education Program. I am in opposition of SCR132 because the community schools are uniquely designed to assist undereducated adults over-come deficiencies in their formal grade school education, by affording them the opportunity to attain a high school diploma or up-date their skills to become gainfully employed.

As principal of Wahiawa Community School, I have the privilege to serve a very diverse group of students. These students have met adversity during the course of their lives, and are now taking responsibility to remediate deficiencies in their educational levels. Through life experiences, these individuals have experienced the harsh realities of adulthood, and are now ready to pursue educational opportunities afforded them. Many of our students are single mothers or fathers who are unable to support their families due to a lack of education. They did not acquire the requisite skills to compete for entry level positions, instead, becoming dependent on Hawaii's social service agencies.

I had a conversation with a recent competency-based high school diploma graduate. When she entered our program, she was a young single mother of three children. She was unemployed and staying home to take care of her children. She depended on various social service agencies to sustain herself and her three children, not able to secure a job that would pay her enough to support her family. She made a conscious decision that she wanted a better future for her children and that the first step to her recovery was to obtain a high school diploma. She made a commitment that she would care for her children during the day, and attends evening classes four nights during the week. Although it was a difficult process, she persevered and graduated with a high school diploma. Upon graduation, she enrolled and was accepted to a certification program at Leeward Community College. She was very grateful for the opportunities afforded her, and

was very happy with her new found confidence. While community college seemed like a dream, the foundation created by the community school afforded her the skills to pursue a career choice that seemed impossible just a few months earlier. Her goal is to get off public assistance and to support her children on her own. There are many similar stories that can be told, this is just one example of how the community schools are affecting the lives of citizens in our community.

The community schools are a viable alternative for those students who did not receive their high school diplomas or for those students wishing to remediate what they learned through the traditional educational experiences. Unfortunately, not everyone matures at the same time, nor are they able to grasp educational concepts at the same levels. For the non-traditional student, community schools offer a viable alternative to the traditional school model. The majority of our students would not meet the minimum educational levels expected in a community college student.

In closing, I am opposing SCR132, requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education Program. Reorganizing community schools would create a serious void in providing alternative learning opportunities for our non-traditional student population. Although reorganizing community schools would initially save money for the State of Hawaii, the financial burden would shift from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Department of Social Services. It is my sincere belief that the money saved today by eliminating community school services, will eventually cost the State substantially more in Health and Social Services. Instead of putting our citizens on the streets, let's prepare them educationally to become productive, gainfully employed citizens.

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RE: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SCR 132: REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BETTER ALIGN PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM WITH DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OR COUNTIES RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR; THE HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR; AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:

I, John Vannatta, Principal of Waipahu Community School for Adults, am testifying on behalf of my school in opposition to the possible reorganization of the Adult and Community Education Program as stated in SCR 132. We believe the reorganization of the adult and community education program should remain the responsibility of the Department of Education and that the program should remain with the Department of Education.

We believe it is vital that we continue to provide adult and community education throughout the State of Hawai'i to continue to service the people of our community within our communities and appreciate the fact that the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives share this belief. However, we do not believe the educational services we provide should be aligned to departments or agencies other than the Department of Education. While it may appear that the Community Schools for Adults offer services to a number of organizations and state departments, we are only able to do so as part of the Department of Education.

It is important to remember that the community schools are schools and need to remain as such. All community schools are accredited with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, as are all secondary schools in the State, and service a large population of students statewide. Should the schools be treated as merely a program and the services be portioned out to different departments and agencies, the adult education program in Hawaii will no longer be accredited. During the 2010-11 school year, the community schools serviced 9,055 students in their academic programs; 1,535 students were enrolled in Waipahu Community School. The community schools have helped community members earn a high school diploma in an effort to better their job

opportunities and help them become eligible for college and the military. For the 2010-11 school year, 2,035 students received a high school diploma from the community schools; 539 of these students received their diploma from Waipahu Community School. We are able to award high schools diplomas because we are schools within the Department of Education and we are accredited.

The bottom line is that the community schools are in the business of basic and secondary education, as are the K-12 schools. The community schools have also provided classes to help community members improve their English Language skills and, through special interest offerings, improve their job-readiness skills, as do the K-12 schools. All services are provided within the community to remain as accessible as possible for our students and within a reasonable cost so that students from all economic backgrounds are able to access the services provided. We would like for the community schools to continue to provide these educational services within our communities; however, with a lack of state funds and possible reorganization, the services provided will no longer be accessible to all members of the communities. Restructuring the adult and community education program would deprive many of our communities of an alternative education that many community members have depended on.

In addition to providing adult and community education throughout the State, the community schools also provide value-added services to the Department of Education. These services include substitute teacher certification and recertification courses, PRAXIS preparation courses for teachers who are not highly qualified or are currently in a teacher preparation program, credit-recovery courses for high school students, and test-preparation courses for students who plan to enroll in college or enlist in the military.

In addition to serving the Department of Education, the community schools provide secondary educational services for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, the Honolulu Community Action Program, Goodwill Industries, Kamehameha Schools, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Alu Like, Hale Kipa, Catholic Charities at Mailland, the Native Nations Education Foundation Pane`e Mua Program, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Department of Human Services (DHS) First-to-Work program, and the Department of Public Safety at a number of correctional facilities. We support the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board in ensuring teachers are highly qualified and the State's P-20 effort to increase the number of working adults achieving at least a two-year college degree by increasing student access to college through college preparatory courses, college and career counseling, and events that expose students to the postsecondary options available to them. Thus, the community schools are highly active in helping students become college- and career-ready to better their station in life, a priority of the Department of Education.

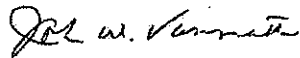
The community schools need to remain the responsibility of the Department of Education and need to receive state funding to continuing providing educational services throughout the state. We were disappointed when we discovered that the Board of Education failed to recognize this responsibility by failing to provide funding for the community schools. Trying to remove the community schools completely from the Department of Education would be bigger mistake. Without the community schools and without State general funds, the adult education program will lose federal funds. The Department of Education is the Adult Education Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) grant recipient. Funding is based on the number of students enrolled in the community schools and the amount of state funding the schools receive. Thus, the continuation of

the community schools under the Department of Education and appropriations by the legislature to meet the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) threshold is required to maintain the federal funds the adult education program currently receives. In addition to a loss in federal funding, closing the community schools or limiting their services would have a negative impact on all communities within the State of Hawai'i, which could result in an increase in need for social services. The community schools help students understand how to fulfill their basic needs in society and how to become positively contributing citizens. Thus, the community schools not only provide adults with basic education, they also provide adults with the means to better their station in life.

SCR 132 may end the existence of the community schools. Should the bill be approved, I would like for the bill to be amended to include a representative currently with the community schools to be included in the working group proposed. If the working group will be tasked to review the adult education program, I believe someone who knows the adult education program well should be present in the discussion.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in opposition to SCR 132 and thank you for your continued support for the adult and community education program. I have been a part of Waipahu Community School for Adults for 17 years (4 years as principal) and have seen firsthand the positive impact we have had on our students and our communities. Please keep the community schools as Department of Education schools and please approve appropriations for the adult education program to ensure the continuation of the adult and community education program in Hawai'i and to allow our community schools to continue to service our communities. Mahalo Nui Loa.

Sincerely,



John Vannatta, Principal

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

March 22, 2012

Opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

My name is Ken Furukawa, Acting Principal at Farrington Community School for Adults.

This written testimony expresses my opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, regarding adult education. The Farrington/Kalihi community reflects the ethnic diversity of the area, primarily Asian and Filipino, many of whom are immigrants from their home country. Our large enrollment in our literacy program, such as ESL and EL Civics classes also reflect the challenging needs of the community. We service a large population of high school dropouts, young students (16-17 years), who have difficulty in focusing on their social and basic academic skills needed for a high school diploma. Many of these students drop-out from the high school and enroll in one of our GED or Community-Based high school diploma classes. All of our Adult Community Schools provide programs such as these within their communities.

I strongly urge that the adult education programs remain and be administered through the Department of Education. We have already established a system of support within the Department to ensure and provide for successful literacy and alternative programs. The socio-economic needs and demands of our student population may not be served in programs that may be too costly and distant from their own communities. Furthermore, the differences in the target populations being served, specifically by Community Colleges, are significant in terms of training needs, instructional resource needs, and technical assistance and support in meeting the needs of low level learners.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Again, I urge that adult education programs remain with the Department of Education.

Thank you,
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March 21, 2012

RE: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Hearing on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 1:15 P.M.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SCR 132 AND SR 69: REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BETTER ALIGN PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM WITH DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OR COUNTIES RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR; THE HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR; AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:

I am testifying in opposition to the possible reorganization of the adult education program as stated in SCR 132 and SR 69. I believe the adult education program should remain the responsibility of the Department of Education.

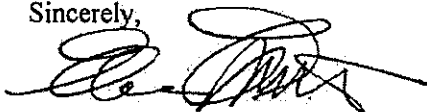
It is imperative that we continue to provide adult and community education throughout the State of Hawaii. It is equally important to be able to provide this service where the students need it most, in their home communities. Although many of the individuals accessing our community schools have a myriad of needs, their greatest need is to earn a high school equivalency diploma. This is best done through the Department of Education.

Many students stumble for a variety reasons in their teen years. The community schools assist these students to refocus on their educational goals. Waipahu Community School for Adults has provided secondary education services for a number of our former students. In addition they make available value-added services to the DOE, such as PRAXIS preparation courses for teachers, substitute teacher certification and recertification courses, credit recovery courses for students, and test preparation courses for students who plan to attend post-secondary institutions. Waipahu Community School has made a tremendous impact on our school community. It would be an atrocity to lose their services.

SCR 132 may end the existence of the community schools. Their valuable assistance in providing a second chance for the many students who drop out of high school, especially on the Leeward coast is a necessity. I am asking for your support in ensuring that Waipahu Community School is able to continue to serve our Leeward communities. Please do not terminate the community schools. The closure will only compound the problems of our residents.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in opposition to SCR 132 and SR 69. I ask that you keep the community schools within the Department of Education. In addition, please approve the appropriations for the adult education program to ensure the continuation of the adult and community education program in Hawaii. Your support will make an impact on our community.

Sincerely,



Elden M. Esmeralda, Principal
Kapolei High School

March 22, 2012

RE: **THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**
Hearing on Friday, March 23, 2012 @ 1:15 p.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SCR 132 AND SR 69: REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BETTER ALIGN PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM

To the honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair; the honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair; and members of the committee on education.

I am providing written testimony in opposition to the possible reorganization of the adult education program as stated in SCR 132 and SR 69. I believe the adult education program should remain the responsibility of the Department of Education.

It is vital that we continue to provide adult education and community education throughout the State of Hawaii to continue to service the people of our community within our communities. In particular, Waipahu Community School for Adults has also provided secondary services for our high school students at Pearl City High School. Value added services such as PRAXIS preparation courses for teachers, substitute teacher certification and recertification courses, credit recovery courses for students, and test preparation courses for students who plan to attend post-secondary institutions. They have definitely proven to be an asset to our school community and we would hate to lose the services the school provides. Even more importantly, the relationship that we have developed over the years through an administrator who is very familiar with the programs has proven to be highly efficient and effective.

Waipahu Community School has also proven to be an asset to the Leeward community. All services are provided within the community and therefore the accessibility for students and their families has been very user friendly to its constituents. With the possibility of reorganization of the adult education program and a lack of State funds, the services may no longer be as accessible to all members of the community. Closing of the school would make the situation even worse. We heavily rely on the services that are currently provided.

SCR 132 may end the existence of the community schools. I am asking for your assistance in ensuring that Waipahu Community School is able to continue to serve our Leeward communities. Please do not terminate the community schools and, in effect, terminate the future of so many of our residents.

Mahalo for your consideration,



Carlyn Fujimoto, Principal
Pearl City High School

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

March 22, 2012

Oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

My name is Shane M. Saiki and I have been the Principal for the Hilo Community School for Adults since 2009. I am opposed to Resolution 132 regarding adult education.

Although I agree with Resolution 132, in part, as it begins by recognizing that Adult Education as a vital public resource, I strongly oppose the resolution's final premise that, "the adult education program may be better placed under certain departments or agencies within the State or counties rather than the Department of Education." On behalf of my students

Currently, the State of Hawaii Department of Education's Adult Education program provides a comprehensive quality service to our students and a multitude of partner agencies, despite the many budget reductions experienced over the past years. The quality of our service has been recognized by our accrediting body, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). All eleven community schools for adults have consistently received the maximum six (6) year accreditation terms from WASC. More importantly, the quality of our service is clearly evidenced by the number of students that the Adult Education Program has served. Students* who attended English for Second Language Learners/Civics, Adult Basic Education, and Adult Secondary Education courses have increased from 7765 to 9058 (over 15%) during the last 5 years. (* NOTE: Student = 16 yrs or older, 12 hours of instruction, current assessment, counted once only per academic year)

As an advocate for my students, I am deeply concerned because this resolution intends to determine whether, "portions of the adult education program may be better placed under certain departments or agencies." My students and all adult education students will be negatively impacted if this workgroup decides to parcel out adult education services to different agencies. Currently, the community schools across the state provide students with "One-Stop Adult Education Centers" that provide seamless educational programs ranging from basic education up to secondary education leading to a high school diploma. The adult education program also provides English as a Second Language/Civics courses ranging from beginning to advanced levels. By parceling out these services, our students will be faced with a fragmented silo filled system that they may find difficult or impossible to navigate. Instead of opportunities, a system like this will present our students with obstacles.

I am opposed to S.C.R. 132 because a highly collaborative partnership already exists between the Department of Education's Adult Education Program, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the University of Hawaii's Community Colleges, and the various counties. Along with the departments mentioned above and other nonprofit organizations, the Hilo Community School for Adults is represented on Hawaii County's Workforce Investment Board, the Workforce Investment Board's Youth Council, Hawaii County's Going Home Consortium, and the Workforce Division's Big Island Workplace Connection. Through these common memberships, a collaborative relationship and coordinated effort has been established to provide much needed education and training opportunities for the adults of Hawaii County.

Thank you very much for providing me with the opportunity to present testimony in opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 132. I humbly ask you to stand in opposition of this resolution as it may have negative implications to the people who matter most to us – Our Students.

Erin Conner

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

I don't feel it is in the best interest of the community to review a established and well utilize educational rooted program which has its roots nationally providing adult community education under the Dept. of Education.
What's the purpose?

Erin Conner

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Comments:

I do not support proposals that may potentially fragment the Adult Ed program. There should be changes implemented due to budget constraints but the proposal by the Governor's office would be detrimental to the students and the entire Adult Ed program.

Erin Conner

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03/21/12

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Dept. of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senator Tokuda and Senator Kidani,

I am a student at McKinley Community School for Adult and ask you to remain community schools for adult (CSA) with the DOE. Here are the reasons why you should not support SCR132 and SR69.

Imagine how new immigrant desperately want to get a job. Most of our immigrants' English level is too poor to get a job right after we move in U.S.A. CSAs always encourage our immigrants and accept us on the same day we apply for class. They are always helpful for us to learn basic English skills before we get a job or a higher education.

There are many students who cannot come to school regularly because of their family and job. For example, I have to help my husband's work and be late or absent for school. However, I still struggling to manage my time to study English to get my own job someday in future. CSAs are flexible for those who are busy but stick to their dreams. UHCC are not as flexible.

CSAs have a different roll from community colleges. CSA can support immigrants more directly, quickly and effectively. There are many students who successfully entered to colleges or got jobs after studying at CSA and now contribute to a society as a great citizen.

I would appreciate your understanding, and again as you NOT support SCR132 and SR69.

Erin Conner

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March 21, 2012

Senator Jill ToKuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education,
Community School for Adults

Dear Senator Kidani, Dear Senator Tokuda :

My name is Carmen Escurra, happily and currently student of Mckinley Community School for Adult for almost 3 years. I am from Peru, and my first language is Spanish. Today I am writing to ask you keep Adult Education in the Department of Education. Please DON'T SUPPORT SCR 132 and SR 69 for the next reasons:

I am legally in America for almost 10 years, I am pursuing my dreams for a better life, better status, better income, better job. Indefectibly, I find out that without a good education, basically in English language, I won't be able to reach my dreams. At Mckinley Community School for Adults I find out a path to reach my goals. I am on the way, I am very enthusiastic of what I am learning, I am very impress how much now I can read the news paper without help, I feel very comfortable with the location's school, with the schedule, with the tuition, with the teachers.

Few months ago with the help of my teachers I found a job at The Imperial Hotel as Clerk. Unfortunately I was fired after 10 days because my English wasn't enough for this position. I was very depress and I came back to the school immediately since I know I need improve more much my English.

Dear Senators, if you let go the Education for Adult, you let go my dream of a better life. For me would be impossible afford an education at any Community College. For me would be impossible to get the GED diploma, to get my naturalization training.

So, I beg your help to keep adult education in the Department of Education. Please make whatever is needed to keep our education as is know. Help us and all of us will be very thankfully, especially me.

Sincerely,

Carmen Rosa Escurra
Mckinley Community School for Adults

Erin Conner

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March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senator Tokuda
Dear Senator Kidani

I am writing to you Senators, to ask for your support for Adult Education to remain in the Department of Education. Please, DO NOT SUPPORT SCR 132 and SR 69 for these kind of reasons:

I do not think that level of education in Mc Kinley school is exactly what you looking for at UHCC. Our levels are lower then you think.

Our goals are mostly to improve English language and common understanding.

The next obstacle for our students will be the cost we have to pay in UHCC. In McKinley school we pay almost nothing (10\$).

Like you can see Dear Senators, I have not special interest to go to UHCC. In my case with my money (I am pensioner) I would spend more time looking for additional income, then take care about my additional education.

We need your help immediately to keep adult education in the Department of Education.
If you need more explanations do not hesitate to call me at any time (24/7).
My tel. (808)-951 5004.Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Andrzej Obrocki
Student at McKinley School

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3/21/12

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Community of Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senator Tokuda:
Dear Senator Michelle:

Please Do NOT SUPPORT SCR 132 and SR69.

I'm writing to ask for your support for my school McKinley Community School for Adults. My school really benefits me a lot. If it is closed, lots of people like me will feel lost in this city.

I'm a foreigner here. I came here because I want to support my husband who had a project here. The first two months for me here was really more than difficult: my spoken English was very poor, I couldn't communicate with others; when some pass-bys greeting me, I dared not to greeting back, because I was afraid of being wrong; when I went to market, I didn't know which kind of household items should I buy (even though it was laying just before me, I couldn't recognize it); I had no friends and didn't know any one here. So the only thing I could do was staying at home from dawn until dusk, and got very anxious and desperate.

The situation hadn't got better as the time flows until I registered in my school. McKinley Community School for Adults is really excellent. It offers different level of classes; it teaches me not only the spoken English, but also writing and reading; it has a high school diploma project; it is very convenient to reach no matter you drive a car or go by bus; the teachers' teaching style are very lively and really fit me very much. And I also know lots of classmates and we all enjoy our time very much.

My school once held a job fair. Through that fair, I knew more people who had the similar experiences with me. They are now senior workers or successful business men. They said: that's their way to contribute back to society!

My English is equivalent 8th grade level now. This is a much lower level to go to a school like KCC. So I'm afraid if my school would be closed, I don't know where should I go and what should I do in the future!

Please do **NOT SUPPORT SCR 132 and SR69** for the mentioned reasons above!
We really need your help to keep Adult education in the Department of Education!
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY RE:
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132
& SENATE RESOLUTION 69

Submitted by Mary Y. Matayoshi, retired educator and non-profit administrator

Concerns re S.C.R. 132 and S.R.69:

I believe the proposed task force or “working group” is an ill-conceived plan. I cannot believe that an important asset as the community schools would be subjected to a “working group” made up of high level politicians or their appointees who by and large know nothing about community education and why these schools should remain within the jurisdiction of the DOE and the schools respectively.

The community schools have done superbly in many programs: GED, ESL, citizenship, and innovative programs to meet community needs in the arts, culture and societal needs of the community. It is a flexible institution that maintains close connections with the grass roots population in creative ways. It is free to hire or release employees as needs rise or wane.

The flexibility of the community schools is recognized. The community colleges and higher education institutions have important roles in preparing citizens for the job market and professions. It is the community schools that prepare citizens with basic skills to enter the community colleges and higher education. Higher education is not meant to do the often remedial or preparatory work of the community schools.

The community schools also meet the various agencies’ need for specific training so they are not burdened with educational tasks for which they are unprepared.

I am especially concerned that at this critical juncture in difficult economic times, that decisions may be based on incorrect premises. Each entity with an educational concern should go to a community school to resolve their needs; not the other way around that these resolutions appear to assume. Are (government) agencies capable of providing the educational know-how or have the facilities to conduct classes? A community need should be addressed through professional educators at the community schools in collaboration with the need entities involved.

