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## KULA KAIAPUNI HAWAI'I 'O KAHUKU ACADEMY

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IĀ: Honorable Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chairperson  
and Committee Members

MAIĀ: Ka'umealani Walk, Kumu

KA PAPAĀHANA: Legislative Testimony HB224 HD2 - **KĀKO'O**

KA LĀ: Pepeluali 25, 2013

Aloha Kākou!

He leka **KĀKO'O** loa kēia i ka pila HB224 HD2, ka palapala e ho'okuleana i ka 'Oihana Ho'ona'auao e ho'okumu me ke kaiāulu 'Ōlelo Hawai'i i nā hō'ike kūpono no nā haumāna kaiapuni ma nā papa 'ekolu a hiki i ka papa 'eono.

I adamantly **SUPPORT with Amendment** House Bill 224 HD2 that requires the Department of Education to partner with the Hawaiian language community to develop assessments originally in the Hawaiian language to be administered to Hawaiian Language Immersion Program students in the third through sixth grades.

### **Amendment**

I request that the committee amend HB224 HD2 to delete the references to Common Core Standards (Common Core) and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) on page 5, lines 6-8. In the future, should the DOE choose to replace the Common Core and SBAC with another statewide content standard or assessment, this bill's specific reference to it would make it difficult to transition to the new content standard or assessment. Removing these references will provide the DOE with the administrative flexibility to determine the most appropriate standards and assessment for the Hawaiian Language Immersion program.

Please **PASS** House Bill 224 HD2 **with the amendment** mentioned above!

Mahalo!

House Committee on Finance

To: Honorable Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair

From: Kullulani Ahloy

Re: HB 224 HD2

Hearing: 2/25/13, 1:30, 308

Position: Support

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I am a student at Kula Kaiapuni Hawai'i lo Kahuku Academy, I Strongly support the House Bill 224 HD2 because I believe that their should be fair testing for the Hawaiian Immersion students, one that they can understand. Giving an English test to Hawaiian speaking, writing, and talking students will just confuse them, they won't be able to understand it. Just like the translated test it was inaccurate. So by passing this bill to create a test for immersion students it will help with better grades and they'll understand it a lot more. I strongly urge the committee to pass this bill.