

S.C.R. No. 79

Requesting the Board of Education and Department of Education to Collaborate with Parent Organizations to Establish, Implement, and Monitor Statewide Policies for Family Engagement in Hawaii's Public Schools.

Education Committee

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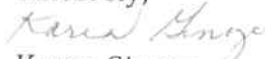
Senator Tokuda and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on S.C.R. 79, Family Engagement. This resolution will help to improve family engagement in Hawaii's schools.

FACE has spent the last seven months working with parents in the Farrington Complex. These parents have organized a group called, "United Friends and Parents for Education." They have identified communication with their schools as a priority. We are happy that a few school principals have worked with us to identify and support parents who have attended our training sessions. One of the goals of United Friends and Parents for Education is to establish quarterly meetings with the Complex Area Superintendent and school principals. We are working to set up a meeting of the parents with the CAS and have not been successful. We hope that this resolution will establish a DOE procedure to ensure more family engagement in the future. Family engagement will help to bring schools, families, and community together to improve education for all students.

Thank for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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