I know there are problems within certain community schools. Granted there needs to be adjustments made. These may be difficult decisions, but the decisions should be made within the complexes.

The community schools are comfortable places for immigrants and community members of all ages and levels of society to meet, share and participate. Its friendly and accepting environment is conducive to learning. If there are perceived problems, let the community schools through their complexes, be responsible for solving them.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Y. Matayoshi

March 21, 2012

RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 132

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby submit the following testimony in OPPOSITION to SCR 132 requesting the Governor to convene a working group to examine possible reorganization of DOE adult schools with other state departments/agencies rather than the DOE.

The adult school programs under the DOE have worked well to meet the needs of our adult citizens within their communities. They have provided adults with educational opportunities to better their lives for their families and communities.

Adult schools offer a bridge for high school dropouts to explore their educational options within the DOE. Being a part of the DOE allows potential students a seamless crossover to educational opportunities within a system familiar to them. Students feel comfortable and are more apt to continue their education through the adult school diploma programs.

Programs within the adult system are already set and reestablishing these programs elsewhere would be costly financially and time wise. Space is already allotted at many public schools for adult education classes. Bottom line - we do not need to reinvent the wheel.

I hereby support the continuation of our state's adult education program within the DOE. We would be losing a vital service to our adult learners should this program be terminated. As a society, we have a responsibility to foster and provide learning opportunities to people of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Leong

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21st of March, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michalle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senator Tokuda and Senator Kidani:

I am a student who is currently attending at McKinley Community School for Adults. I am writing this letter to ask for your support to keep Adult Education in the Department of Education(DOE), and NOT support proposes to move Adult Education program from the DOE to UH Community College program(UHCC).

Actually, I am a low income resident in this community. Even though low income residents like as me, we are member who can configure this society, we do need the school thate can offer us the opportunity of studying English and Life skill education. However, we are informed that we must pay tuition of \$1200 per term for Adult Education if Adult Education program remove from the DOE to UHCC. Financially, it is too expensive for low or limited income people to pay.

Most of all student who attend Adult Education are limited to use in English. Of course, we understand that we need to use English to live and survive in this country. Improvement of English skills, life skills would be associated with obtaining good employment. But, it would be impossible that community colleges offer Multiple Education for English as a second language people, and adults within limited facility on the Campus. I believe that Adult Education should be remained in the DOE.

Finally, again, I would like to plead for maintaining Adult Education in the DOE, and not support the proposal which remove Adult Education from the DOE to UHCC. It would be damaged for Adults in our community if you would close this great educational opportunity. I would very appreciate it if you consider my request.

Respectfully,

Yasumitsu David Toba

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03-21-2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Community School for Adult

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Michelle Kidani

I truly ask for keeping the Adult education in the DOE and not in the Community Colleges. I, Kim Yeonhwa have been attending at MCSA since I came to Hawaii to learn English skills. I believe that service for immigrants through the Adult Education is more functional for following reasons than the community colleges.

The first reason not support SCR132 and SR69 is Adult Education opens widely to provide its service than the community colleges. Anyone who aged over 16 years can learn English skills from the Adult schools. In contrast, community colleges require high school diplomas and equivalent English skills of college levels. Most of immigrants are not qualified enough to cover college level of English and not having high school diplomas.

Next, learning English skills from the Adult Education is closer to be used in America livings. I have a child, who is in 6th grade, and he has problems to follow his school works. Therefore I have to help him to do homework and I have to go through all papers from his school. Since I studied English at MCSA, I became to be confident to conduct these works. Taking the high level of English from the community colleges is also important, but learning the basic English skills is more useful to the immigrants than college level education.

Lastly, the reason against SCR 132 and SR 69 is a high cost. People pay only a small amount to learn English from Adult Education owe to the government support. I have been in Hawaii only a year and I don't have a job. Thus, I am not in stable in financing. I am strong eager to learn English but I don't have enough money to pay a tuition at KCC. I will lose a valuable chance to improve my English skills.

For those reasons, I want to keep the service from Adults Education from the DOE not from the community colleges. I sincerely hope your continuous helps for the immigrants. Thank you for spending time to consider my request.

Respectfully,

Kim, Yeonhwa (Student of MCSA)

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Geraldine Koike
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

March 23, 2012

Oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

I am a clerk at Moanalua Community School and field many calls daily. Most of the calls are inquiries regarding how can they get their GED and or a high school diploma. The caller could be a parent, guardian, friend of student, high school counselor, social worker, or a student who realize this is the last chance for an individual to get a "diploma".

The "diploma" the student didn't get because: he/she dropped out , the high school diploma from their country is not valid here, the high school released the student because he didn't have enough credits to complete his/her senior year, the student is home-schooled.

The "diploma" he/she needs to move on to further schooling, to get a job, to get a promotion, or to get into the military.

Moanalua Community School offers counseling, classes and testing to help the student obtain the "diploma". Adult Education is a vital source to provide students educational services to a better life. I highly request the committee to oppose S.C.R. 132.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Myra Fujino
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

March 23, 2012

OPPOSE Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

I oppose SCR 132. If there should be a task force to discuss any reorganization of Adult Education, someone from our program should be there to represent our students and to clear any questions regarding Adult Education.

Adult Education should remain under the Department of Education. Our students are not the type of student to initially go to community college. They have failed going through high school and have very low self-confidence. Going through our classes, taking tests again, and passing, helps build that confidence back up to where they themselves feel they can go on to something higher. A diploma coming from a school also helps build that confidence.

Your opposition to SCR 132 will allow the Community Schools to continue to provide educational services to students and adults who feel intimidated stepping on to a college campus, but still have the urgency to learn and better themselves. We appeal to the committee to oppose SCR 132. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Erin Conner

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To: EDU Testimony
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Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shereen Fung
Organization: Individual
E-mail: larisaxu@yahoo.cn
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:
Shereen Fung
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Honolulu, HI 96817

3/21/2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairman
Senator Michele Kidaw, Vice Chairman
Neil Abercrombie, Governor

Dear Mr. Tokuda, Kidaw and Neil,

My name is Shereen Fung. I am an immigrant from Hong Kong for decades. It was time for me to retire with 23 years' of service. I didn't have time to learn English when I was working in those years. As I grow older, I realize I need to know English to help myself in daily life such as to see a doctor and to make phone calls for home gas and electricity services. Finally I noticed that I could go to McKinley Community School for Adults nearby to study English.

Since I came to McKinley Community School for Adults, I picked up English bit by bit. My family works the whole day. It's hard for me to communicate in English by phone or go to the doctor's office. It's hard for me to find someone to help me at home. I cannot afford to go to the college and study English program there. The community school is the only place for me to learn.

The most important for me is to get to know how to read the result of the doctor's exams because of my physical condition. I truly hope the State will give funding to the community school this year so that I can continue to learn English and be independent in life. I asked my friend to help me with this letter.

Again, I strongly support the community school. Please do not forget us especially senior immigrants. We have our needs and rights to learn in the community school that is close to my home and less costly than the college. Please don't leave us behind. I have worked so hard for 23 years and paid my taxes and contributed a lot to this country.

Erin Conner

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Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: ying M brenner
Organization: Individual
E-mail: yingbrenner1967@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Name: Ying M Brenner
Home Address: 1419 Ernest ST
Honolulu HI Zip Code 96822
3/21/2012

Neil Abercrombie and Senator Jill Tokuda Governor state of Hawaii State Capitol of Hawaii

Mr. Neil and Mr. Tokuda,

I am student at McKinley Community School for Adults. I'm from China. I came here 4 years ago. I came to this school to learn English for two years, from level 1 to level 3. I everyday came to school to learn English. I need this school.

When I came to Hawaii America, I didn't speak any English. I could not go out by myself then, Right now I can have a full time Job. I can go to bank and shop by myself. I hope I can finish GED class at the McKinley Community School for Adults. Here it is very close to my home. If McKinley Community School for Adults closes, I can not afford to the College that is so far from my home after work.

Again, I strongly support community schools. I hope the State will give Adults School funding this year. If without this community school, I can't learn English and I may lose my job later. Then life will be difficult for me and my daughter.

Thank you for your time and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ying M Brenner

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Karen Sakurai

Organization: McKinley Community School for Adults

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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

We the students in ESL2 Night Class at McKinley Community School for Adults ask for your support to keep the Adult Education under the Department of Education. We ask that you **not support SB2839** which proposes that Adult Education be moved from the DOE to the UH Community Colleges.

We have attended classes at McKinley Community School for Adults for several sessions. We find that we are able to register for classes with very little difficulty because of the flexible schedule afforded to us by the Community School. We believe that the DOE understands that many of us work at different schedules, any time from early morning to late evening. We find that despite our work schedules, the Community School tries to accommodate us by offering English classes at different times of the day. With this work schedule and family responsibilities, the teachers at the Community School understand that we might be late or have to skip classes. This makes us work even harder to learn English and to please our teachers.

Many of us were not able to continue our education in our home country due to various family and economic reasons. When we attend the Community School, we can first start at a low level and move up to higher classes by working hard. Some of us can even learn enough English so that we can get our high school diploma and attend a college. We can even try to get a U.S. citizenship. We feel comfortable here which makes us want to learn more and more English.

The Community Schools for Adults are so easy to access by bicycle, bus, moped, and car. Some of us even walk to school. We have friends and relatives in other areas of Oahu who also find it easy to access the Community School in their area.

There are times when we have to take care of family matters here and also in our home country. We might not be able to register for the new term during the first registration period. However, with open enrollment, we can come back, register, and start class right away even if class has been in session for a while.

We need the Community Schools so that we can continue to improve our English, help get into a vocational program, get a pay raise, or even get a better paying job. We also want to be able to help other family members especially the children so that they can continue to be educated and not be held back because of not knowing enough English.

We do not feel that the UH Community Colleges will be as flexible and understanding to our different needs. The DOE Adult Community Schools have been there for us and we feel motivated to continue with our education.

Please support and understand us. Keep the Adult Community Schools with the Department of Education.

Juan Qing Cao, Shuguang, Gao, Won Suk Lee, Li, Nian, Tania Nunez, Xuling Ruan, Anson Vong, Haotian Zhou (Students)

Karen Sakurai (ESL2 Teacher)

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mildred L. Kanja
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

As an ESL teacher at a community school for adults, I am writing to ask for your support to keep Adult Education in the Department of Education. I ask that you **NOT SUPPORT SB2839** which proposes to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community Colleges for the following reasons:

1. Adult Education (DOE) services a diverse population of students with the majority attending to improve their low literacy skills. Many are functioning below the equivalent of a 3rd grade level.
2. Adult education students enroll in the local programs for a variety of reasons. While their goals include English language acquisition, improvement of skills for employment, and receipt of a high school credential, adults participate in adult education and literacy for a variety of goals.
3. The differences in the target populations being served by the community schools and the UHCC system are significant in terms of current expertise, teacher training, instructional resources, technical assistance, and support that are currently being provided to meet the needs of low level learners through the DOE. Recreating this infrastructure on both the state and local level through UHCC would be both time-intensive and costly.
4. DOE's open-entry delivery system provides flexibility for adults to enroll throughout the program year.
5. The lack of a comprehensive community-based delivery system by UHCC may hinder or delay provisions for adult education and literacy services sufficient to meet the needs of the diverse adult population currently being served through the DOE.
6. Class locations at existing UHCC colleges are not geographically distributed to provide accessible services to adult learners without a significant number of satellite class locations like the DOE adult education program.

We need your help to keep adult education in the DOE. We are concerned that if these functions are transferred to the community colleges, our students would be intimidated by the setting, deterred by high tuition costs, unable to attain high school diplomas, and unable to receive an education close to where they live and work.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: ANGELES JIMENEZ RODRIGUEZ
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E-mail: angelescordero80@live.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments: 3
Honolulu, Hi., March 21, 2012.
Attn: Senator Jill Tokuda,
Senator Mickele Kidaw.

Dear Senators.

My name is Angeles Rodriguez, I am from Mexico city. I take class at McKinley Community School for Adults for English as a second language learning, Class ESL 3. I want this local school and need to continue attending it in the future.

I need to learn English and this school is near my home, and inexpensive. When I came to the school for the first time, I felt lost because I didn't speak English. Now and thanks to this school, I can talk to other people better. Also, my lessons will help me and my future.

Please keep the school here in Honolulu, and thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely.

Angeles Jimenez Rodriguez.

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nga Lu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ngayenlu@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Honolulu, March 21, 2012

Attn : Senator Jill Tokuda ,
Senator Michele Kidaw

Dear Senators,

My name is Nga Lu. I came Hawaii for ten month and I didn't speak English, and now I learn at Mc Kingley Community school for Adults for English as a second language. I study at ESL 3 . I need this local school and want to continue attending in the future.

I go to this school because I want to speak and read English well. It can help me get a better job, learn local culture, make a new friend. I can help my family live , study and work in this country.

Again, so please keep the school here, thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely, Nga Lu.

Erin Conner

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Cc: jameswong23@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: wong kwok wai
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jameswong23@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:
Attn: Senator Jill Tokida Date: 3-21-2012
 Senator Michele Kidaw

Dear Senator,

My name is Wong Kwok Wai (James Wong). I take class at Mckinley Community School for Adults in English as a Second Language. I need and want this local School and want to continue attending in the future.

I came to MCSA to help me with jobs and to communicate better. It is also close to me and a good price. What I am learning helps me understand American culture. I can then teach what I learn and help others.

Please keep the School here.

Thank you for your time, attention.

Sincerely James Wong

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thuan Ta
Organization: Individual
E-mail: thuanta@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

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Honolulu, HI 96817

3/21/2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairman
Senator Michele Kidaw, Vice Chairman

Dear Senators,

My name is Thuan Ta. I study English at MCSA school when I came to the United State three years ago .I study 4 skill listening, speaking, writing and reading. I think, my English better. I hope this local school continue attending in the future.

I learn English because I can talk to my boss and co. worker so I can get the better job and send my son go to college.

Please, keep school still open. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely , Thuan Ta

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: eun jin kurihara
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ej.kurihara@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

3/21/2012

Attn: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairman
Senator Michele Kidaw, Vice Chairman

Dear Senators,

My name is Eun Jin Kurihara. I am taking classes at Mckinley Community School for Adults. I am learning English as a Second Language. I enjoy my classes and I want the School to stay and continue here.

I came to MCSA for ESL classes because I need education and communication skills. The school is close to me and a low price. The classes will help me get a better job. What I am learning also helps me talk to my American husband and friends.

Please keep the school here in Honolulu. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Eun Jin Kurihara

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: vuthy Voehn
Organization: Individual
E-mail: vuthyvoeunh@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Attn: Senator Jill Tokida
March 21, 2012
Senator Michele Kidaw

Dear Senators,

My name is Vuthy VOEUN from Cambodia. I am a student at Mckinley Community School for Adults (MCSA) in English as a Second Language. I take English here because it will help my whole life. Please keep the community school here.

I came to MCSA to improve my education and understanding of American culture. I hope English will also help me to find a good job in the future. The MCSA is close and affordable for me. MCSA is a convenient location for me. Having Mckinley Community School for Adults means that you help your people in Hawaii to get a job in the future. Hawaii is the best place for tourism in the world, so most people that live here must know English well for a guide of the tourism and show the place and Hawaiian culture.

So please keep Mckinley Community School for Adults here. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Vuthy VOEUN

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Haijian He
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E-mail: he_haijian@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Haijian He
1670 Kalakaua Avenue 1006# Kalakaua Sands Honolulu, HI96826 March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
415 South Beretania Street
State Capitol of Hawaii, HI96813

Dear Senators:

I'm a student of Mckinley Community School for Adults, my name is Haijian, I came from China, I'm a new immigrant. Last year, my family moved to Hawaii, we lived here about half a year. My family includes three people, my wife, my son and me. My wife and I can't get a job until now because our English is so bad. Nobody would like to employ us.

We need an income to support our life and continue my son's education. My son is sixteen years old, and he is a high school student. He will be a college student soon. We need a job to support his education.

So we have to go to Mckinley Community School for Adults to learn English in February this year. We studied hard; we went to the adult school three times every day from Monday to Thursday. And we made great progress in speaking English with the adult school teacher's help. But we know our English is not good enough to get a job. We would like to continue the education because our future of our American dream is in here.

But, we are very sad when we hear that the state government wants to close all community schools for adults. We have no job, no income now, we can't pay more to go to college. I know that our living right and development right are human's basic rights. If we have good adult education, we can do many things for the state of Hawaii, we can have large value for the society. But if the adult school closes, our American dream will be gone. As a result, we can become a burden of the state of Hawaii. So we ask that you support our adult school. Please cancel the plan that closes adult schools.

Thank you for acknowledging my letter.

God bless you!

Haijian He

My telephone number is 808-744-9254 e-mail address is he_haijian@yahoo.com

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Li Fang Li
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:
LiFang Li
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Honolulu Hi 96817
MAR 21 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda chairman
Senator Michele Kidaw Vice Chairman

Dear Senators

I am a student at Mckinley Community School for Adults. Please continue to support the community schools. The community school is important for me. I came from China ,Two years ago,I went anywhere,I needed interpreter to help me because I did not speak English.Now,I have a part-time job because I learn English at MCSA from ESL 1 to ESL 3.

Now,I can go to bank open account by myself,I can bring my children to hospital by myself.I want to learn more and more English to improve myself. I want to get a better job.I need to save more money and send my children to college in the future.If this community school closes,How can I achieve my goals ?

My obstacle is I can not speak English well,so I can not get a better job.I do not have enough money to go to college to learn English.So this community school is important for me,Also the location of the community school is convenient for me after work only 10 minutes,And coming from home in only 15 minutes.

I sincerely pead senators to continue to support our community school for adults.If receive your support I will very much appreciate it. Finally thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Lifang Li

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ikuko Oshima
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to keep Adult Education because I need to improve my English. this is the good opportunity to study English for me.

Mckinley Community School for Adults is the best for me because it's very convenient. The school is near to my home. The time is also good for me. In addition, it's good to make a community with other country people. therefore, I would like to study here.

consequently, I hope to study at Mckinley Community Shool for Adult.

Sincerely,

Ikuko Oshima

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Fang He
Organization: Individual
E-mail: yingbrenner1967@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Fang He
915 Hikina Ln Apt 2
Honolulu Hi 96817

3/21/2012

Neil Abercrombie and Senator Jill Tokuda Governor State of Hawaii State Capitol of Hawaii

Dear Neil and Tokuda

I am a Chinese, I am a student at Mckiney Community School for Adults. I came to Hawaii two years ago. First day I came to Hawaii I didn't speak any English. I can't do anything by myself. My friend bring me come to Mckiney Community School for Adults to learn English until now.

I hope Mckiney Community School for Adults continue opening, help me to learn English.

Again, I strongly support community I hope give Adults School funding this year. If with out this School I can't learn.

Fang He

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Honolulu, HI 96817

03/21/2012

SENATOR JILL TOKUDA, chairman
Senator Michele Kidani, vice chairman

Dear Senators,

I have been in Hawaii for 8 years. When I was a new immigrant here from China, I didn't understand everything, because all information were English, I was very anxious and frustrated, so I came to the community school to study English.

After I go to school and study English, my English gets improved, and then I found a job, I can talk a little English with my co-worker and guests. I am very happy and feel useful to U.S. I can handle some situations by myself, for example: I can write checks, go to the bank, go to shopping, and see the doctor by myself.

I learn English for a few years, now I find a better job, I need to learn more English because my manager and my co-work and guests all speak English. Now I study English every night (Mon—Thurs) at MCSA after work.

The adult school is very important for me. In here I can learn much knowledge. It is very helpful for my life and work. In addition, the school is close to my house, so after work and my household duties, I go to MCSA to study, I am very much enjoy learning English.

If the State closes the community schools, my life and family will be affected negatively. I will not have a chance to study English after work in the evening near my home. It is impossible for me to pay to study English at college setting because I will be intimidated.

Again, I strongly support the community schools. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Xiaofen,Xu

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Guangxin Zheng
Organization: Individual
E-mail: gary_gxz@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Dear Senators,

My name is Guangxin Zheng. I am learning and taking classes in English as a Second Language at Mckinley Community School for Adults and I enjoy and like my classes. I want the school to stay and continue here in Honolulu.

I came to MCSA for ESL classes and better job, education and communication skills. What I learn helps me talk to my family and friends. I want the school to stay local, close and at an affordable price. The location and morning, afternoon and evening class times are very convenient.

So, again, please keep MCSA here and Thank You for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Guangxin Zheng

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:28 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: sunny10821@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ping Zhang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sunny10821@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I am writing to ask for your support for Adult Education to remain in the Department of Education. I ask that you do not support SB 2839.

