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February 22, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1317 - RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE**

Hearing: Friday, February 22, 2013; 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1317 is to appropriate funds to support programs that encourage the use of the Hawaiian language and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language in prekindergarten-aged children.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) acknowledges the efforts of the Legislature to seek measures to promote the use and fluency of the Hawaiian language in young children. The DHS supports the intent of this bill, provided it does not adversely impact nor replace the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget. .

The Department currently supports existing programs that promote and encourage the use of the Hawaiian language for prekindergarten-aged children. For both the Department's Preschool Open Doors (POD) and Child Care Connection Hawaii (CCCH) subsidy programs, parents are able to choose their provider. For the POD

program, there are Hawaiian language preschools that choose to be licensed by the Department, even though according to section 346-152 (a)(4) such programs are exempt from licensure. These programs opt for licensure in order to be an eligible participating provider in the POD program. For the CCCH program, parents may choose a license-exempt provider or a licensed provider. There are children receiving CCCH subsidies who are attending a Hawaiian language program.

The Department notes that some of the Hawaiian language program preschools have difficulty finding staff who could meet the DHS licensing educational requirements. The staff employed at these programs are waived from meeting DHS licensing educational requirements per section 346-152(b), since the focus of the program is to promote Hawaiian language immersion and the programs must employ staff who are fluent in Hawaiian.

Additionally, there is federal Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) monies provided to Keiki O Ka Aina (KOKA) via Tribal CCDF funds. The families accessing funds from KOKA would be of Hawaiian descent and may choose to use Hawaiian language programs. The families receiving KOKA subsidies cannot duplicate services with the CCCH subsidies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

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Date: 02/22/2013

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1317 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds to support programs that encourage the use of the Hawaiian language by and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language in prekindergarten-aged children.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports HB 1317 that encourages the use of the Hawaiian language by and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language in prekindergarten-aged children.

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Lumi hālāwai (Meeting Room) Conference Room 308
Kōmike (Committee) House Committee on Finance

Pila (Bill) HB1317: RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE.
Kumu (Purpose): Appropriates funds to support programs that encourage the use of the Hawaiian language by and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language in prekindergarten-aged children.

Mana'o (Position): **KĀKO'O (SUPPORT)**

Aloha e ka Lunaho'omalu 'o Sylvia Luke a me ka Hope Lunaho'omalu 'o Scott Nishimoto a me nā lālā o ke Kōmike Luna Maka'ainana 'o Finance

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke and Vice-Chair Scott Nishimoto and members of the House Committee on Finance,

'O au 'o 'Ekekela Aiona, ka Luna Ho'okele o ka 'Aha Pūnana Leo.
My name is 'Ekekela Aiona, Executive Director, 'Aha Pūnana Leo.

Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to testify in support this bill.

The 'Aha Pūnana Leo is the only statewide provider of early education care through the medium of Hawaiian and is connected to a P-20 Hawaiian Medium Education system. This year marks the 30th anniversary of our organization. Our preschools serve over 250 keiki per year in our 11 sites throughout the state. We have seen the number of Hawaiian language speakers grow over the years and this bill will promote the use and fluency of Hawaiian. It will provide the DOE and DHS with the resources needed to support infant/toddler and preschoolers based solely on the promotion of fluency in Hawaiian. It is an investment in our future to support these keiki and their 'ohana that are committed to seeing our state flourish as a truly bilingual state with two official languages.

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James Gonzales	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Alohalani Ho	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Ikaika Kualii	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Kaimana Cabebe	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Oralani Koa	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Ui Kuhaulua	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Kaipo Martinez-Soares	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Kala e Johnson	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Malanae Kanae-Mokihau	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Nanea Sai-Alvarez	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Nawahine Aiona	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Waialoha Kaauwai	Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.	Support	No

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Tiana Pinho		Support	No

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Kēhau Wehsig	Individual	Support	No

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Naupaka Joaquin	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Shirai	Individual	Support	No

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Emmalani Makepa-Foley	Individual	Support	No

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Kainani Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

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Lenneth Pavao	Individual	Support	No

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Tina-Marie Abalos	Individual	Support	No

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Glenn Abalos	Individual	Support	No

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Karl Medeiros	Individual	Support	No

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Shyai Castillo	Individual	Support	No

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Joseph Kanuha	Individual	Support	No

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Kehau Shintani	Individual	Support	No

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Benton Pang	Individual	Support	No

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Kauanoehawaii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill as a necessary means to further the success of Hawaiian language Pūnana Leo education and Hawaiian immersion/medium education P-20. We have 2 official languages: English and Hawaiian for all of Hawai'i's people. Equity for two language systems in the state.

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Alexander McNicoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. According to our kūpuna: "I ka ʻōlelo nō ke ola; i ka ʻōlelo nō ka make." In language there is life; in language there is death. (Words can heal; words can destroy.) A contemporary translation for this proverb is, in the Hawaiian language we find the life of our people and culture; without it (the Hawaiian language) we shall perish as a people and culture. This bill will help to ensure that the latter does not happen. Mahalo nui for your consideration of this very important bill.

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Janice Buelmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the intent of this bill to provide funding for families who are saving our endangered Hawaiian language.

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Denny Dement	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because it will help to preserve the Hawaiian language.

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Pualani Cantan	Individual	Support	No

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L. Ka iunalu Barrett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: E Ola ka Ōlelo Hawai i!

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