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## KULA KAIAPUNI HAWAI'I 'O KAHUKU ACADEMY

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and Committee Members

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

KA LĀ: Pepeluali 25, 2013

Aloha Kākou!

He leka **KĀKO'O** 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 **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 believe that the committee should amend HB224 HD2, deleting the references to Common Core Standards (Common Core) and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) on page 5, lines 6-8. In the future, in the event that the DOE chooses 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** listed above!

Mahalo!