As a new immigrant, I have been attending McKinley Adult School for the last two years. The adult school has helped me to acquire basic English skills so that I can be employed today at Waikiki Hyatt Regency as a housekeeper.

A year and a half ago I tried to apply for a job at Sheraton Waikiki but I was rejected due to my English deficiency. But I was able to get jobs from Duty Free and other hotels last October because my English had improved greatly through adult school.

It is my belief that many of our immigrants need quality low cost education from adult school to achieve employment. Furthermore, it is my dream to go to college one day and the basic English skills and the conversational skills I learn from adult school will certainly give me confidence to pursue higher education.

For an immigrant who did not speak any English at all two years ago, I can truly tell you that the relationships we developed with the teachers at McKinley Adult School and the encouragement they provided for their students, have helped many of us to realize our dreams.

Therefore, it is my plea to you not to close our adult school for the benefit of the economy and the survival of many immigrants.

Thank you very much for supporting adult education!

Sincerely
Ping Zhang

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: JieYing Lu
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Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Attn: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairman
21, 2012

March

Senator Michele Kidaw, Vice Chairman

Dear Senators,

My name is JieYing Lu. I am learning and taking classes in English as a Second Language at Mckinley Community School for Adults and I enjoy and like my classes. I want the school to stay and continue here in Honolulu,

I came to MCSA for ELS classes and I am improving my job, education, communication skills. What I learn helps me talk to my family and friends and understand American Culture. I want to stay local, close and pay an affordable price at this convenient location.

So please keep the school here. Thank you for your time and attention,

Sincerely,

Jie Ying Lu

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: rong sheng chen
Organization: Individual
E-mail: chen8081974@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:
Rong sheng chen ;
1736 kamohoalii st honolulu hi 96819

Attn: Senator Jill tokuda
Senator Michele kidaw

3/21/2012

To Dear Senators,

I really need to lean English because I want to make a living in USA, so I need a life and need to find a job. i like to learn English that is my life skills. I need to learning at community school. I want to study at place near my home .i plead state government to give us a chance and support adult education.

I hope the government will give adult school funding this year.

If the school closes, I can never learn English, then no job and no life for me, my family and my four children.

Thank you for your time in reading and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rong sheng chen

Attn: Senator Jill Tokuda, Senator Michele Kidani

March 21, 2012

Dear Senators,

My name is Paul Tanney and I teach English as a Second Language at Mckinley Community School for Adults and the Moiliili Community Center. I am writing to urge you **not** to vote for removing Adult Education from the Department of Education. MCSA and the other regional adult education centers on Oahu play a vital role in providing learning, information, resources and enrichment for the populations most in need on Oahu, namely: new immigrants, low income residents, seniors, and those seeking a second chance at high school, vocational or higher education, with many of these categories combining and overlapping in individual students.

My students express to me daily their appreciation for the high quality instruction, up to date technology, diversity of information, real world learning and preparedness, community involvement, convenient location and affordable cost of their very **local** adult education experience. Reducing the number of facilities, increasing travel and parking time and expense, raising tuition costs, and placing classes only on large, intimidating campuses are virtual deal breakers for most of these students. This often slightly timid, newly arrived, returning, low income, or senior student comes to their local community center precisely **because** they hear it is a friendly, intimate, accommodating, caring, convenient and affordable place for a variety of academic, job related or recreational classes and for pursuing their goals.

The state's goal should not be to consolidate and eliminate the community centers but rather just the opposite; advertise, advocate and broaden awareness of this fine resource to increase enrollment, offer even more diverse learning opportunities, and prepare greater numbers of participants to contribute as stakeholders in their communities. **Maximize** the existing resource and infrastructure, not minimize its effectiveness.

I hope you will carefully consider the harm the proposed change may do in making adult education less accessible and sending many current and potential students back to the fringes and shadows in the community because of yet another **obstacle** being placed on their path to learning, enrichment and, ultimately, contribution to the society; an outcome we **all** end up paying for eventually.

Thank you for your time and attention and feel free to contact me at any time,

Sincerely,

Paul Tanney

Paul Tanney, B.A. (Honors) English-- Credentialed Teacher: English as a Second Language

ptanney@hotmail.com 808-497-0568

Attn: Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle Kidani,

3/22/2012

Dear Senators,

This is a letter to politely request your strong support for our community schools.

I have been an ESL teacher at McKinley Community School for Adults since January 2009. I am also an immigrant to the United States years ago. I have witnessed the frustration and anxiety of my students who did not have a job and a life because of their poor English when they first came to the U.S.

I feel so happy that my students are now able to come to the community schools at low cost and learn English and find a job later. I am moved that many of my students attend English class in the evening after work even though they are very tired. They are hardworking people and deserve my respect and support.

The teachers in the community schools not only help students with their language skills and life skills, but also give students confidence and a sense of value and fulfillment.

These days, my students feel so upset and worried that they might not be able to continue their education at the community school near their home and workplace. They are afraid they cannot afford more tuition fee if they have to go to the college for English classes.

As for the senior students, the closing of the community school near their home will totally shut the door for them to learn English and will reduce the quality of life in their elder years.

Many senior students did not get a chance to learn English when they had to work hard for a living before retirement. They truly treasure the opportunity to learn English at this time of life so that they can communicate and better manage their daily life as their children grow up and move away from them.

I wonder:

- 1) What are the goals of the State to close the community schools?

- 2) How much will the State have to spend to train the teachers in the community colleges to attend to the student's needs for adult education?
- 3) What is the possibility for the community colleges to have enough teachers, staff, classrooms, computer rooms and related facilities to accommodate the adult education system?
- 4) How much funding will the State have to spend to provide classes in the morning, afternoon and evening at the community colleges to attend to the different needs of adult students?
- 5) How about senior students that prefer to take English classes at a school within walking distance because of their old age and the inconvenience of their physical condition? Are they entitled to an equal chance to learn and improve their life?
- 6) How affordable will the English or GED classes be in the community college for the immigrants who are illiterate or unemployed and to the children of low income families? Are they entitled to an equal opportunity of education?
- 7) Where can the students go to study for a GED diploma if the community colleges do not have such a program yet?
- 8) Is the college setting appropriate for the immigrants who are new English learners or adults who failed or dropped out of high school and are seeking a second chance? Will they be intimidated or pressured by the higher level of academic surroundings at college?

The above are some of my concerns if the community school system is closed. I sincerely hope you can continue to support the community schools so that my students can enjoy their rights for education and life improvement.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

Bijun Huang, Ph.D. in English

Email: huangb@hawaii.edu

Erin Conner

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nayo Yamada
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
Nayo Yamada
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Honolulu,
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March 22, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee of Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senator Tokuda and Senator Kidani:

I am writing to ask for your support for Adult Education to remain in the Department of Education. I ask that you not support SB 2839 (proposes to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community Colleges).

I am a student at McKinley Community School for Adults and I have been taking ESL classes since 2010. My purpose in coming to MCSA is to help my daughter with her homework. My daughter is in 1st grade and she needs lots of help. I need to improve my English skill so that I can help her with her homework.

MCSA offers morning class, and it is highly convenient for me because I am available only in the morning.

We need your help to keep adult education in the Department of Education. Please do not support SB 2839. Thank you for your thoughtful considerations.

Sincerely,

Nayo Yamada

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March 22, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Opposing SCR132 "Adult Education working group"

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing this letter to voice my opinion that opposes to change the Community School for Adults' affiliation with DOE (Determinants of Education) to UHCC (the University of Hawaii Community Colleges). I am a resident in Waikiki and my wife has been attending MCSA (McKinley Community School for Adults). I am also a taxpayer in Hawaii. I believe the Community School for Adults should belong to the basic education system.

The Community School for Adults and UHCC has completely different purposes. UHCC is designed for only preparation for college-level coursework and vocational education programs for students who are high school graduates. In contrast, the Community School for Adults closely covers wider range of need. They offer the classes from obtaining basic literacy to naturalization into U.S. society. Furthermore, the schools offer the courses that meet high school graduation requirement. Student who study in the Community School for Adults can set a variety of goals though they have limited funds for own education: getting a job, improving career, getting off welfare programs, completing the high school diploma program, entering community college, Achieving U.S. citizenship, enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces, etc.

Therefore, the Community School for Adults couldn't adjust to UHCC. This merger could end up abolition of the Community School for Adults and lead many students give up their education to improve their life. It also means Hawaii would lose great human resources. Sustaining the Community School for Adults is essential for the diversity city Hawaii. I hope you reconsider this bill and try to find a better way for all of us. I thank you taking your time and look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Ko Matsui

Senate Committee on Education
Public Hearing on March 23, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.

Oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to Convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's adult education programs from the Department of Education to other departments within the State or counties.

Chair Jill Tokuda, Vice-Chair Michelle Kidani, and Committee on Education Members:

My name is Yoon Ok Won and I am the GED counselor at the McKinley Community School for Adults.

I am testifying in opposition to the Senate Concurrent Resolution 132 that examines the possible reorganization of the Department of Education's adult education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the State or counties rather than the Department of Education.

By fiat Adult Education had its start in 1946 and from its beginning was administered by the Department of Education. And for sixty five years Adult Education has served this community providing educational services to meet the basic educational needs of our adults. An outstanding example of this was when adult education provided English as a second language programs for the Viet-Nam refugees in the 1970's. We continue to offer ESL programs for recent immigrants to prepare them to join the workforce.

As a life long advocate for Adult Education, I have witnessed adult education in Hawaii transform from an obscure wooden cottage serving as an office assisting war veterans and war brides to becoming a State wide organization available to all adults and even high school students who qualified with the approval of Act 162 that provided an alternative method for students to acquire a high school diploma through adult education.

Today we are proud of the adult education programs we offer through the department of education. We provide one stop access to our core academic programs. ESL, ABE and ASE programs are fully operational and are tri-semester at MCSA.. Students can enroll at MCSA and find appropriate programs at the same location, morning, afternoon and evening year round.

And we continue to improve. But positive change does not occur by chance, but evolves after years of focus and dedication. We have been blessed with sixty five years of precious uninterrupted time to create in our community school a culture of learning, learning that is student centered, authentic and efficient. I am proud to say, unequivocally, that adult education belongs in the Hawaii Department of Education.

You are welcome to visit McKinley Community School for Adults and bear witness to a school dedicated to serving our students.

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Juanita Kaisa
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To : Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education

My Name is Juanita Kaisa and I attend The McKinley Adult Education Program and I oppose the bill. I would like to share how this program has helped me in my efforts to better myself in life. I am studying the Math skills to study for the GED test and to achieve other goals in life. I have met awesome people that are also working towards goals to better themselves as well. We need this program because there are so many others like myself who are adamant about accomplishing this Goal of obtaining our GED. I can further my education with the help of the Adult Education Program .

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: phuong huu ho
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hophuong0169@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

march 21,2012

dear Senator jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle I am writing to you because i want to keep MCSA open I am a MCSA student, i like MCSA because this Education help me and some other people to practice hear,speak,read,write and understant English I will be sad if MCSA closes Senator,kepp MCSA open thank you very much

PHUONG HUU HO

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shayanne
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Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adult

I'm writing to oppose SCR132 because coming to Adult School is helping me achieve my goals.

What I've learned since I started here at McKinley Adult School is a lot like writing essays and test taking tips. I like how here it's easier for me to understand better when being taught something. How this helps me achieve my goals is by helping me and teaching me to prepare myself to take the test to get my diploma and also preparing me to go to college. Writing essays is one thing I've learned here by being able to organize my essay and having my introduction, body, paragraphs, conclusion and making sure it's all on one topic. The main thing is being able to do it in a time limit. Being here makes me understand more clearly because during high school I had a hard time understanding how to do an essay because the way they taught it wasn't clear enough for me. Learning how to write an essay will help me reach my goals because heading to college I will have to do more essays. Another thing I've learned is a lot of test taking tips. Knowing the GED test is being timed and having practice tests in class is helping me a lot to know and understand what the test is like. Learning test taking tips helps me make sure I read the questions correctly and understanding what the question is asking me. These test taking tips I learn can help me in the future to achieve my goals when heading to college. Writing essays and learning a lot of test taking tips are some of the things I've learned since starting here at McKinley Adult School. These things I've learned will help me achieve my goals by preparing me to go to college.
Thank you

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mapu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: soonafaisoalo@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults
3/22/12

Hello, my name is Mapu Te'o and I am currently in the GED program here at McKinley Adult School. I am not in support of the SCR 132 for the following reasons:

Since I dropped out of high school due to family issues, I thought there weren't any other alternatives for me to get my high diploma, until I was introduced to adult education. Ever since I started this program I feel this has benefited me by a schedule that fits my daily routine. I like how the classes are offered in the morning as well as the evening time. Coming from a big family, it's hard to afford things, and knowing that the classes here are free it was even better. I don't mind paying the test here because it's worth it, knowing I learned lessons that were taught in high school as a review.

By completing this GED, I know that it's possible for me to become successful in life instead of holding my self back from what's out there because I didn't complete high school. By being in this program it gives me the ability to do what others can do, and setting myself up for the same goals that I had in high school. Continuing my education is very important to show that I have the skills to start and finish something I have started. In the future I will look back and see that I've come a long way in getting my education and this will show others who couldn't complete high school that it's possible to become successful in life.

Having these programs offered to adults means a lot. I came with no hope in bettering myself in life to having a place to go and get the education needed to succeed. The program helps me learn math and reading skills that applies to my daily life as well as for my future career. This program helps me get that one on one time with Ms.Gigi to help me really understand the difficulties that I'm having in a certain area.

I personally am not in support of the SCR 132, because if it closes I won't be able to afford it as well as the inconvenience of the location. By closing the programs, a lot of us adults who are in need of this aren't able to achieve our goals in life to become successful in life. So hopefully after reading this letter, the adult program will still be offered for

those in the future and for them to become something in life. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,
Mapu V. Te'o

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: karen zhao
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mckinley-lesson-plans@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To whom It May concern :

My name is Karen Zhao and I am a student at Mckinley Community school for Adults. This school is important to me because my English is poor, I need to improve my English for find a job. I am against SCR 132. Please do not close the Community Schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shu-Yun Chang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mckinly_lesson_plans@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

My name is Shu-Yun chang and i am a student at Mckinly Community School fo Adults. This school is important to me because I wish I could get a better job if I can improve my English well. So I am against SCR 132. Please do not close the community schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Mami Ando
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hmy1187@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mami Ando and I am a student at Mckinley Community School for Adults. This school is important to me because I want to learn English how to read, write and speak. I can get a job and I can support my family.

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shezai
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Shezua@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Shezai Qejvani and I am a Student at McKinley Community School for Adults.
This School is important to me because

I am agoinst SCR 132. Please do not close the community Schools.
Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Wen Zhu Tan
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jlbrown518@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

I am writing to you because I am a newcomers,I am a MCSA student,I woll be upset if MCSA closes,I like MCSA school,because my english is very bad,I must get a good grasp of english,I like speak english, I want to find the good job,I would like to become the American citizen. senators,please keep MCSA open. thank you for you time.
sincerely,
Wen zhu Tan

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Duke Tran
Organization: Individual
E-mail: duketran62@msn.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
Senator Jill Tokuda Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

My name is Duke Tran, a working adult. I have been living here in Hawaii since 1983 from Vietnam. Like all adult immigrants entered U.S at the age of 18 or higher, although I had graduated from a 12-year general education program in my country, that degree has very little value compared to a U.S High School Diploma. Since I decided to go to college to continue my education, I must first have a GED Diploma in hand. The closest and most convenient adult school to my home is McKinley adult school. I found out that at McKinley, the GED Preparing classes are efficient, effective, and well organized. I'm able to learn Math, English and much other information which will help me to achieve my goal. I'm very happy about all this, and I have been recommending this program to all my adult friends who are in the same situation.

I have learned from the news paper that the legislature trying to change the state adult education system to a different format which seems to me inefficient, ineffective, and also might be an environment that discourages adults who want to take classes because of the inconvenience of location and poorly organized facilities.

I oppose this proposal.

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Panalee Sanehira
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Psanehira@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Panalee Sanehira and I am student at Mckinley Community School for Adults. This school is important to me because the school helps me to communicate with people.

I am against SCR 132. Please do not close the community school.
Thank you for your considwration.

Erin Conner

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: hok chi.ngko
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Mckinley-lesson-plans@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is hok chi.ngko and I am a student at Mckinley Community School for adults. This school is important to me because I want to improve my English and to get a job.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: mckinley-lesson-plans@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: yattung ng
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mckinley-lesson-plans@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is YATTUNG NG, and I am a student at Mckinley Community School for Adults. This school is important to me because I want to improve my English so I can communicate with others. I am against SCG 132. Please do not close the community schools.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:28 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: sen8228@hawai.com.rr
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chiyoko Ginoza
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sen8228@hawai.com.rr
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Chiyoko Ginoza and I am a student at Mckinley Commnity School for Adults. This school is important to me because I can't speak English well. I am against SCR 132. Please do not close the community school. Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:28 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: gohikamiurafamily@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Naomi Miura
Organization: Individual
E-mail: gohikamiurafamily@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Naomi Miura. I am a student at Mckinley Community School for Adults. This school is very important to me. Because I came from Japan last July due to my husband job. I have a daughter who is middle school student now. We can't speak English well. We have many troubles. I have to communicate with her teachers. So I have to practice English as hard as possible. I want to continue to study.
I am against SCR 132. Please do not close the community schools.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely yours,

Naomi Miura

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:28 AM
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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: ANita Cen
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mckinley_lesson_plans@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

My name is Anita Cen and I am a student at Mckinley Community School for Adults. This school is important to me because I want to get a good job. i am against SCR132. pllease do not close the commuity School.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:30 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: alanlunt@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alan Lunt
Organization: Individual
E-mail: alanlunt@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

As an instructor at MCSA-DOE and Formerly at KCC-UH, I can attest to the professionalism and efficiency of the McKinley staff at serving the students, and conducting a real school atmosphere for learning. The office staff, faculty and administration do what the school is designed for: to serve and teach the adult community.

In contrast, I have also attempted to teach adult classes at KCC-UH, and the endless revolving door of lower level administrators, frequently on furlough, has lead to total chaos. They don't know how to publish a class bulletin out to the neighborhood ON TIME! Consequently, classes that are supposedly offered are frequently cancelled due to ZERO STUDENTS enrolled in the classes. Total non-professional performance. So please do not transfer Adult Education to the UH system that will be unable to handle the load.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:31 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: jacquelineeliapo@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: jacqueline
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jacquelineeliapo@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Dear Senators,

Hi, my name is Jackie Eliapo. I'm opposed to changing the matters of adult school. I am a mother of 2. I grew up in a neighborhood where a lot of bad things happened. It is rare for people who come from that back ground to succeed in life.

I knew that once I started my G.E.D school, I was determined to get it done. Not only am I doing this for myself, but I'm also doing this for my kids as well.

Since I've started adult school, I've learned a lot and gained confidence knowing that I still have the ability to still learn and understand the concepts of different studies.

I look forward to waking up every morning to come to school to learn new things.

How exciting! Yet, understanding the studies of areas I have a difficult time with is challenging.

I'm confident that within time, I will accomplish my goal and make my first step into the doors of opportunity to succeed in life. And if you ask me what I think about "GED" being under colleges? I would disagree just for the fact that the teachers and faculty here are very kind and helpful. We as students are grateful and thankful for the tremendous effort that the teachers and staffs here at MCSA have put into this program for us adults. I hope that you take the time to reconsider this matter.

Sincerely,
Student of MCSA

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:48 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: jlbrown518@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: yongae Gallop
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jlbrown518@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:
march 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda, Senator Michelle Kidani I am writing to you because, I heard that will close the public Adult high school McKinley in Hawaii State. I am a student, I like MCSA because there are professional teachers to teach me better education of English as a second language. It's very important to me, other people to have a good job and better life to live in America and pay Taxes too.
I know, it will be sad if you close the Public adult Schools for the people who come to United State for immigration.
My opinion is it might be a low charge to keep open MCSA, so that I can be a intelligent citizen of American. Please keep open for the people who lost the chance to education of high school, and because they were busy working in the past.
Thank you very much for time to read in this letter. Senator Jill Tokuda, Senator Michelle Kidani

Your Very Sincerely

Yongae Gallop

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 9:59 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: redigerp@me.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pauline Rediger
Organization: Individual
E-mail: redigerp@me.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

To: The committee on SCR 135

From: Pauline Rediger, ESL teacher at MCSA The proposal to eliminate Adult Education from the DOE and parcel its services to other entities needs to be looked at very carefully. First you must determine if expenditures like GED, ESL, and Computer Literacy, etc are justified. If you determine that these services are indeed important and needed in our community then why eliminate something that already has the structures to administer these same services. If the real question is getting this expense off the books at the DOE, then you risk adding more expense rather than savings for the state.

First of all GED doesn't make any sense accept in the DOE as it is they who must confer the diploma, are already accredited to offer GED, and have the personnel to deliver the service. As for ESL, if ESL is given to the Community Colleges, then will their budgets increase to accommodate our population many of who come with very low literacy? And where exactly is the savings? The community colleges will spend extra money in making the transition and hiring teachers at a higher pay scale. The bottom line is that many of our population will not show up at the doors of a community college. Some have already tried community college and most cannot afford or justify the expense of a community college class, even though they are willing to pay some tuition for Adult Education. I am speaking for my students, who are too afraid to write or speak to you because they struggle with their English, but their feelings run strong and they are telling me in tears that Adult Ed is a lifeline for them in more ways than just job opportunities.

On paper parceling the services offered by Adult Ed may look good, but be very clear, it will eliminate what our schools do in the community, especially if additional funding doesn't follow to the new agencies.

Again I ask where is the savings? The fulltime personnel at Adult Ed will not be losing their jobs for reasons that you know very well. The part-time teachers will lose their jobs. Our salaries are just a drip in the bucket of the Adult Ed budget compared to the salaries of the community college professors. Are there ways to trim the spending? Of course, but let's be clear, the actual service providers and teaching materials are not the cause of the high expense of this or most other educational programs.

I would challenge this committee to invite leaders of the Chinese, Korean, Micronesian, etc community to sit on your committee. Where are the non-profits, the churches and non-governmental agencies that may already offer similar services to our population. Adult Education delivers services through 195 partnerships. Their input should be sought. Where are the business leaders who should also be part of this discussion. If money is the issue, then go where the money is. But simply shifting the cost from here to there just adds to the problem.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 10:19 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: kawika888@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kawika888@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Senator Jill Takuda
Senator Michell Kidani
Committee on Education
Department of Education
Community School for Adults

Dear Senators

I am writing to ask for your support for Adult Education to remain in the department of Education. I ask that you DO NOT SUPPORT SB 2834 This provides a valuable asset to the community with America being a nation of immigrants and the need to be able to integrate them and the value of their being into this great society of ours is imperative

Aloha,

David Breitwieser

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Richard N Salvador
Organization: Individual
E-mail: richardnsalvador@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Friday, March 23, 2012, 1:15 PM
Conference Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

To: Senator Committee on Education
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 132

In Opposition

Chairs & Committee Members:

My name is Richard N. Salvador and I am a teacher at McKinley Community School for Adults. This past few days since we received word of your Notice of today's Hearing, I have had various conversations with teachers about the possible reasons for your proposed working group's plans to "reorganize adult education" to "better align" parts of the programs with departments and agencies perhaps more suited to administer those parts. We have wondered whether it is money you want to save or the entire adult ed program you want to cut.

"Reorganizing adult education" to "better align" parts of it with other departments and agencies perhaps more suited to administer those parts This sounded great. And I was elated upon reading the first couple of paragraphs in the text of the resolution of your acknowledgement of adult education's important in the community: the DOE's:

- 1) "adult education program...provides a much-needed service for the State's undereducated community.
- 2) "adult education program offers a number of courses, including...GED programs, English as a second language classes, citizenship classes, computer skills programs, and special interest courses."
- 3) "adult education program is a vital public resource at a time when securing a job has become more difficult for many of Hawaii's adults.

Thank for your acknowledgement of adult education and your appreciation of its importance in the overall continuity of education services that are provided through our community's educational pipeline. It means a lot to us who work daily with students who are struggling to obtain their education, learn basic life and job skills and who, for various reasons you have cited in your resolution, did not have an opportunity to complete their educational journeys earlier in their lives.

However, I am troubled by your fifth paragraph. Immediately after four short paragraphs, sentences really, most of which are a glowing appreciation of adult education as it is currently established, you propose that adult education will be "better placed," operated, and or more effectively administered, "under certain departments or agencies" other than a department solely concerned with education and providing education services as their main function. Without justifiable explanations for reorganization of adult ed, however, the proposition seems a bit too arbitrary.

Of course, saving money or using money wisely and or more effectively is the key. But won't creating more bureaucracy in order to provide services the virtues of whose current delivery infrastructures you tout here defeat the purposes of financial vigilance you seek to champion here? Creating more bureaucracy, in order to offset aggregated costs, I contend, do not necessary save us money. Rather, it can give us a false sense that we are in fact achieving a desired goal while undermining the effectiveness of delivering services whose costs we tried to contain and lower the quality of those services. In the absence of justifiable explanations, I wonder whether you are not just seeking to eliminate adult education altogether by other means.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 1:11 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: glovergigi@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Gigi Glover
Organization: Individual
E-mail: glovergigi@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

My name is Gigi Glover. I currently teach GED courses which help to prepare students to gain the confidence and skills necessary to pass the GED test as they better themselves for their families and or community.

I am writing to oppose any and all legislative efforts to dismantle, or 'parcel out', portions of adult education because it would be a foolish waste of taxpayer monies, monies which could be put to better use educating those who have been left behind by more traditional educational venues. Not only would the working group proposed in SCR 132 be a tax money fiasco, but also the parceled out services currently provided by the Community Schools for Adults will not be able to be replicated at current costs. My colleagues and I, the faculty at the Community Schools for Adults (CSA) earn less than \$7000 a year and receive no benefits and yet we are dedicated, well-educated and experienced educators. .

Three times a year, I begin and end classes to make sure my students are ready for the GED test by teaching them Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts Reading and Writing. I will delineate some of what we study, so you have a better idea of exactly what it is you are proposing to parcel out and what a bargain you're currently getting:

Writing is an important life skill and no one can pass GED test if he/she cannot write an essay in 45 minutes, or up to an hour. This requires practice and focus on the organization expected in an academic essay. The students practice planning- brainstorming and careful reading, organizing, drafting, revising and rewriting. They learn the importance of organizing ideas to create body paragraphs with topic sentences that will support a thesis that will directly answer the unique question that they will receive. We also work on grammar, spelling and punctuation.

For Mathematics, we begin with assessment, so the class can begin where it will benefit everyone without leaving anyone behind. Some students need to start with multiplication and division. We move through these operations and onto rounding, estimating, averages, less than and greater than. We quickly review decimals and try not to get stuck too long learning fractions and percents because we also need to have time to cover measurement conversion, simple probability and the use of tables, charts, and graphs. We also make sure to cover some basics of algebra - including writing and solving equations and plotting on the Cartesian coordinate system. The geometry concepts we're usually able to cover include area

and perimeter of squares, rectangles, triangles, and circles and the volume of some simple shapes as well as some fascinating fun facts of parallel lines and triangles.

For Science, students need to be able to answer questions in life sciences, physical sciences, and earth and space sciences. I accomplish this with an emphasis on Hawai'i's natural volcanic and marine environment (spark3000 - DOE). They learn to recognize assumptions, inferences, and facts, as well as how evidence supports theories.

I also try to relate Social Studies concepts of civics and government, economics and geography to students' island home here in Hawai'i, including the importance of voting and the very real impact that decisions made by elected officials can have on them and their families - whether or not their interested. In addition to Hawai'i history, students learn about United States history, world history, I try to help students recognize assumptions, faulty reasoning and the importance and difficulty of being an informed member of a democracy.

The DOE has invested in tools which help our students to achieve and improve as readers. The Achieve3000.com resource for differentiated learning would not be available outside of the DOE system. It allows students to read in Science and Social Studies as they become more literate adults.

Reading literature, including prose, drama, and poetry, it is important to be able to quickly develop an assessment of the context, time, and setting. I help students develop an ability to create this context in their minds by focusing in on voice and character. This helps them to better understand plot and theme, so they are better able to understand synthesis and application questions that many students find challenging.

Those who haven't taught GED students tend to stereotype the GED students as dropouts who have made poor decisions, and I have taught large numbers of inmates, immigrants and dropouts and students transitioning from abuse, prison, foster care or welfare. What many may fail to realize is how many students arrive in our classes through no fault of their own. Many (especially LGBT) have been abuse or bullied, others come families that have moved around or had family illnesses or accidents.

My students follow the DOE Hawaii General Learner Outcomes and learn to:

Work well with others

Be responsible for their own learning

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

March 23, 2012

Oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, Requesting the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to examine the possible reorganization of the Department of the Education's Adult Education program to better align portions of the program with departments or agencies of the state or counties rather than the Department of Education.

On behalf of the Community School administrators and adult learners currently enrolled or successfully employed, I would like to express my opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 132, regarding adult education. The Community Schools for Adults does provide a much needed service for the State's undereducated community; offers a number of courses which include GED, English as a Second Language, citizenship, computer skills and interest course. Community schools also assist students who have dropped out or were released from regular high school, immigrants and long time residents interested in improving their skills. Community schools are the conduit through which adults rely on to improve their personal well-being and employment opportunities, which in turn, allows them to contribute positively to the communities in which they reside.

It is my understanding that there is currently no representative from the any of the Community Schools for Adults as part of this working group. Without that representation, how can the working group fully comprehend what would be best for the Adult Education program? Input from the Community Schools

representative would be the most relevant since it is their program that is being affected. The Community Schools representative knows the needs of the learners being serviced and how those needs can best be met. Most people are not familiar with the Community Schools and would be very surprised to learn about the range of courses and services that are available to the adults of our communities. Until I started teaching an English as a Second Language course, I, too, had no idea how valuable the Community Schools are for our local communities. Many of my students are adult immigrants who work as well as attend class. My students often tell me how grateful they are for the Community School because it provides them a much needed and reasonably priced opportunity to attend a class to improve their English skills.

Your opposition to S.C.R. 132 will allow the Community Schools to continue to provide quality educational services to the citizens of the State of Hawaii. Education is the key to opening doors. A well educated community creates a stable economy. I urge the committee to oppose S.C.R. 132. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Jo Ann T. Verzón
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Hisako Koga
1740 S. Beretania St., #14
Honolulu, HI 96826

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Opposing SCR 132 "Adult Education Working Group"

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing to ask for Adult Education to remain in the Department of Education. I ask that you do NOT SUPPORT SB2839.

I am one of students attending McKinley Adults' English Class for past three years. I enjoyed learning and appreciate very much that Hawaii has provided the great opportunity for people from non-English speaking countries to learn English. As a senior student, it is difficult to learn with young high school graduates in the class. I am not necessarily aiming to enter college in the future. Rather, I would like to obtain the basic literacy and life skills essential in the U.S. society. I would like to improve my English so that I do not need to depend on others in everyday living in the future.

The present Community School for Adults serves well for the people like me. I am concerned that if Adults' classes are transferred to the community colleges, I may not be able to commute easily and to afford taking classes.

Please let Adult Education to remain same as in the past. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hisako Koga

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image_cmana@yahoo.co.jp

March 22, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Opposing SCR132 "Adult Education working group"

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing this letter because I heard the bad news that our governor is planning to close the community schools. This is absolutely the wrong idea. I am a middle-aged Japanese housewife, living in Waikiki and taking the ASE (Adult Secondary Education) class at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). I am also a taxpayer in Hawaii. I really want your support now.

The community school has amazingly improved my English ability though it was hard to learn foreign language for my age. In fact, I was not able to speak English but few words like "hello" "thank-you" "good-bye" when I entered school first time, in contrast, I am now able to read newspaper and express my own opinion .

I could maintain my study because of an excellent system of the community school in Hawaii and all my teacher's constant effort. I am a housewife and my husband is retired therefore my funds for education are limited; I could not afford a private school. However, the community school tuition has allowed me to continue taking classes, and my teachers' earnest encouragements have led me to believe there is nothing too late to learn something.

In addition, the community school opens the door of my life to a new stage. My purpose of learning English has been changed from just making new friends to hoping to get back to society and having a job again. This is one example of how lifelong education makes adult life richer.

I understand toughness of present economy situation and necessity to put the budget on child education first. Nevertheless, I could say adults still need education. Please ask the governor to reconsider cutting the budget for the community schools. The community school system sustains our society to be richer. We should keep it for next generation also. I thank you taking your time and look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

March 22, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle Kidani. I'm writing to you because I heard adult school is closing.

I'm a MCSA student.

It's a disappointment.

I'm retired man and here nothing to do at home. I have to learn English education and enjoy making happy for my life.

There are lots of green card holders IN UNITED STATES.

They need English education, that's very important. Why adult school is closing? I have not enough money to go to private school.

Please continue the adult school.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

March 22, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and
Senator Michelle Kidani,

I am writing to you, for the bad and sad news,
that MCSA closes the adult class,
is bad news, because, got a diploma,
how to continue to learn english, how get
take a new work or to help to family.

Please don't close MCSA in the future.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely, Jose Alonzo

March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle
Kidani,

I am writing to you because I need learn
in MCSA school now and in the future.

My name is TRAN TUOI. I am a MCSA student.
I like MCSA school because it helps me to better my
english to hear, speak, read, write and in my job.

If MCSA closes, I will be very sad. I don't have
money to much go to a different school. because it's
more expensive, I hope, MCSA don't closes and
Senators, please keep MCSA open

Trngb

TRAN TUOI NGOC

March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and
Senator Michelle Kidani

I am writing to you because I want to
keep MCSA open.

I am a MCSA student, I like MCSA because
this education help and some other people to
practice hear, speak, read, write and understand
English.

I will be sad if MCSA closes.

Senator, please keep MCSA open.

Thank you very much.

Phuong Hui Ho



March . 21 . 2012 .

Dear Senator jill Tokula and Senator michelle Kidani .

I am writing to you . because I ~~hear~~ MCSA
Closes . if you close MCSA . I have no opportunity
to study English . my English is poor . I'm
very sad . I like MCSA very much . because
it's cheap . and the teachers are nice .

Senators . please keep MCSA open .

Thank you for your time .

Sincerely .

Wanding .

March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator michelle kidani,

I am writing to you because I got news that you want to close all the adult schools yesterday. I'm so sad to heard about this.

I am MCSA student. I just came here 3 weeks ago. My english is too bad to get a good job, then my friends told me to get some english class in adult school. Because I'm poor. I can not pay the fee at community college.

No money, no knowledge! No knowledge, no money! It's a vicious circle for me.

I love MCSA. Because I can learn english at a low price and more helpful for my job. I think adult school is very important to us, in the same way is good for USA. I hope we can stay here for english class.

Thank you for your listening!

Sincerely,

Jiamin Lei

March 22, 2012

Dear: senators Jill Tokuda and senator michelle kidani

I am writting to you for your kindness. Please don't close the adult school because it's really important for us. why? It's really important for us, because we learn from it.

Thank you for reading my letter

Sincerely: tenia sipu

March 22. 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator michelle kidani.

I am writing to you because I am a newcomers,
I'm a MCSA student, I'll be upset if MCSA closes, I
like MCSA school, because my English is very bad, I
must get a good grasp of English, I like speak English,
I want to find the good job, I would like to become
the American citizen. Senators, please keep MCSA open!

Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,

Wen Zhu Tan.

March 22, 2012.

Dear senator Jill Tokuda and senator
michelle kidani.

I am writing to you because it
closing. I am a MESA student.

My learn a lot of English speeches
in the school, I like MESA.

senators, please keep MESA open.

Thank you for reading my letter

Sincerely,

You Jian Yang.

March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Takuda
Senator Michelle Kidani

I am writing to you because, I heard that will close the Public Adult High School McKinley in Hawaii state I am a student. I like MESA because there are Professional teachers to teach me better education of English as a second language.

It's very important to me, other people to have a good job and better life to live in America and pay taxes too!

It will be sad if you close the Public adult schools for the people who come to United state for immigration.

My opinion is it might be a low fee to keep open MESA (MCSA), so that I can be a intelligent citizen of American.

Please keep open for the people who lost the chance to education of high school, and I feel sad because they were busy working in the past.

Thank you very much for time to read in this letter Senator Jill Takuda and Senator Michelle Kidani;

Your very sincerely
Yong Gallop

Mar 22 2012

Dear senator Jill Tokuda and Michelle Kidori,

I am writing to you because it has helped me
very much, The school has helped me learn
English, And I meet many nice people,
who have learned English,
Please keep MCSA open,

Thank you for reading my letter Sincerely

Tadashi Sakakibara

march 22, 2012

Dear senator Jill TOKUDA and senator Michelle KIDANI

I am writing to you because, I very happy about MCSA
in the HONOLULU city, I is a person very good opportunity for up great
my English, MCSA's Teachers Every one are nice and kind.

I like computer lab and class room

right now I studying classroom No. III (Low Intermediate)

my teacher she is very good teaching

I congratulation MCSA

I need to tell you many thing but my english is low.

if my letter something wrong I'm sorry

Thank you for reading my letter

sincerely

SENG KONG PHOUANG CHANLA

March 21, 2012.

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle Kidani.

I am writing to you because I am a MCSA student.

I like MCSA because I like my teacher, I can learn English easy.

and this school tuition is so cheap. I feel happy everyday!

So, if MCSA closes, I will feel regret and be sad.

Senators, please keep MCSA open.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely.

Yueju Zhang.

March 21, 2012

Dear governor

I am writing to you because I do not agree with you to close adult school. This school is very important. I am writing to you tell you that because I like learning english. I don't have money to pay for the community college.

Thank you for you time

sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the name 'Jim'.

March 22, 2012

Dear Senator Jill To Kuda and Senator Michelle Kidani.

I am writing to you because I am very sad. It's said that you should shut McKinley community school for adults. I am a new immigrant. I am from China, I speak Chinese, I live in Honolulu Hawaii, I need go to this school to learn English. I need to find a good job. Learn English is very important for me. If you close McKinley community school for adults, I will be so sad, I do not know how I will in the future live here.

Thank you for reading my letter

Sincerely.

Wen Zhong

Indira Kakshapati

1508 Keolu Moku St

March 21, 2012

Honolulu HI 96822

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair.

Senator Michelle Kidani, vice
chair

Committee on Education.

Department of Education,

Community School for Adults.

Department of Education.

Please keep Adult Education in the

I go to

Mckinley Community School.

for Adults to learn English
to.

I like to write and

read English.

Kyang Cha Park
1245 Maunakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education,
Community School for Adults

Please keep Adult Education in the
Department of Education.

I go to McKinley Community School
for Adults to learn English to
have a conversation with other
people and help me live in U.S.
Society.

Sincerely

Kyang Cha Park
Adult Education Student

Noboru Ito.

1541 Kalakaua Ave,
Honolulu, HI, 96816

March/21/2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair
Committee on Education.

Department of Education, Community
School for Adults

Please keep Adult Education
in the Department of Education.
I go to Makinley Community School
for Adults to learn English to

have a conversation with other people
, get a job, and help me live
in U.S. Society.

Sincerely
Noboru Ito

Adult Education Student,

Ito Reiko

1541 Kalakaua Ave,
Honolulu HI, 96816

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education.

Department of Education in the Department
of Education.

Please keep Adult Education in the Department
of Education. I go to McKinley Community
School for Adults to learn English to
have a conversation with other people,
get a job, and help me live in U.S. Society

Sincerely

Reiko Ito

Adult Education Student

CHIRAMAAYA MALAIA

773 KINAW ST # 204 B 96813

march 21, 2012.

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani

Vice Chair Committee

on Education

Department of Education,

Community School for

Adults.

Please keep Adult Education

in the Department of

Education. I go to McKinley

Community School for

Adults to learn English.

PLEASE HELP US, WE LIKE TO
LEARN HOW TO WRITE AND
READ ENGLISH

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Chinnaya, Malala

ADULT EDUCATION STUDENT.

Zhi Juan Lin

1001 LILIHUA ST #213

HONOLULU, HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education, Community
School for Adults

Please keep Adult Education in
the Department of Education.

I go to McKinley Community
School for Adults.

Please keep Adult Education in
the Department of Education.

I go to McKinley Community Sch

for Adults to learn English to
have a conversation with
other people, get a job, and
help me live in U.S. society,
sincerely

ZhiJUAN LIN

Adult Education student

CHEN WEI GU

1955, Young St Apt AA

March 21, 2012.

Senator JILL TAKUDA, chair

Senator, Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Committee on Education,

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

To state of Hawaii representatives,

Dear representatives,

Please keep Adult Education in the Department of Education.

I go to McKinley community school for Adults, learn, English to

have a conversation with other people
get a job help me live in U.S. society

Sincerely

WEI GU

Adult Education, Student

Lin shun mei

2325 LIME ST APTA

HONOLULU, HI 96826-4212

March 21, 2012

senator Jill Tokuda ; chair

senator michelle Kidani, Vice chair

committee on Education

department of Education, community school for
Ad44

Please see other side

I am a student of McKinley Community
Center for

Adults. The adult center helps me improve my
quality of life. I am learning how to read
and communicate in English; I am looking for
a job to help support my family one day. I
would like to read American stories to my
children. I am very happy attending
the adult center. The teachers here
are very helpful. I do not support.

SB 2839

sincerely

Shun mei Lin

student

XiLi Lin

641 Hausten St # C

Honolulu, HI, 96826

March 21, 2012.

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair

Committee on Education.

Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is XiLi Lin. I am an ESL Student at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). I have attended MCSA for two years.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to improve my English so that I can help my children with their homework and I want to improve my current job. I want to be successful in the United States of America.

Please do not close the Community School for Adults under the DOE because it will affect me and my family.

Thank you for your time and attention to this
matter Sincerely.

XiLin

XiLin

ESL3 Student, MCSA

Yiqing Xu
1670 Kalaniana'one Ave #1006
Honolulu, HI 96826

March 21, 2012

To: Senator Gill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community
School for Adults

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:
My name is Yiqing Xu, I've attended MCSA
for only one month, however, I think
the school has benefitted me. My English
has improved obviously for a short time.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to
obtain basic literacy and life skills
essential for functioning in U.S. society.

I hope we don't abuse the communities

schools for adults under the DOE
because I see everybody who attend
MCSA are learning and improving their
English skills to advance in U.S.
society, especially the new immigrants.
Thanks!!

Sincerely,

Joyce Lu

ESL 3 student, MCSA

James Wong
1255 Nuuanuu Ave # E1513
Honolulu, HI, 96817

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is James Wong. I am an ESL Student at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). I've attended MCSA for three months.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to Retain or improve my current job.

Please do not close the Community Schools for Adults under the DOE because it will affect me and my family.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James Wong

James Kwok Wai Wong
ESL 3 Student, MCSA

Dawei Yang
922 Lohi st
Honolulu 96817

21 Mar 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidami, Vice Chair
Senator Committee on Education
Hawaii Legislature

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda, Michelle Kidami, and Committee members,

I'm a new immigrant from China and I've been here for 6 weeks. I'm in the ESL-5 class at MCSA. It gives me great help to learn English.

Many people who are in ESL class are from different countries like me. I felt helpless

and depressed after I arrived in Hawaii. We are faced with a whole new world and we struggle with our ~~eng~~ English.

The Adult Community Programme enhances our English skills so that we can find jobs in Hawaii. It helps us to prepare for better paying jobs. In my opinion, the adult schools teach us not only English skills, but also life skills which help us to prepare to be good community members. Please do not support

SB 2839.

Sincerely,

Dawei Yang

Melanie Rainey
1226 Alexander St., Apt. 404
Honolulu, HI 96826

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Melanie, I'm from the Philippines.
I am a housewife. I came to Hawaii in October 1990.
I study at McKinley Community School for Adults.

I need English when I go to church,
the doctor's office, and the banks. I
want to get a job, but I have a hard time reading
finding a job because I need to improve my
and writing. This is why I really need adult education.

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Please help support our Community Schools.
Thank you very much.

Sincerely
Melanie Rainey

Melanie Rainey
ESL Literacy Student.

Alice Y. Kurihara

930 Kahaka Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda

Senator Mitchell Kidani

Education Chairpersons

State Capital

Dear Jill Tokuda

Dear Mitchell Kidani

My name is Alice Y. Kurihara. I am a student at a McKinley Adult School. I am studying English. I want to speak English well.

I would like to keep McKinley Adult School separate from the Community Colleges. I do not support Senate Bill 2839. I like MCSA because, I feel the courses at the Community College will be too high leveled.

Please, I hope you do not separate McKinley Adult School to the Community Colleges. We enjoy our school, community and teachers. I wish for monies to be funded to McKinley Adult School for our education.

Sincerely

HITOSHI YOSHIKAWA

1009 Kapiolani Blvd

Honolulu, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Senator Michell Kitani

Education Chair persons,

State Capital

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michell Kitani
My name is Hitoshi Yoshikawa, I am a student
of ESL 2 and studying English

I would like to keep Makinley Adult School.

I don't support senate Bill 2839.

Please I hope you don't separate Makintey Adult
school to the community colleges. We enjoy
our school community and teachers. I wish
for money to be funded for our education.

Sincerely

Hit Yoshikawa

student

Kana Maitani

1650 Kanunu St 405

Honolulu HI. 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Education chairperson

state capital

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

and Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

- 1 My name is Kana Maitani. I am a student at McKinley Adult school. I am studying English. I want to speak English well.
- 2 I would like to keep McKinley Adult School separate from the community colleges. I Do NOT support senate Bill 2839 I like MCSA because, I feel the courses at the community college will be too high leveled.
- 3 Please, I hope you do not separate McKinley Adult School to the Community colleges. We enjoy our school, Community and teachers. I wish for monies to be funded to McKinley Adult school for our education.

Kana Maitani

Rosemy Shikiko
1133 Hala Drive
Honolulu HI 96817

x
x March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Senator Michelle Kidani
Education Chairpersons
State Capital

Senator Jill Tokuda
Senator Michelle Kidani,

- 1) My name is Rosemy Shikiko. I am a student at McKinley Adult School. I am studying English. I want to speak English well.
- 2) I would like keep McKinley Adult School separate from the Community Colleges. I do not support Senate bill 2830. I like MCSA because, I feel the courses at the Community College will be too high leveled.
- 3) Please, I hope you do not separate McKinley Adult School from the community college. We enjoy our School, Community and teachers. I wish for monies to be funded to McKinley Adult School for our education.

Xiangfu Xiao

1245 Maunakea St 1003 Honolulu HI 96817

03-21-12

Senator Jill Tokuda Chair

Senator Michelle Kidoni, Vice Chair

Education Chair Persons

state capital

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda-Chair

Senator Michelle Kidoni-Vice Chair

My name is Xiangfu Xiao, I am student at McKinley Adult School. I am studying English, I want to speak English well.

I would like to keep McKinley Adult School separate from the community colleges, I do not support senate Bill 2839 I like MESA because, I feel the courses at the community college will be too high leveled.

Please I hope you do not separate McKinley Adult School to the community colleges, we enjoy our school, community and teachers, I wish for monies to be funded to McKinley Adult School for our education.

Xiangfu Xiao

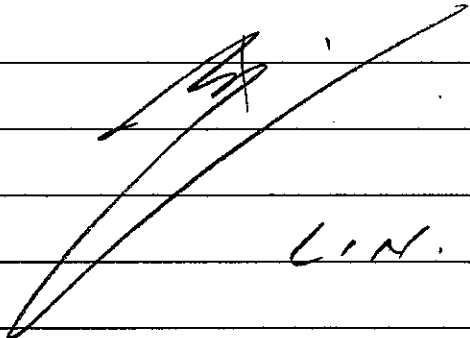
Student

LI JUAN, LIN
Honolulu, HI 96817.

March 21, 2012.

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland:

My name is LI JUAN, LIN. I
am a student McKinley Community school
For Adults. My country is china. I
study English. I want to improve my
English. I want to say Thank you, the
United States government: please help us.



LIN. LI JUAN

Gao Zhao Ti

1650 KANUNU ST APT 311

HONOLULU, HI. 96814

March 24, 2012

senator Jill Tekuda, chair

senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education Community School
for Adults

Please keep Adult Education in the Department
of Education

I go to McKinley Community School for Adults
learn English to have a conversation with
other people, get a job, and help me live in U.S
society.

Sincerely

Gao Zhao Ti

Adult Education student

HEN Mei Yuan

1650 KANUNU ST APT 311
HONOLULU HI. 96814 - 2753

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Takuda chair

Senator Michelle Kidani vice chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education Community School
for Adults

Please keep Adult Education in the Department
of Education.

I go to McKinley Community School for Adults
to learn English to have a conversation other
people, get a job, and help me live in
us, society

Sincerely

HEN Mei Yuan

Adult Education student

Luz Neri
1655 Makaloa ST.#415
Honolulu HI 96814

3/21/2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Senator Committee on Education
Hawaii State Legislative

My name is Luz Neri I heard that you are planning to parcel out different parts of the Community School Adult Education program to different departments.

I attend the community school, because I need to learn more English. This is my second years at Mckinley Community School for Adults. I learn how to speak and write.

I think Bill S.C.R. 132 Is a bad idea. Currently MSCA is doing a wonderfulty job of providing adult education in the community school.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely


Luz Neri

Chieko Yoshikawa

1009 KAPIOLANI BLVD., #2105, HONOLULU, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

Senator Michell Kidani, vice chair

Senate Committee on Education

Dear Senetors (Senator Tokuda, Kidani and members Committee)

My name is Chieko Yoshikawa. I'm originally Japanese. But I came from Brazil where I lived for 40 years to USA 6 years ago. When I reached here, I was very stressful for everything because I couldn't understand what people were talking about.

But thanks for ESL classes, now I can have a peaceful life here because I know how to communicate with others. Besides ESL teachers gave us many useful information to live in USA more comfortably.

I believe that I can have a plan to get a job in the future after increasing my English skill in ESL class. I am really grateful for the present adult education system that gave me a wonderful opportunity to learn and a dream to construct better life in USA.

I truly ask authorities to keep present adult education including ESL class in the community schools.

Sincerely,


Chieko Yoshikawa

Testimony against S.C.R. 132 –

Requesting Governor to convene working group to examine possible reorganization of DOE adult education program and parcel it out to various departments and the county mayors.

2734 ROOKE AVE A8
Honolulu, HI, 96817

Mar 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vicechair

Senate Committee on Education

Hawaii Legislature

Dear Senators Tokuda, Kidani, and Senate Education Committee members,

My name is Yan Li, I am an English student at Mckinley Adult School.

The school teachers are very nice, they help us to improve our English skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. At the same time, we gain knowledge and skills on how to live in the USA.

I heard that you are planning to parcel out different parts of the community schools adult education program to different departments. I felt sad about this. Please don't! Mckinley Adult School is doing a wonderful job of providing adult education. There is no reason to close the school.

I urge you to keep adult education in the community schools.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Yan Li

3-21-2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair senator committee on Education Hawaii Legislature.

Dear Senator Tokuda, Kidani and Senate members committee.

My name is Tagrid Saredidine.

I am an English student at McKinley Adult School.

I heard that you are planning to move different parts of the community school adult Education program to different departments.

The Community school is doing a great job by teaching us English and also helps us be more educated and be more familiar with the things that have happened in the world.

I urge you to keep Adult Education in the Community Schools.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Tagrid Saredidine

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tagrid S', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sophie Yamamoto
1634 Makiki ST. #705
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee of Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Ma'am/Sir:

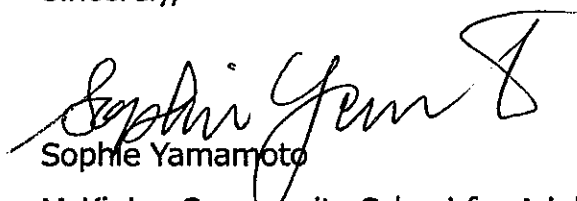
My name is Sophie and I am from Japan. Now, I am taking an ESL class at McKinley Community School for Adults (Mo -Th) after retiring from my job. Little by little, I learn something new in every class. Now days I can watch English program on TV, read newspapers, magazines etc., but still I don't understand everything. I want to improve my English because I can communicate better with people.

It is my sincere desire to see that McKinley C.S. for Adults will continue to stay open so that other immigrants like me can benefit from learning English.

If I speak and write English fluently anytime, anywhere, I would help and work for Hawaii.

I hope all of my dreams will come true.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sophie Yamamoto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sophie Yamamoto

McKinley Community School for Adults (student)

Kozaburo Suzuki
1015 Aoloa Place
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee of Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Ma'am/Sir:

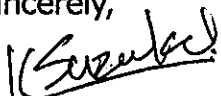
I want to carry on studying at McKinley Community School for Adults in the future. Please support us immigrants who need to learn English to live here.

I came from Japan about two years ago, and I live in Kailua with my wife and daughter. My English skills are not enough to communicate well and I need to improve my English skills to get a job. I had been taking English as a Second Language class at MCSA since last semester. I like MCSA. For me, MCSA is just not only a school, but also it helps me and gives me some confidence to live in Hawaii. I take Level 4 of the English as a Second Language class, now. So I want to carry on studying in this school until I get enough English skills.

Almost everything in Hawaii is expensive and higher than the Mainland. It is difficult to budget to learn English. In spite of that, school fee here is very low. It helps me budget and gives me a chance to learn English.

I really don't want MCSA to close, but continue for people such as me. Please help us immigrants so that we can have a better life in this country. I appreciate your attention.

Sincerely,


Kozaburo Suzuki

Zenia Shen
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825
741 Ahukini St.
03/21/2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii


RE : Opposing SCR132 "Adult Education, working group"

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda :

I am one of the MCSA students who really hope to keep studying in the adult school. I've attended the adult school for 4 months. During these 4 months, I've learned a lot of useful knowledge. Please kindly reconsider the SCR132. Studying in the adult school helps many immigrants to improve their English.

The adult school not only provided many resources but also gave me opportunities to practice my English. In the MCSA, I could find a class that suits to my English level. I improved a lot on my listening and writing skills. Before I attended the MCSA, I've took the TOEFL exam. At that time, I only got 73. However, after I finished one semester class in MCSA, I took the TOEFL exam, and I got 90! I really appreciated the adult school because the class I've attended exactly meets my need.

Many immigrants received lots of benefits from the adult school education. If the adult school closed, many students here cannot find a school that they could afford the tuition to join in. That's why I oppose the SCR132. I don't want to change this education environment since I've already in a perfect one. Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Zenia Shen

Jean-Christophe Chang Alléon
1635 Young Street
96826 Honolulu Hawaii

Thursday 22nd March 2012

Re: Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii Senate
Honolulu Hawaii

Re: Opposing SCR 132 "Adult Education Working Group"

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda,

Aloha, my name is Jean-Christophe Chang Alléon, I am currently a student at the adult community school at McKinley High School.

While I am in the process of completing my U.S. citizenship paperwork, I am furthering my studies in English, I am writing to express my concern about bill SCR 132.

Offering the programs at the Community Colleges instead of the High Schools is a false economy.

The resources, locations and programs are both unique and specific to the communities they serve.

Some students may feel intimidated at a College setting and Combining the programs will certainly make the traffic situation worse.

For these and other reasons, I urge you to vote against bill SCR 1.

Sincerely,

Jean-Christophe Chang Alléon

Chunqiu Fan

3138 Waiialae Ave #412

Honolulu, HI, 96816

March 21st, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee of Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

My name is Chunqiu Fan, and I was a professor of biochemistry in China. I came to Hawaii three months ago. Though I learned English when I was in China, it is hard for me to communicate with others by using English. My daughter is studying at Sacred Hearts Academy right now, and she is 14 years old. She is too young to help me deal with everything, so improving English is so necessary for me.

One of my friends suggest that I can come to "Mcklinkey Community School for Adults" to learn English. This is a great chance for me to learn English, so I really appreciate this school. And I am so glad having courses in this school.

I felt so exciting when I have my first ESL 4 class. The things that I learned in this class is useful, and I am looking forward learning more knowledge in this class. It is difficult for adults to learn new knowledge, but it is never too late to learn.

Please help us to keep the school open so that I will have a chance to continue improving my skills.

Sincerely,


Chungiu Fan

King Sun Wong
1472 Thurston Av. #302
Honolulu, HI 96822

March 22, 2012

RE: opposing SCR 132 "Adult Education Working Group"


Hawaii State Senator Honolulu, Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Senator Jill Tokuda

I'm an immigrant whose English speak listen and writing are limited so it's difficult communication. I've been attending McKinley community school for Adults to improve my English skills. The Adult community school is a valuable service. We needed Polish our knowledge English to seek better career, get good wages for my family's future.

If the school closed that will impact badly my life. I'm more willing to paying tax.

And I asking please to keep Adults school open.
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.
My E-mail add: (Jose Mimi Wong @ Hot mail. com)
Please favorites contact me.


King Sun Wong

Weiming Du
5090 LIKINI ST APT902
HONOLULU. HI 96818-2377

March 22, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State senate
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE:OPPOSING SCR132 "ADULT EDUCATION WORKING GROUP"

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda:

Hello, my name is Weiming du, I come from china, I have been in Hawaii for five months. I love going to the Mckinley Community School For Adult, and I hope government will support the community school for its general operation.

When I arrived in Hawaii, someone told me that I can go to community school to study English, the most important is free to go to school, so I have studied here for nearly three months. In community school I met a lot of friends, the teachers in here are nice, I improved my English and I can communicate with each other using fluency English.

I am sorry to hear that the community school will combine with the community college, because when this happen, we have to afford more money to go to school, so I oppose the "SCR132" .

Studying in community school is important for my continuing education, if the school closes, many citizens will lost chances to learn English. So I hope the government give money to community school, thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Weiming Du' in a stylized, cursive script.

Weiming Du

Ko Matsui
444 Niu st #2808A
Honolulu, HI 96815
komatsui@hawaii.edu

March 22, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Opposing SCR132 "Adult Education working group"

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing this letter to voice my opinion that opposes to change the Community School for Adults' affiliation with DOE (Determinants of Education) to UHCC (the University of Hawaii Community Colleges). I am a resident in Waikiki and my wife has been attending MCSA (McKinley Community School for Adults). I am also a taxpayer in Hawaii. I believe the Community School for Adults should belong to the basic education system.

The Community School for Adults and UHCC has completely different purposes. UHCC is designed for only preparation for college-level coursework and vocational education programs for students who are high school graduates. In contrast, the Community School for Adults closely covers wider range of need. They offer the classes from obtaining basic literacy to naturalization into U.S. society. Furthermore, the schools offer the courses that meet high school graduation requirement. Student who study in the Community School for Adults can set a variety of goals though they have limited funds for own education: getting a job, improving career, getting off welfare programs, completing the high school diploma program, entering community college, Achieving U.S. citizenship, enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces, etc.

Therefore, the Community School for Adults couldn't adjust to UHCC. This merger could end up abolition of the Community School for Adults and lead many students give up their education to improve their life. It also means Hawaii would lose great human resources. Sustaining the Community School for Adults is essential for the diversity city Hawaii. I hope you reconsider this bill and try to find a better way for all of us. I thank you taking your time and look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Ko Matsui

Rosa Robert
955 Akopi Ln B321
Honolulu HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda

My name is Rosa Robert I am from Micronesia. I came to Hawaii in the year 2010. I am very satisfied with adult school because I really want it. I attending adult school for a many reasons.

Adult school is very important to me because it's help to improve my english so I can speak better and get a better job to help my family. Actually, it's help me to go to college. Adult school gives me quality education in english.

Please decide immediately about adult school for next year. I can not go to any school because very expensive. Thank you so much

~~Robert Rosa~~

Robert Rosa

March 21, 2012

Kyong, Chin
1212 Kinau St. #1007
Honolulu, HI. 96814

Dear Senator Tokuda
I am from Incheon, Korea.
I came to Hawaii in 1992.

I am attending adult school for improve
in English. Then I can help many of
people who can understand in English.
Especially emergency reporting on T.V.
I need to have good social life with others.
I wish understanding American culture
as a U.S. citizen.
I really desire continue adult school

Sincerely

Kyong Chin 3/21/12
Kumpeli

RYU Omine, Young Suk

267 Puuwa Rd
Honolulu, HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda

My name is Young S. RYU Omine

I have been in Hawaii for 2 years

I need to study English Language
because my husband was born

in Hawaii, he is Japanese American
he is third generation. So we

so, we have to go through Conversat

I need to speak very well, and than^{or}

I can buy house, go to hospital,

bank, grocery, take care parents in law
and many kind of work.

Me kinly Adults School is very important
for me. I hope this school teach
all over the world country imgrant
or for abroad student ESL before
school Please continue I want to stue

CHU CHUN YEH.

55 NO. S. KUKUI ST. APT D815

HONOLULU HI 96813

March, 21, 2012

Dear Senator Tokuda

My name is CHU CHUN YEH, I came to Hawaii about 1009 years. I attending McKinley School for Adults for 2 month, I would like to continue going to that school because when I came to Hawaii, I did not go to school, and sometimes, I don't understand what are my coworkers or customers are talk about. And my coworkers did not even talk to me because my English so poor. But now, when they are talking story, I can understand some things. People who come to adult school I don't think have very good listening, speaking, reading and writing skill. We wouldn't be able to find a good job or make more money. We would not like to move to a different location because the tuition here a McKinle is very affordable.

We don't need other country fighting. A country going rich or poor depends on education. So education is very important, we help can keep this school continue.

Sincerely

Chu Chun Yeh

CHU CHUN YEH.

Yoon Sook, Yoo

620 Sheridan St. #501

HONOLULU, HI. 96814

March 21, 2012.

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda.

My name is YoonSook Yoo.

I came to Hawaii four years ago with my daughter.

I am attending adult school for communication.

This adult school is very important to me.

Because I want to set up my goal.

My goal is to get a professional job, and to adapt Hawaii community.

This adult school aid that I can do it.

So I can improve English speaking and hearing every day.

Therefore, Adult school is very very important to me.

Please decide promptly about adult school for next year.

YoonSook Yoo.

Maggie Xia

430 Kaiolu St. 1002

Honolulu HI 96815

Mar. 21. 2012

Dear Senator Tokuda:

My name is Maggie. Now I study your school. I come to Hawaii more one yers. At new hear I didn't listen and speak others. Current. I step by step improve my English skill.

I want a job. I'm ~~badly~~ in need of employment. I'm badly promoted own English skill. for every day, I need support my family. So adult school is very important to me.

please don't out it.

Sincerely

Maggie Xia

Rihab Mohammed
1314 Mahiolo, St,
Honolulu Hawaii
March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Takuda,

My Name is Rihab Mohamed, I Came Hawaii 2 years ago. when I Came Hawaii, I go to Makinly Community School for Adults (M.C.S.A) because I want to learn How to Speak and written English. Now I speak and written some improve on before. So this school is very good, the teachers is very good, I learning at all time, this school is very good forme because I learning alot of English (writing, reading and speaking) at all time, I hope have a College at here. Cause I have a Collage in Egypt. and I hope take a better job because to help me to study at the College because the College it's very exepensive forme. I help my family in the Egypt and make busnise for me and for son's, so this school it's very important for me and for family. I liked this school very much and I hope finishing all the levels very fast. and go to the College.

Signature
Rihab Mohamed

Misa W. Hiraoka

3413 Winam, ave. Honolulu HI 96815

March 21, 2012.

Dear. Senator Jill Tokada.

My name is Misa Hiraoka

I came from Japan 10 month ago

I want to be good at English.

I want more improve my English

Someday. I want to go to community school.

and to get a job. I can help to family.

I think. MCSA. ESL. class ~~is~~ Teacher is excellent.

Adult school is very important to me!!

Misa W Hiraoka

KYOKO SUGAYA

2020-A WILDER AVE
HONOLULU HAWAII 96822

DEAR SENATOR JILL TOKUDA

My name is Kyoko Sugaya

I came to the Hawaii on 1962 from Japan
Now, I have big family, and to communicate
with family, I need improve my English.

I have been this adult school since
Jan. 23 '12 I have learned very much

this is my appreciation and also
to have adult school is very important
for ~~the~~ people that living in the Hawaii
especially from foreign County

Sincerely

Kyoko Sugaya
KYOKO SUGAYA

Charlie Liu
755 Bullock Ave
Honolulu HI 96819
March 21, 2012

Dear senator Tokuda

My name is Joey i attend to Mckinley School for adults for 2 years, I am very satisfy with adult school because i improve my English well. My adult school gives me quality education in English And I would not like to move a different location, I like to learn English so i can a better job, My adult school is very important to me because the tuition here at Mckinley is very affordable.

Sincerely

Charlie Liu

Charlie Liu

Jima Soram

2202 Kalaiwa way 17D
Honolulu HI 96819

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda,

My name is Jima Soram, I'm from Chuuk
Micronesia. I came to Hawaii in June 20, 2012. I
attending adult school because I want to learn
how to read and write.

Adult school is very important to me
because it help me to improve my English.
because I want to help my family and I
want to get job and I want to go to
community school.

Remember adult school is very import
to me because it make me many way
to go to see doctor, go to store by my
self. so adult school gives me excellent part
education in English.

Sincerely,

Jima Soram

Jima Soram

Haijian He

1670 Kalakaua Ave. 1006# Kalakaua Sands.

Honolulu, HI 96826

Senator Jill Tokuda

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I'm a student of McKinley Community School for Adults. My name is Haijian. I came from China, I'm a new immigrant. Last year, my family moved to Hawaii. We lived here about a half year. My family includes three people, my wife, my son and me. My wife and I can't get a job until now, because our English is so bad. Nobody would like to employ us. We need an income to support our life and continue my son's education. My son is sixteen years old, he is a high school student. So we had to go to McKinley Community School for Adults to learn English in February this year. We study hard, and we made great progress in speaking English with the adult school teacher's help. We would

like to continue the education. It's important for us.

Because our future of our American dream is in here.

But, We are very sad when we hear that government wants to close all community schools for adults. We have no job, no income, and we can not pay more to go to college. I know ~~life~~ ^{right} live, and development right are human's basic rights. If we have good adults continuing education, we can do many things for the state of Hawaii, we have large value for sociality. If the adult school off. Our dreams will be gone, we will become the state's burden. So we ask that you support adult school. Please cancel the plan that closes adult school.

Thank you for acknowledging my letter.

God bless you.

Your lovely

Haijian

Haijian

Tel: 808-744-9254

e-mail: he-haijian@Yahoo.com

JENNY HUI HUA GUAN

1365 MAKIKI ST. HONOLULU. HI. 96822

MARCH 21, 2012

Dear Senator Tokuda:

My name is Jenny Guan, from China to Hawaii; 20 years. before I don't know English. Attending adult school learning English after. I get a job and after 5 years can be a American Citizenship. I'm very grateful government and adult school's all teacher.

Keep the ~~same~~ adult school is very important to immigrant. I need adult school very much. don't cut it.

Jenny Guan

MARCH 21, 2012.

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, HI

March 23, 2012

Re: Helping and Putting People to Work

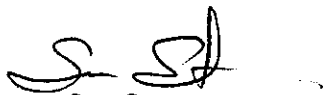
Dear Senator Tokuda:

I write in strong support for continued funding for community schools which not only help but are also critical in putting people to work.

I've been attending community schools for about 2 years and I've not only learned but it has given me confidence to do better and be more active in our community and helping others. I've also seen many class mates learn, mature and grow and are now working members of our community. Please don't close our community schools which are so important in providing pride and hope for a better life to so many.

Stopping community schools will be shutting down the hope and dreams for so many. Please come up with solutions to keep community schools open.

Sincerely,



Sun Stone
1288 Kapiolani Blvd. #2506
Honolulu, HI 96814

Myung-Soon Park
1433 Kewalo Street #304
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

3-21-12

To Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michel Kitani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education
Community School for Adults

Dear Senators;

Aloha, My name is Myung-Soon Park. I came to Hawaii from Korea 10 years ago. I have been learning English at Mckinley Adult School for the past 4 months. During this period, I enjoyed the school and learned lots of English. The school is very easy to get to and it's affordable.

Please keep our school in the DOE.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,



Myung-Soon Park

Wing Sheung Lam.

410A Liliha COURT LN

Honolulu Hawaii, 96817.

March 21, 2012

Dear: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair.

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair.

Education chairpersons.

State Capital:

My name is Wing Sheung, I am a student at McKinley Adults School I am studying English, I want to speak English well.

I would like to keep McKinley Adults school separate from the community colleges, I do not support Bill 2839.

I like M.C.S.A. because I feel the courses at the community college, will be too high leveled.

I hope you, do not separate McKinley Adults school to, the community colleges we enjoy our school, community and teachers, I wish for monies to be funded to McKinley Adults school for our education.

Wing Sheung Lam.

Wing Sheung Lam.

Student.

Hyosin Oh
1220 Alaastreet
HONOLULU HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda Se
Senator Mitchell Kidani

My name is Hyosin Oh. I am student at Mckinley for adult school. I am studying English, because I want speak English very well.

I don't want separate from the Mckinley adult school. We are very happy studying English and be healthy. So I have to learn English this school.

Please do not separate Mckinley Adult school to the community college. I enjoy our school and I can talked in English with my grand children. please accept study English at Mckinley Adult school.

Sincerely

Hyosin Oh

Hyosin Oh

Student

Mrs. ZHANG Hong

1828 A poki st.

Honolulu, Hawaii, H 196822

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Education chairperson

state capital

Dear: Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle Kidani:

My name is ZHANG Hong. I am Chinese. I am student at McKinley Community School for Adults.

I like MCSA so much because it helps me study English greatly. If MCSA closes I will be very sad. MCSA is important because it helps me live in Hawaii.

With great respect I express my gratitude to you and ask you to support funds so that Adult school can help more people like me.

ZHANG Hong

student

MABEL HSU

215 KUAKINI ST. 327

HONOLULU HI 96813

MARCH 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda Chair

Senator Miche Kidani Vice chair

Education Chairperson

State Capital

Dear:

Senator Jill Tokuda Chair

Senator Miche Kidani Vice Chair

1. My name is Mabel Hsu. I am a student at McKinly Adult school. I am studying English. I want speak English well.
2. I would like to keep McKinly Adult school separate senate Bill 2839. I like M. C. S. A. because I feel the courses at the community collage will be too high leveled.
3. Please do not separate McKinly Adult school to the community collages. We enjoy our school community and teachers. I wish for monies to be funded to McKinly Adult school for our education.

Mabel Hsu

Mabel Hsu

Student.

Ba hui Gau.

Sio Punehana ~~Student~~ ^{ST APT #} K.

Honolulu HI 96826.

March 21, 2012.

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair, senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair
Education chair persons.
State Capital.

Dear senator Jill Tokuda and
senator Michelle Kidani.

My name is Ba hui Gau. I am a student at McKinley
Adult school. I am studying English. I want to speak English well.
I would like to keep McKinley Adult school separate
from the community colleges. I don't support senate Bill
2839. I like MCSA because the school near my home and
so cheap I can pay.

Please I hope you do not separate McKinley Adult school
to the community colleges. We enjoy our school, community
and teachers. I wish for monies to be funded to
McKinley Adult school for our education.

Thank you

Ba hui Gau
Student

cheng, zhao yan

1001 Liliha ST # 307 Honolulu HI 96817

March 21 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda and senator Michelle Kidani:

Education chairpersons

state capital

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda and Senator Michelle Kidani:

My name is zhao yan cheng, I am a student at McKinley Adult school, I am studying English, I want to speak English well.

I would like to keep McKinley Adult school separate from the community colleges, I do not support senate Bill 2839. Adult school very important for myself, I like McKinley Adult school, because I feel the course at the community colleges will be too high level.

Please, support Adult school. We enjoy our school community and teachers, I wish for monies to be funded to McKinley Adult school for our needs.

zhao y cheng

student

NAME: TUYET DANH

ADDRESS: 1704 OLONA LAKE

CITY: HONOLULU, zip: HI code: 96817

DATE: MARCH 21, 2012

RECIPIENT: TITLE AND NAME: SENATOR JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR

SENATOR MICHELLE ICIDANI, VICE CHAIR

EDUCATION CHAIR PERSONS.

HAWAII, STATE CAPITAL.

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813.


SENATOR JILL TOKUDA and

SENATOR MICHELLE ICIDANI,

My name is TUYET DANH. I am student at McKinley Adult School. I am studying English. I want to speak English well.

I would like to keep McKinley Adult School separate from the community colleges. I do not support Senate Bill 2839. I like MCSA because, I feel the courses at the community college will be too high leveled.

please, I hope you do not separate McKinley Adult School to the community colleges. We enjoy our school, community and teachers. I wish for monies to be funded to McKinley Adult School for our education.

Signature: 

NAME: TUYET DANH

TITLE: Student

Recd

MACHIKO FEUERRING

1717 MOTT SMITH DR. #1505
HONOLULU HAWAII 96822

MARCH 21 2012

Senator JILL TOKUDA chair
Senator Michele Kidani Vice chair
Education chair Persons

Dear Senator JILL TOKUDA.
Dear Senator Michele Kidani.

My name is MACHIKO FEUERRING. I am a student at Makinley Adult School. I am studying English. I want to speak English well.

I would like to keep Makinley Adult school separate from the community class. I do not support senate Bill 2839. I like M.C.S.A. because I feel the courses at the Community College well so too high level.

Please I hope you do not separate Makinley Adult school to the community classes. We enjoy our school, community and teachers. I wish money to be fund to Makinley Adult school for our education.

Sincerely

Machiko Ferrering
MACHIKO FERRERING

Student

Kim Anh Nguyen
1323 Matlock Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96814

November 16, 2011

Senator David Ige
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL
Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

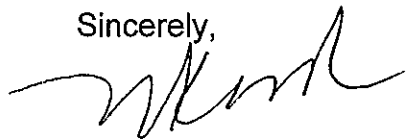
My name is Kim Anh Nguyen. I came to Hawaii from Vietnam five years ago. I have many goals in life and many obstacles, too. Ever since coming here, it was very difficult for me, and I needed help from several people.

I realize my big obstacle is with English. I decided to go to McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). Because I have two jobs, I am sometimes very tired after work, but I try to go to school because improving my English is very important to me. I have been able to get a better job, have more independence, get a driver's license, and have become a U.S. citizen in June, 2011. I also now have a U.S. passport, and I am very proud to be an American citizen.

I want to continue studying English at MCSA. This is very important for me to accomplish my goals. Please help us by keeping Community Schools open. There are many people who depend on the services that these schools provide to the new people of Hawaii.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Anh Nguyen', written in a cursive style.

Kim Anh Nguyen

Kevin Okazaki
98-500 Koauka Loop, 19D
Aiea, HI 96701
March 21, 2012

Office of the Governor
c/o Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill 2839

To Whom It May Concern at the Office of the Governor and Senator Jill Tokuda:

I am writing to you on behalf of my wife and the Adult Education School System in order that you **NOT** support Bill 2839 and also, in hopes that you will see that the Adult Education Schools of Hawaii are benefitting a wide range of our population. My wife is a South Korean National, who only speaks Korean and a little Japanese. She is currently enrolled as a student at the McKinley Community School for Adults.

I, on the other hand, was born and raised in Honolulu and am a 4th generation Japanese-American. I grew up hearing stories of how my great-grandparents and my two grandfathers had to give up their education to work, because helping family was more important and education was unaffordable. It was because of their hardships and hard work that their children, my parents, were able to receive high school and college education.

I, too, have been lucky enough to be able to graduate from our education system both at the Community College level and through the University of Hawaii at Manoa, in which I received two separate degrees. So I know very well of how education is important, as well as the type of education that our schools have to offer.

The benefit of living in Hawaii is that there is a multitude of nationalities and cultures living here. However, like most places, all are of differing economic statuses. Moving Adult Education Classes to the Community Colleges may increase revenue for the State system, but it will be taxing for many individuals and families, especially those of low-income. It will make life especially hard for those who can't work because they can't speak English or for those who did not graduate high school. Now, they will have to pay for tuition and college fees. Where will this money come from? Without the Adult Education Courses, these individuals will remain unemployed in our highly competitive job market. In this time of economic hardship, our communities should be supporting programs like the Adult Education Schools to help many more individuals get a fresh

The Office of the Governor c/o Senator Jill Tokuda
March 21, 2012
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start in their life here in Hawaii. In fact, we should not be looking toward moving the adult education schools, but looking at ways to improve them. America has adopted the concept of "no child left behind," when we should in fact adopt the concept of, "NO ONE left behind."

I know, as a lawmaker, it is very hard to make decisions and see things through other people's eyes. However, like my great-grandparents and my grandfathers, I am sure you may know of some individual that may not have had the opportunity of receiving a proper education. As a tax payer and a U.S. Citizen, I would like to see my money spent on proven programs and strategies that help individuals become part of our work force, and make something of their lives, rather than support programs which will not benefit the population and create more unemployment, like how I see the SB2839 doing in the near future, if it passes.

Thank you for your time and consideration, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Okazaki". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Kevin Okazaki

- HA JUNG HONG
- 1780 AMANA ST 606
MONONLALU HI 96814

3/22/12

In our current society today as well as the past, the English language has been a global language in which you would be able to find an educated person from any country and expect him to understand it. America has given countless opportunities to help people live the American dream, and the English language was one of them. Now, community schools were set up at the time our ancestors reached this country and they had the luxury to learn freely. Many schools without tuition are shutting down currently and are depriving people of education. If one is not financially stable enough to pay tuition so that he or she may learn, how can that person adapt in a new country sufficiently? Community schools should be kept open longer as to stop depriving people of their communication, job, as well as opportunities.

In moving to Hawaii, there was much hardship as with others. The youngest son in our family is six years old and the reason we moved to Hawaii was because of him. My youngest brother was run over by a car in 2010 and has been in the Intensive Care Unit for 2 months, almost near death. He was in the hospital for over a year and eventually developed legg-calves-perthes-disease. We wanted to run away from the horrible memories we had there and start another one in Hawaii. The problem then arises with the language barrier. Everywhere we went my parents were struggling to speak the language and give their message clearly. We go to the hospital always and yet without the only English speaker in the family, they couldn't go. Not all institutions have Korean translators, and most of the time they are not available.

Soon afterwards, my mother started working as a cashier using minimal talking. She wanted to speak but couldn't. This was the same situation for my father as well. This is why I recommended them to a community school. There was no way with the enormous hospital fees and the rent in Hawaii that we can afford to pay a thousand dollars a month to go to school. My parents both graduated from a well-known Korean university; however, the English language was not a necessity at their time. So, they have the skills to upgrade to a better job yet without knowing English fluently there was no way.

Furthermore, my parents, after going to the community school seemed much happier. They were able to get around without me for help. Although they still need translating, they were learning fast. The school they said was one of the most enjoyable because of the teachers and the friends they meet. Moreover, they can learn without financially burdening themselves. In learning for a year more they can apply for a better job and at last finally receive the stable life they needed.

In conclusion, the community school should stay open for the sake of my parents and many others who are looking for a stable life in Hawaii. If the school was to shut this year, then my parents will never be able to learn. They need teachers who are skilled enough to match their needs. My parents talk and joke about the school every night. They talk about how their future will be like and have planted for themselves high hopes. English is a necessity much like food and water here. Even going to a supermarket can become a hardship, since there will be times when something is wrong with your card and you might not understand, or you want the product knowledge of something but you couldn't get it. Do you understand what it feels like to stay in a foreign country and live with minimal knowledge of the language? I have and it was suffocating. Most people don't have the luxury to go to school and pay tuition. It's not that they are being lazy but like my parents, they might have spent their youth trying to give me everything I needed for a better future and English was one of their gifts. I am a student, and although I want to give back to my parents their gift, I'm not able to at the moment. Community schools give us hope and the knowledge we frantically need to survive here. I very much hope it can stay open or at least stay open long enough for others to learn.

Sincerely,



Semi Hong

Dear Senator Jill Takuda

I am a student at McKinley Community School for Adults. I ask you not to support SB2839, [Proposal to Move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community College].

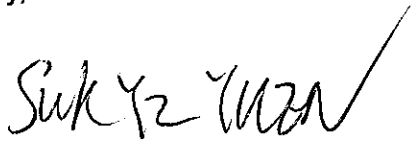
I came to MCSA because I cannot speak, write, and read English. This language barrier had prevented me from getting a job. However, after I studied in MCSA, I started to get involve in the community. I can communicate with others. I can read a few words in the newspaper. I can watch the TV shows.

Moving adult education to community college is a bad idea. First, community college is a well structured academic institution. The requirement for the completion of class is stricter compare to adult school. I might need a examination to get to the next level. With my limited fluency in English, having a passing grade in the examination is impossible for me. Thus, I will need to study in the same class for more than one time. Repeating the same level will prevent me from improving my English literacy. Second, the tuition in community college is more expensive than McKinley adult school. I have no job. With this expensive tuition, I cannot pay the tuition to study English. Third, the locations of the community college is too far. Most of us who study at McKinley Adult School do not know how to drive. Moving the adult education to community college is suggested us to not study English, and not being involved in the community college.

Adult Education in DOE has several benefits. First, it provided low cost of attendance to study. Currently, I only need to spend less than \$50 to study at the adult school. Second, the schedule of classes are very flexible to me. Thus, I can take care my family, while I am studying English. Third, the adult education program provided classes with a wide range levels. I can learn more from these classes. In addition to these benefits, the adult school also creates a atmosphere for people like me, who cannot speak English, but need to find a job to take care the family, to learn. In Community College, the atmosphere is different, everything must follow a schedule, regardless my understanding of the materials.

Thus, moving adult education from DOE to Community College is a bad idea, because it does not allow me to learn English, and does not allow me to find a job. On the other hand, adult education under DOE provides several benefits for me and the community. As a result, I ask you not to support SB2839, [Proposal to Move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community College].

Sincerely,



Suk Yi Yuen

833 N SCHOOL ST # 401
HONOLULA HI 96817

Qiong Zhen Yan

1448 Young St., # 1601

Honolulu, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senator Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Qiong Zhen Yan. I am an ESL student at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). I've attended MCSA for three years.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to improve my English so that I can help my children with their homework and I want to get a job. Also, I want to achieve U.S. citizenship.

Please do not close the Community Schools for Adults under the Department of Education because it will affect me and my family. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Qiong Zhen Yan

Qiong Zhen Yan

ESL3 student, MCSA

Machiko Kobayashi
~~435 Seaside Ave, #205~~
Honolulu, HI 96815

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Machiko Kobayashi. I am an ESL student
at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA).
I've attended MCSA for two years.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to improve
my English speaking skills to be able to communicate
with friends and people in my community.

Please do not close the Community School for Adults
under the DOE because it will affect me and my family.
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Machiko Kobayashi 小林甲子

Machiko Kobayashi
ESL 3 student, MCSA

Chul Woo Park
1403 MAKIKI ST. #704 HONOLULU, HI 96814
March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community for
Adults. Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Chul Woo Park. I am an ESL
student at McKinley Community School for Adults
(MCSA). I've attended MCSA for two years.
My purpose in coming to MCSA is to obtain
basic literacy and life skills essential
for functioning in U.S. Society.
Please do not close the community school
for adults under DOE because it will
affect me and my family.
Thank you for your time and attention to
this matter.

Sincerely,

~~Park~~

Chul Woo Park

ESL 3 Student, MCSA.

Young Sook Lee

1009 Kapiolani Blvd, unit # 311
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

March 21, 2012

senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community
School for Adults.

Dear senators Tokuda and Kidani!
My name is Young Sook Lee, I am an ESL student at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA), I've attended MCSA for two years. My purpose in coming to MCSA is to obtain basic literacy and life skills essential for functioning in U.S. society. Please do not close the Community School for Adults under the DOE because it will affect me and my family. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Young Sook Lee

Young Sook Lee

ESL 3 student, MCSA

Kanjana Sitomniun
1316 Piikoi St, # 1 B
Honolulu, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Kanjana. I am an ESL student at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). I've attended MCSA for four years.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to improve my English so that I can help my children with their homework.

Please do not close the Community School for Adults under the DOE because it will affect me and my family.

Thank you ^{for} your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

~~Kanjana Sitomniun~~
Kanjana Sitomniun
ESL 3 Student, MCSA

Nam Yol Imura
1074 Luna hooia Pl.
Honolulu, HI 96734

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Nam Yol Imura. I am an ESL student at McKinley Community School for Adults (MESA). I've attended MESA for four years. My purpose in coming to MESA is to improve my English skills to be able to find a job. Please do not close the Community School for Adults under the DOE because it will affect me and my family. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nam Yol Imura

Nam Yol Imura

ESL 3 student, MESA

Shen Li Rong
1644 Liliha St.
Honolulu, HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Li Rong Shen. I am an ESL student at McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA). I've attended MCSA for one year.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to improve my poor English, to find a job, and be able to communicate with others.

Please do not close the Community Schools for Adults under the DoB because it will affect me and a lot of people; we need to learn English to find jobs which will help us to have a better life; we need your help.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Shen Li Rong

Shen Li Rong

Chen Lin Chao Tsui

1288 Ala Moana Blvd, #13D

Honolulu, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Chen Lin Chao Tsui. I am an E.S.L student at McKinley School for Adults (MCSA) I've attended MCSA for four years.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to obtain basic literacy and life skills essential for functioning in U.S. society.

Please do not close the Community schools for Adults under the DOE because it will affect me and family.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Chen Lin Chao Tsui

CHEN LIN CHAO TSUI

ESL 3 student, MCSA

SUEKO MIYASHITA
1051 22nd AVE.
HONOLULU, HI 96816

March 21, 2012

senator Jill Tokuda, chair
senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community
school for Adults.

Dear: sena tors Jill Tokuda and Kidani :

My name is Sueko Miyashita.

I am an ESL student at McKinley Community
school for Adults (MCSA).

I've attended MCSA for two years.

My purpose in coming to MCSA is to

① Get a job, ② Enter Community college on training

please do not close the Community
schools for Adults under the DOE because
it will affect me and my family. Thank you

for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SUEKO MIYASHITA

ESL student. MCSA

Bing Huang
2167 Mahalo street, Honolulu Hawaii

March 3rd, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda chair
Senator Michelle Kidani vice chair
Committee of Education

Department of Education, Community school for Adults

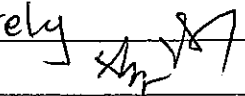
Dear Marm/sir:

I've been in Hawaii for three months, Now I'm a
student at McKinley Community School for Adults.

I think MCSA is very important for me to improve my English
quickly, So I can open business in the future. I believe

Adult education can help a lot of people to get a good job.

I ask for your support to keep MCSA school open for us.

Sincerely

Huang, Bing

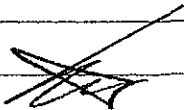
Aria Shiroma
5070 Likini St #PH110
Honolulu, HI 96818
3/21/2012

Sen Jill Tokuda, Chair, Sen Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee of Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

Dear - Ma'am / Sir

I came from South Korea to the United States about 11 years ago. I recently became a US citizen and one of the duties is to learn the national language. It helps raise my son and live here. I can't afford language classes at local University. Eventually, I would like work to support the United States of America by being a responsible citizen. I would like to see that McKinley Community School for Adults keeps its doors open so that immigrants like me can benefit from learning English.

sincerely,



Aria Shiroma

McKinley Community School for Adults

Kim Yoon Jeong

1630 Liholiho St.

Honolulu, HI. 96822

3/21/12

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

Senator Michelle Kidami, Vice chair

Senator Committee on Education

Hawaii Legislature

Dear Senators Tokuda, Kidami, and Committee Members

My name is Yoon Jeong-Kim. I am an English student at MCSA. The English class allowed me to improve my English skills, and helps me to communicate with my kids and other English speakers. Also I am able to help them with their homework. It gives me confidence to contribute to society in America.

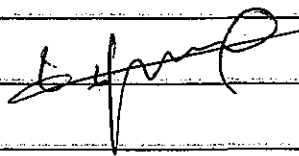
I heard that you are planning to parcel out different parts of the community education program to different departments. I think this is a bad idea, because

currently the community schools are doing a wonderful job providing adult education.

I think different departments will focus on their own interest. They will not provide ESL program for people who are new to America.

I'm closing I would greatly appreciate your support for the confirmation of all adult schools in Hawaii

Sincerely



Yoon Jeong Kim.

1441 Piikoi St. #509

Honolulu, HI 96822

March 22, 2012

Governor Abercrombie

Honolulu, HI

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

Please do not support SB 2839. McKinley Community School for Adults is an important part of this community. Students can afford to attend, and MCSA is in a good location. MCSA helps students learn needed English skills, and they learn in order to improve their education and to get better jobs.

Sincerely,

Veronica D. Vansant

MCKINLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

634 PEARSONA

HONOLULU, HI 96814

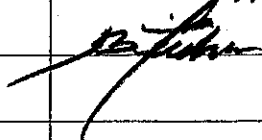
MARCH 22, 2012

Governor Abercrombie

Honolulu HI

Dear Governor Abercrombie, I'm Jason Bilihman
was attending McKinley Community School for
Adults, this school is really meaning full, hope
full for people like me in order to be educate,
good career this school is the first step for
us that already attend, so please do not
support SB 2839 Thank you!

Sincerely,

 Jason Bilihman

1301 Lusitana St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

March '22, 2012

Governor Abercrombie

Honolulu, HI

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

McKinley Community School for Adults has been a blessing for me. I want to get my diploma, I want to improve my English, and get a job, McKinley Community School for Adults is in a good location and it is affordable. I been attending this adult school for two years and its been really helping me. Please do not support SB 2839.

Sincerely;

Gary Cabacongan

430 Keoniana Street
Honolulu, HI 96815
March 22, 2012.

Governor Abercrombie
Honolulu, HI

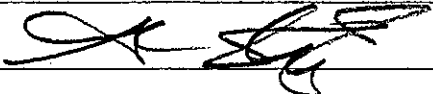
Dear Governor Abercrombie,

We need to keep McKinley Community School for Adults. Our community is peacefully mixed races and cultural harmony. Because our school is giving us a big chance to meet other's culture and people and we can talk only through English.

I think that this school is very important not for us, but also for our future, next generation.

Please keep the school as it is. And please do not support SB 2839

Sincerely,


Akira Shimmyo

Mckinley Community School for Adults,
634 pensacola
HONOLULU, HI 96814
March 22, 2012

Governor Abercrombie
HONOLULU, HI

Dear Governor AberCrombie,

My name is Min Rong Yan. I am a student of the Mckinley Community school for Adults. I come here to study English. Because I don't know English. I want to learn more English so I can get a good job and can communicate with the others. please donot support SB 2839.

Sincerely,
Min Rong Yan

DongFang Liang
35 N. Kukui Street, Apt. 1703
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
March 22, 2012.

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

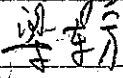
Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is DongFang Liang. I am from China.
I came to Hawaii about a year ago.

I live in Hawaii. I go shopping and to the supermarket.
I also see the doctor. So, I want to speak English.

Now, I am an ESL literacy student at McKinley
Community School for Adults. My school needs money.
Please help us. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



DongFang Liang
ESL Literacy Student.

C
Cuiping Huang
344 Puuhue Place, Apt. 2
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
March 23, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

C
Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Cuiping Huang. I am from China.
I came to Hawaii eight months ago.

I have a child in high school. I want to communicate
with his teacher. Also, I go shopping and to the supermarket.
So, I want to speak English.

Now I am an ESL literacy student at McKinley
Community School for Adults. My school needs money.
Please help us. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

C
Cuiping Huang
Cuiping Huang
ESL Literacy Student

Somsouk Promsawank

1616 Kewalo St., Apt. 504

Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

March 22, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

Senator Michell Kidani, vice chair

Committee on Education

Hawaii State Capitol

Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Somsouk I'm from Laos, I am a homemaker and a student.

I have two boys I come to Hawaii on

September 1, 2010. I study at McKinley Community School for Adults.

I need English. when I go to church and go shopping in daily life.

I also need English to help my children.

Please help and support the community schools. My school needs money. please help us.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Promsawank

Somsouk Promsawank, ESL Literacy student.

Wei jun Wang
303 Liliuokalani Ave., Apt. # 803
Honolulu, Hawaii 96851
March 22, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

My name is Wei jun Wang. I am from Beijing, China. I came to the United States forty years ago.

I don't speak English, I live in Hawaii, I have ~~no~~ ~~not~~ job, I need a job, so I need English. I need to live, so I need English. For example, I need English to ask, "Where is the bathroom?" At McKinley Community School for Adults, I can learn basic English. My school needs money. Please help us.

Thank you.

Wei jun Wang
Wei jun Wang

ESL literacy student.

Kyung Hee HWANG
1638 10th av.
Hon. HI 96816

03.21.12

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidami, Vice chair
Senator Committee, on Education,
Hawaii Legislature
Re: Request to not Support Sb2839


Dear Senators Tokuda, Kidami and Committee Members,

My name is Kyung Hee Hwang. I have been studying for 6 months at McKinley Community School which is very convenient an area from my house and good facilities for the students.

I am a citizen who has the duty to vote and serve on a jury, so I need to improve my literacy skills. I think that McKinley Adult Community School is suitable for me.

Please, I ask for your support for this school.

Thank you for reading my letter.
Sincerely,


Kyung Hee Hwang

Gui Hong Li
419A Atkinson Dr. Apt 305 Honolulu, HI
Honolulu, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

I am a student of McKinley Community Center for Adults. The adult center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am looking for a job to help support my family. One day, I would like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center. The teachers here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839.

Sincerely
Gui Hong Li
student.

Luz Nei

1655 Makaloa St. #415

Honolulu HI 96814

3/21/2012

Senator Jill Tokuda

Senator Committee on Education

Hawaii - State Legislative

My name is Luz Nei I heard that you are planning to parcel out different parts of the community school Adult Education program to different departments.

I attend the community school, because I need to learn more English. This is my second year at McKinley Community School for Adults. I learn how to speak, and write.

I think Bill SB 2839 is a bad idea. Currently MSCA is doing a wonderful job of providing adult education. I urge you to keep adult education in the community schools.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

In SOUVANNA vilavanh
1545 Kewalo st # E
Honolulu, HI 96822

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

I am a student at McKinley Community Center for Adults. The adult center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am looking for a job to help support my family. One day, I would like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center. The teachers here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839.

sincerely
SOUVANNA vilavanh
student

Mingyan DU
609 Nimitz Hwy # 2208
Honolulu, HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education School for Adults.

I am a student of McKinley Community Center for Adults. The Adult Center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am looking for a job to help support my family. One day, I would like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center. The teacher here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839.

Sincerely,
Mingyan DU.
Student.

Today is March 21, 2012

IN CHA CHUNG

1655 MAKALOA ST, APT. 1607

HONOLULU, HI 96814

senator Jill Tokuda, chair

senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair committee on Education

Department of Education, Community school for Adults

I am a student at Makinley community center for Adults.
The adult center helps me improve my quality of life.

I am learning how to read and communicate in English.

I am looking for a job to help support my family.

One day, I would like to read American stories
to my children.

I am very happy attending the adult center.
The teachers here are very helpful.

I do not support SB 2839

We really want to learn English, please
do not take this school away from us.

Thank you very much!

adults

WENYI MOHR
1031 NUUANU AVE #1604
HONOLULU HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair
COMMITTEE ON Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

I am a student at Mekinleg Community Center for Adults. The adult center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am looking for a job to help support my family one day. I would like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center, the teachers here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839.

Sincerely,
Wenyi Mohr
student

Wan Qu Yu
115 N Beretania ST Apt 912
Honolulu HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

I am a student at McKinley Community Center for Adults. The adult center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am looking for a job to help support my family. One day, I would like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center. The teachers here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839

Sincerely,
Wan Qu Yu
student

WANG YING,
35 N KUKUI STREET #1508
HONOLULU, HI 96817

March 21, 2012

Senator Jim Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

I am a student of McKinley Community Center for Adults. The adult center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am looking for a job to help support my family one day. I would like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center. The teachers here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839.

Sincerely,
Wang Ying
student

WANG Lei
35 N KUKUI ST. #1508
MONOLULU, HI. 96817.

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair,
Senator Michelle Kidoni, Vice Chair,
Committee on Education.

Department of Education, Community School for Adults.

I am a student at McKinley Community Center for Adults. The adult center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am looking for a job to help support my family one day. I would like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center. The teachers here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839

Sincerely,
Wang Lei,
Student.

NG. KONG WO
910 PUMEHANA ST APT D
HONOLULU, HI 96826-2620

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice chair
Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community school
for Adults.

I am a student at McKinley Community Center for Adults. The adult center helps me improve my quality of life. I am learning how to read and communicate in English. I am like to read American stories to my children. I am very happy attending the adult center. The teachers here are very helpful. I do not support SB 2839.

Sincerely,
Kong Wong
Student.

My name is Nguyen Suu Cong
address is 1638 Meyers street
Honolulu HI 96819

March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda

Senator Michelle Kidani vice chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community, School for
Adults

I am a student at McKinley Community
center for Adults. The adults center helps
me improve my quality of life. I am
learning how to read and communicate in
English. I am looking for a job to help
support my family one day. I would like
to read American stories to my children.

I am very happy attending the adult center

The teachers here are very helpful. I don't
support SB⁵ Senate bill
HR 1 House bill

Young Sook Lee
1009 Kapiolani Blvd unit # 3611
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community
School for Adults

Dear senators,

Aloha! My name is Young Sook Lee. I am writing to request that you Do Not take the Community schools from the DOE. I came to the United States from five years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for two years. How has the Community School helped you? My purpose in coming to MCSA is to obtain basic literacy and life skills essential for functioning in U.S. society. Our school is very easy to get to and it is affordable, please keep our school in the DOE. Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,

Young Sook Lee
Young Sook Lee

Chun Pun McCormick

91-1185 KAIKAI AVE APT 705

KAPOHEI HI 96707-2971

March 21 2012

TO: Senator, Jill Tokuda, chair.

Senator, Michelle Kidani, vice chair.

committee on Education.

Department of Education, community school for Adult

Dear senators,

Aloha!

My name is Chun McCormick. I am writing to request that you do not take the community school from the DDE.

I came to the United States from Korea fourteen years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for one year.

Now, I'm happy to study English. I can communicate with my husband. I am speaking English with friends from other countries.

I am learning English for a better chance to get a job.

Respectfully,

Chun McCormick

Sheung Leung

716 Lukepau Ave

I came from Hong Kong
Honolulu HI 96816

March 21, 2012

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair Senator Michelle Kidani,
Vice Chair Committee on Education

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Sheung Leung. I am writing to request that you do not take the community schools from the DOE. I came to the United States from nine years ago, I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for three years. Our school is very easy to get to and has very good teachers. My teacher Charlie works hard to teach me English, so that I can communicate with English speaking people and be able to be independence.

Please keep our school in the DOE.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,

S Leung
Sheung Leung

Shen Li Rong
1654 Liliha St.
Honolulu, HI 96817

March 21, 2012

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Li Rong Shen, I am writing to request that you do not take the Community Schools from the DOE. I came to the United States from China 3 years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for one year. My purpose in coming to MCSA is to improve my poor English, to find a job, and be able to communicate with others. We need the Community School for Adults because a lot of people in our community who need to learn English to find jobs which will help us to have a better life. Please keep our school in the DOE.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Shen Li Rong
Shen Li Rong

Soo Kyung Song
1430 Kewalo St #3
Honolulu HI 96822

March 21, 2012

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators.

Aloha! My name is Soo Kyung Song. I am writing to request that you DO NOT take the Community schools from the DOE.

I came to the United States from Korea 3 years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for 2 years.

I have speaking English very bad. I want get a job if I have English skills.

Our school is very easy to get to and it is affordable please keep our school in the DOE

Thank you for reading this letter

Respectfully,

Soo Kyung

Tie Jun Wang,

500 University Ave 935

Honolulu HI 96826

March 21, 2012.

To: Senator Jim Tokuda, chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Tie Jun Wang. I am writing to request that you do not take the community schools from the DOE.

I came to the United States from China 4 years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for 2 years.

I can communicate with my husband and other English speaking persons.

Our school is very easy to get to and it is affordable. Please keep our school in the DOE.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,

Tie Jun Wang

Anna NGUYEN

60 N Nimitz Hwy #208

Honolulu HI 96817

March 21, 2012

To Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School
Adults

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Anna NGUYEN. I am writing to request that you Do not take the Community Schools from the DOE.

I came to the United States from Viet Nam 10 years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adults school for 1 year. With English skills I can continue my education. Our school is very easy to get to and it is affordable.

please keep our school in the DOE

Thank you for reading this letter

Respectfully

Anna Nguyen

GUI QIN ZHANG

1717 Ala Wai Blvd Apt #2210

Honolulu Hawaii 96815

March 21, 2012

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Committee on Education.

Department of Education, Community school
For Adults.

Dear Senators.

Aloha! My name is Zhang, Gui Qin. I am writing
to request that you Do Not take the Community Schools
from the DOE.

I came to the United State from China, three
years ago. I have been Learning English at McKinley
Adult school for two years.

I have a better chance English speaking person. With
English skills I can continue my education. Our school
is very easy to get to and it is affordable.

Please keep our school in the DOE.

Thank you for reading letter.

Respectfull.

Soon Doo Lee
1717 Citron St # 403
Honolulu HI 96826

March 21, 2012

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani vice chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School
for Adults

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Soon Doo Lee, I am
writing to request that you Do NOT take
the community schools from the DOE
I came to the United States from Korea
10 years ago, I have been learning
English at McKinley Adult School for 2 years
our school is very easy to get to and it
is affordable

please keep our school in the DOE
Thank you for reading this letter
Respectfully,

Soon Doo Lee

Soon Doo Lee

Bei Han

1125 Young St

Honolulu, Hawaii, 96814

March 21, 2012

To Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Bei Han. I am writing to request that you Do Not take the Community schools from the DOE

I came to the United States from China ~~2~~ years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for 1 year. Before I can not speak ^{English} ~~more~~. I was so sad, I felt my life was no hope. But, right now I can speak more. I can talk to my teacher my classmates. I can go shopping, go to the bank. I'm so happy. I'm confident than before. I think if I have more English skill, I can get a better chance for a job and continue my education.

Please ~~keep~~ our school in the DOE

Thank you for reading this letter

Kim brown Trieu
737 paani ST #1
Honolulu, HI 96826

MARCH 21, 2012

To: Senator Jill Tokuda Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community
School for Adults

Dear Senators.

Aloha! My name is Kim brown Trieu.
I am writting to Request that you DO NOT
take the Community school from the
DOE

I came to the United States from Vietnam
27 years ago. I have been learning
English at Mc Kinley Adult School for
2 years.

I have a better change for a job
and speaking ^{do} persons when my English improves.
Please keep our school in the DOE
Thank you for reading this letter.
Respectfully,
Kim brown Trieu

Jude Davis
2948 Alphonse place
Honolulu, HI 96816
March 21, 2012

To: Senator Jill Takikawa, Chair
Senator Michelle King, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community
School for Adults.

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Jude Davis
I am writing to request that you do not
take the Community School from the DOE

I came to the United States from
Korea 6 months ago.

I have been learning English at McKinley
Adult School since I came. This school has
Also I can get the better job, I can speak English
with children, friends, other people.

I really want to go to the Community
Adult School.

Our school is very easy to understand
and affordable.

Yong Suk Hee.

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HONOLULU HAWAII 96814.

March 21, 2012.

To Senator Jill Tokuda, chair.

1 Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education,

Community School for Adults.

Dear Senators:

Aloha! My name is Yong Suk Hee.

I am writing to request that you

Do not take the Community Schools
from the DOE.

I came to the United States

from Korea two years ago.

I have been learning

English at McKinley Adult School for

one year.

Please keep our school in the DOE

Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,

YONG SUK HEE.

Yong Suk Hee

Park Young Soon

1111 WILSON AVE. # 4A

HONOLULU, HAWAII

96822

March 21, 2012

To Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Education

Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators,

Aloha, My name is Park Young Soon I am writing to request that you do not take the community schools from the DOE

I came to the United States from Korea two years ago I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for two years,

our school is very easy to ^{get to} and it is affordable

Please keep our school in the DOE

Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,

Park Young Soon

~~Park Young Soon~~

My name: Jinhua Cui. Cui, Jinhua

My address: 1545 Kalakaua AVE # 711 Honolulu HI 9682

Today date: 3/21/12. MARCH 21, 2012.

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, chair

Senator Michelle Kidani, vice chair

Committee on Education.

Department of Education, Community school for Adults

Dear Senators.

Aloha! My name is Cui, Jinhua. I am writing to request that you do not take to Community schools from the DOE. I came to the United States from 12 years ago. I have been learning English at McKinley Adult School for 3 years. How has the Community school helped you?

1. I can communicate with spouse, children and other English speaking persons

2. I have a better chance for a job if I have English skills.

3. With English skills I can continue my ^{education} education.

Our school is very easy to get to and it is affordable.

Please keep our school in the DOE

Thank you for reading this letter.

Respectfully,

Jinhua Cui

Cui, Jinhua

PHUNG PHi VO
770 Wili Wili St #2
HI - ZP 96826

- March 21, 2012

To Senata, Jill Tokuda, chair
Michell Kidani, Vice chair
Committee on Education
Department of Education, Community School for Adults

Dear Senators

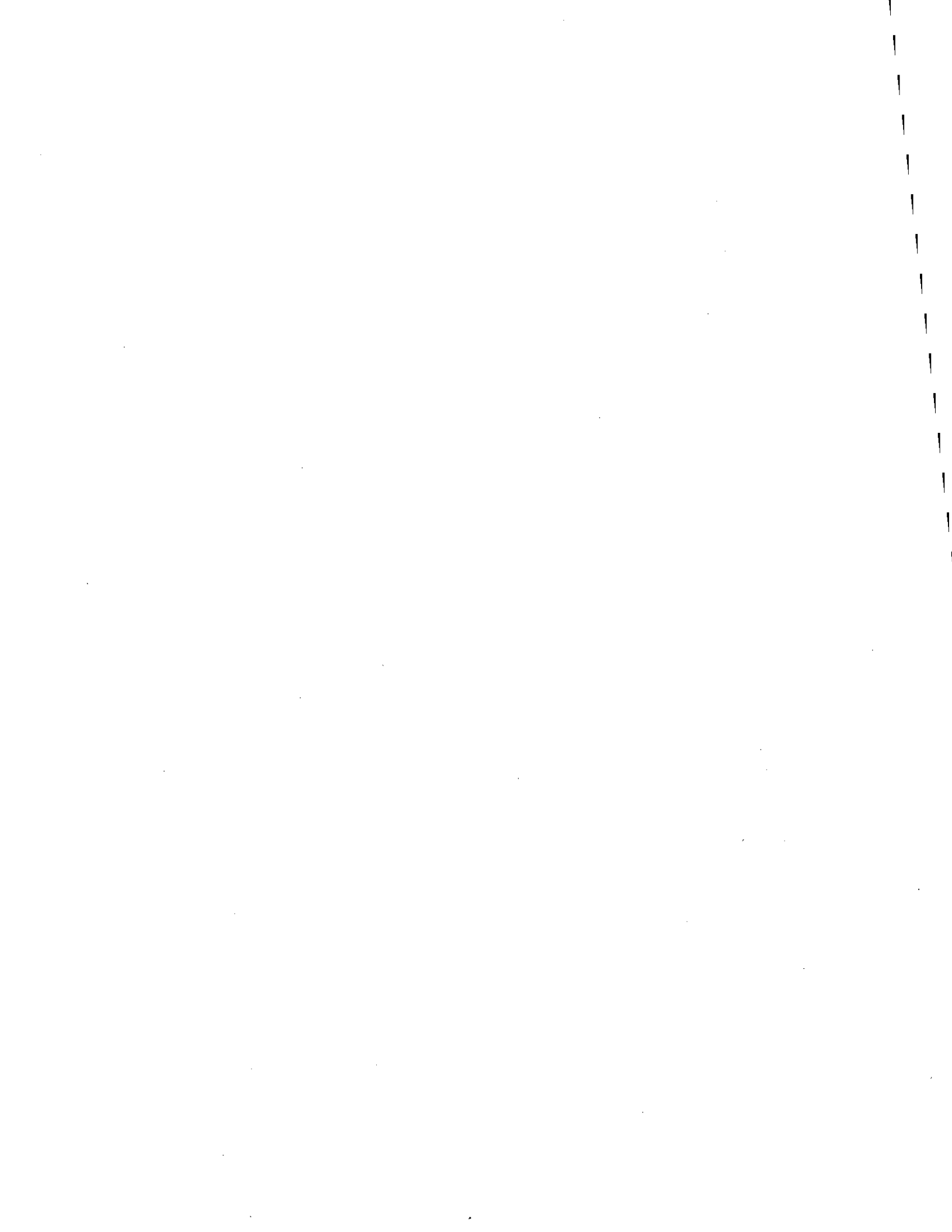
Aloha! My name is PHUNG VO. I am writing to request that you Do Not take the community schools from the DOE.

I came to the United States from Viet Nam five years ago. I have been learning English at Mc Kinley Adult School for two years.

I like MCSA because I can learn how to speak English with neighbors. I can communicate with doctor and other people in my community. I want to look for a job - I can apply ^{for} a driver's license. I can pass the test to become a citizen of the United States.

Please give me a chance Do Not take the community schools from the DOE. Thank you

Respectfully,
Phung Phi Vo



Name : Thuy HIGA

Address : 930 KAHEKA ST # 2903, Honolulu, HI 96814

Date : 3 / 22 / 12

Dear Senator JILL JOKUDA,

I attend McKinley Community School for Adults. Please help to keep my school open. Because I want to learn English. In the future I can teach my children. And I can find the job. Please don't close my school.

I don't want to go to Community College because it's too far from my house, and too expensive I can't pay and I can't take the bus for night classes. It's very dangerous for me at night.

Thank you

Thuy HIGA

175. N HOTEL ST APT 317 HONOLULU HI 9681

Dear senator JILL TOKUDA.

I am a student at McKinley Community school for adults, I ask you not to support

SB 2839 (proposal to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community colleges).

I come to MESA because I want to go see doctor, I can teach my children and I can find the job, my English is very poor, please don't close my school because this school is for lower cost, and has many levels, and has night class.

I am can not go to other school because I think it is too far, I must get the bus, the classes may be too hard.

I have not English in China, I can't go to community college. Because my house too far, and take the bus 2 hour.

name: JUAN QING CAO

3/22/2012

name: Shuguang Gao

1050 Smith St D Honolulu HI 96817

3/21/2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda:

I am a student at McKinley Community School for Adults. I ask you not to support ~~the Adults~~ SB 2829 (proposal to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community Colleges). I come to MCSA because I want have a good job and live good. MCSA is open any time, day and night. open all. when I have time between work, I come the school. Here the cost is lower and has flexible schedule and wide range of levels. They offer services that help in getting a job, fairs and computer literacy. All students have similar interests and join in community ~~service~~ service and help each integrate into community.

381 Lunalilo Home Rd. Honolulu HI 96825

03/22/2012

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda.

I am a student at McKinley Community School for Adults, I ask you not to support SB 2839 (Proposal to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community Colleges). I come to MCSA because I want to get a job and my English is poor. Adult Ed is good because have wide range of levels, flexible schedule, also learning will help me with daily tasks like going to the bank, see doctor and shopping, so Adult school is good, community college not good because in community college the atmosphere is different everything must follow a schedule, too far, so community college is not good.

Sincerely,

KYLIZ HUANG
KYLIZ HUANG

Dear Senator Jill Fukuda

My name is Sok ki kim
604 Kaumakani street
Honolulu, HI 96825

I am a Students at McKinley Community
School for Adults.

I hereby politely request you support
thankful.

I came to United States for I have a
dreams to learn English and found better
a jobs than support happy to my family.

We're really need for our teachers and
students to testify on the importance
of keeping our McKinley Community School
for Adults Please help us.

You can include to tuition fee but
we can't Education to a Community
College because we can't afford it is
too expensive. Please I am sincerely
hope your can support our
M.C.S.A.

Thank you very much for your
times and attention to this
matter.

Mahalo again.

Sincerely,

Sok Ki Kim
Sok Ki Kim

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda.

I am Mayumi Kawamata. I am live in
1784 Ala Moana Blvd. Apt #51 Honolulu HI.

I am a student at McKinley Community
School for Adults. I come to MCSA because
it's lower cost and wide range of levels.
community college not good for me.
it's very difficult and too expensive.
I choose Adult Education to improve my English
because I want to have more communication
in my life.

Please don't move Adult Education to
a community college!!!

Thank you for taking the time to
read my letter.

Sincerely

Mayumi Kawamata.

03/21/2012.

Dear Senator Tokuda,

- My name is Hye SUK Whittington.

I am from Korea and I am attending

adult education classes at McKinley

School. I want very much to continue

learning English so I will be able to

get a job. I do hope the governor

will make my future education

possible. I would be happy to make

this request in person to the

governor or anyone else who will listen to me.

Sincerely,

Hye SUK Whittington

818 South King Street apt #1403

Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie

I'm a student at McKinley Community School for Adults. I ask you not to support SD2839 (proposal to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community Colleges).

I come to MESA because I live in America all my life. I need learn this language. Now I'm learning at this school, I feel nice. This school is very nice. Why Adult Ed is good:

1. lower cost
2. flexible schedule
3. offer services that help in getting a job - fairs, computer literacy.
4. All students have similar interests and join in community service. help each other integrate into community
5. wide range of levels

Community College not good

too hard

too expensive

too far
schedule

Sincerely

Gai Hong Li

49A Atkinson Dr. Apt 305 Honolulu, HI 96814

March 21, 2012

Dear Governor Abercrombie

3-22-2012

How are you? my name is In chachung
I have Four grandchildren.

They bring Homework Home I need teacher
them But I don't know English.

My son My daughter Law work.

please I need English Do not close
My school MCSA School

Thank very much

Before you close think you and me
not only me 400 ~~300~~ 300 hundred students

(Signature)

date: 3/21/2012

Dear Hawaii State Representatives

We are students at Mickinley Community School for Adults. We ask you not to support SB 2839 (proposal to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community colleges.) We come to MSCA because we need a job to improve our quality of life. But we don't know English, we can't communicate with American. So we need to learn English very much. The Adult Education is very good, it gives opportunity to improve our English. The Adult Education's fee is lower cost. It offer services that help in getting a good job-fairs. They have job computer classes. They have many levels and different class times. Students have the same interests and we do community service. If we learn English at ELS, we can communicate with my children and educate them more easily. When my children grow up, if he has any problem we can help him. But the community college is not good. We think the fee is too expensive. And it's too hard. We don't understand because they speak too quickly. It is very far. It's very tight in class period if we have a job to have, no way to do to change.

Sincerely

Mingyan DU

Leif's Guan Mohr

609 Nimitz Hwy #2208

Honolulu HI 96817

Dear Hawaii State Representatives

We are student at mckinley community school for Adults
I ask you not to support SB 2839 (Proposal to move Adult Education from the DDB to the Community Colleges) We come to MCSA because we can help my children or grandchildren with their homework. Since we come to the U.S, we need to learn English, so we can learn the American cultural. This school is for the foreigners. If the government going to close this kind of school, it's so asham. If this type of school is going to close down then alot people don't know how to speak English. Why Adult Ed is good: 1. lower cost 2. flexible schedule. 3 Wide range of levels, 4 Offer services that help in getting a job - fairs, computer literacy. 5. All students have similar interests and join in community service. help each other integrate into community. Community College not good Some have gone to community college and too hard. too much money One hour on bus.

Sincerely,

Shuai Wang

85-685 Waianae Valley, rd.

Waianae, HI 96792

Xiu ming Wang

94-1027 Pulelo St,

Waipahu, HI 96797

To: Dear State Representatives
and Governor Abercrombie

I need to study English.

I want to speak English.

I need this school!!

Minako Takeda

747 Amana st 1217

Honolulu 96814

3/21/2012

Pinnapha Sila

53-2164 Kam Hwy

Hawula, Hawaii 96717

March 21, 2012

Student at McKinley Adult School

Dear State Representatives and Governor Abercrombie

My name is Pinnapha Sila, student at McKinley Adult School, (English as Second Language). I come from Thailand recently to join my father who is Labor Trafficking, presently on T1 visa status. I am 19 years old (too old for High School) I don't have any English Language background. During six weeks in the classroom I feel that I have learned a lot and hopefully to continue this program until I can get my GED diploma so that I can continue for higher education. Unfortunately, I learned from our teacher that this funding will be discontinued.

I am writing you this letter is to beg you to consider to continue the program which means also giving us the opportunity to learn our basic English to survive in our new society and also you will be investing in us which we all going to become future good US citizen.

Respectfully yours,

Pinnapha Sila

Thai Student at McKinley High School / Adult School Program

Dear Major ~ ~

I have 4 four grandchildren.
You have been supporting for Community
Thank you for being help adult
student.

I Came from Korea
I really need to learn E.S.L English
I can teach my grandchildren and
take care of them.

Please, help adult school.
Thank you for your consideration
and helping.
Thank you again.

22 march 2002

Sincerely,

Chun Won

Chun Won

Dear senator Jill Tokuda

We are students at McKinley Community School for Adult, I ask you not to support SB 2839 (proposal to move Adult Education from the DOE to the Community Colleges) I came to MCSA because I can talk with other people, also learning with help me with daily tasks like going to the bank post-office, see doctor and shopping, so MCSA Adult school is very good.
Community College not good

Xiang fu

1245 Maunakea St #1003 Hono HI 96817

Xie Qiang Kong

2716 Poelua Holulu Hawaii 96922

ADDRESS: 2640 DOLE ST. A-113
HONOLULU HI. 96822

DATE

Dear: Senator TILL TOKUDA.

I am a student at McKinley Community School For
Adults I ask you not to support SB 2839

My name is LOUADALUPE HERNANDEZ H. I am from Mexico
proposal to move is for no close the school
need the school for learn more

I come to MCSA because:

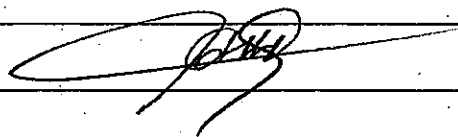
I like learn English is one tool for job for can talk with
other people and forme

because it is lower cost and flexible schedule the wide range
of levels offer services that help in getting a job
fairs, computer literacy all students have similar interests
and join in community service

I come to US.

When come to the United States

I don't speak English is hard don't can speak
English I come to the McKinley Community School For
Adults for learn English and the school me to
helping a lot for learn more



Dear Senator Jill Tokuda

1053 B Wilder Ave

Hon. HI 96822

My name is Linda Chong

I am a MESA student

I hope to continue school I have to
learn English because My husband
doen't English I help his business

and when I go to the hospital, bank
every where I need to communication
read and write please help keep
a dult school open.

Sincerely Thank you

Linda Chong

Vera Batarshina
3151 Monsarrat Ave #1020
Honolulu, HI 96815

Antonida Dubinina
1920 AIA Moama Blvd
Honolulu, HI 96815
21 March 2012

Dear senator Jill Tokuda:

We are the Russian students at
Mekinley Community School for Adults.

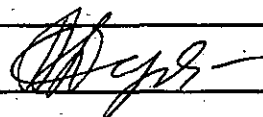
We ask you not support SB 2839
(proposes to move Adult Education from
the DOE to the Colleges) for the following
reasons:

- a college program is very difficult
for us;
- a payment is too expensive;
- a location of a college is too far
from our houses.

Our purpose in coming to Mekinley
Community School for Adults is to:

- feel comfortable in stores, hospitals,
banks, buses;
- to be more confident to speak
with American people;
- we can get a job in the future and pay tax.
- survive in the USA

Sincerely



Batarshina

**State of Hawaii Department Of Education Community School for Adults
March 20, 2012**

Oppose for S.C.R 132, Relating to Adult Community Education

Dear Representatives and Senators,

I am writing to ask you to oppose S.C.R 132 Relating to Adult Community Education.

McKinley Community School for Adults (MCSA) has provided services for thousands of low income families, students who drop out of high school, and immigrants.

MCSA has made it possible for my dreams to come true: I went from being an immigrant from the Philippines to a productive American citizen, I obtained my high school diploma and am now working as a clerk at McKinley Community School. The experiences I gained at MCSA have given me confidence to go on to other goals. I went on to enroll in a pharmacy technician training in program and am currently working as a certified pharmacy technician at Tripler Army Medical Center. Also, I am currently enrolled at Honolulu Community College taking Liberal Arts classes. In the future, I will earn my bachelor degree as a registered nurse. McKinley Community School for Adult is definitely a great place to study and pursue a career. The downtown location is a real convenience for me; it is close to home, which saves on transportation costs. While I understand the State is facing a reduction in revenues, access to the community schools is crucial to the people who struggle to make ends meet. As a resident in the state of "Aloha" I believe we, in Hawaii, can afford to continue to serve basic human needs.

I urge you to oppose this resolution.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maria Cristina Hurley

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 4:45 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Cc: Katongkunakon@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR132 on 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Saengkaeo Ng
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Katongkunakon@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Senator Jill Toluca
Senator Michelle
Committee on Education
Department of Education
Community School for Adults

Dear Senators,

I am writing to ask for you Support for Adults Education to remain in the Department of Education I ask that you NOT SUPPORT SB 2839 this Provides a valuable asset to the Community with America Being a Nation of immigrants and the need to be Able to integrate them and the value of their being in to this great Society of ours is imperative

Aloha and Mahalo

Saengkaeo Ng

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: roxana smith
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rshsmi@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/20/2012

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: asako
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sanjaphawaii@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

I'd like to study English to get better job. Also, I'd like to make good relationships with my neighbors. The program is also affordable.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: xiu ming wang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: xiumingwang2010@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

I go to school to learn to speak English. I want to find a job, to read a book and newspaper and to understand TV.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: xi mei liang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: 304326794@qq.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

The Adult Education program is important to me because I need to learn to speak English so I can find a good job.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: suxian cai
Organization: Individual
E-mail: susancai1986@qq.com
Submitted on: 3/21/2012

Comments:

Dear Senators,
I am writing to ask for your support for Adult Education to remain in the Department of Education. I ask that you NOT SUPPORT SB 2839

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: young mi kawabata
Organization: Individual
E-mail: naisas2k@yahoo.co.kr
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Dear Senators,
I'm writing to ask for your support for Adult Education to remain in the department of Education. But I need school And then i need job I want to learn more the English Pleas keep the Adult school.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Kyung
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mami0721.1114@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Please don't close Mckinley Community School for Adults,(M.C.S.A) We need English very much.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Emi Yokota
Organization: Individual

E-mail: sweet_ojyoko@yahoo.co.jp
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Please don't close McKinly Community School for Adult(MCSA).
We really need English school very much.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position:
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Asami Yokota
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sweet.ojyoko.chiika@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Please don't close McKinly Community School for Adult(MCSA). We really need
English school very much.

Testimony for EDU 3/23/2012 1:15:00 PM SCR132

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: H
Organization: Individual
E-mail: h.testimony@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/22/2012

Comments:

Keep the Adult Education under the Department of Education and make sure it has
appropriate funding since it is accomplishing its task. No need to form a working
group that will waste valuable resources.