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TESTIMONY OF KIRK CALDWELL, MAYOR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
BEFORE THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Monday, March 25, 2013, 9:10 a.m., Conference Room 211

**HOUSE Bill 865 HD1 SD1, "RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT"**  
**Position: Support**

To: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

The City & County of Honolulu supports the concept of House Bill 865 HD1 SD1, "Relating to Public School Redevelopment", which proposes to establish a three-year pilot program to generate revenue through the lease of public school lands for public purposes.

This bill will allow for a unique opportunity for public-private partnerships as a means to repair and construct our public schools to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. This in turn will help prepare our students to succeed in our competitive global economy.

The City & County of Honolulu respectfully submits that the Counties be allowed to consult on any proposed development on public school lands as many of the public school sites are owned by the Counties. Also, measures should be taken to ensure that any proposed development on public school lands are in line with the surrounding land use and zoning regulations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this bill. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 768-4141.

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Senate Committee Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair



March 25, 2013

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support of HB865 HD1 SD1 with suggested amendments.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition has been following the issue of our aging facilities and the need to find creative solutions to finance and rebuild our schools. The Coalition has hosted several speakers discussing 21<sup>st</sup> Century School design, mainland efforts to address school facilities, and local organizations working to find creative options. We are very pleased to see the legislature support the concept of using underutilized school lands to fund new school construction statewide.

We would ask that the Committee consider our recommendation as the bill moves forward. The Coalition prefers the language in HB865 HD1, which designates the Board of Education and the Department of Education as the governance agencies, and also specifies that a community engagement process will be included.

On page 11, line 19 of HB865 HD1, it states:

§302A- Rules; community engagement. The department shall adopt rules for the public school redevelopment district, pursuant to chapter 91, and shall integrate a community engagement process in its redevelopment activities under this subpart.

We support this language as it is consistent with our previous testimony, recommending that school and community engagement (parent/ohana groups, teachers, principals, business and community members of impacted area) be a required component of the project.

We would be glad to work with the legislature, department, board of education, the lieutenant governor, and any other appropriate agencies to make this effort successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership. While the majority of the Coalition members supported this bill, Parents for Public Schools could not come to a consensus to support this position.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura  
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

Academy 21

After-School All-Stars Hawaii

Alliance for Place Based Learning

\*Castle Complex Community Council

Center for Civic Education

Coalition for Children with Special Needs

\*DOE Windward District

\*Faith Action for Community Equity

Fresh Leadership LLC

Girl Scouts Hawaii

\*Good Beginnings Alliance

Harold K.L. Castle Foundation

\*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars

\*Hawai'i Charter School Network

\*Hawai'i Education Matters

\*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

\*Hawaii State PTSA

Hawai'i State Student Council

Hawai'i State Teachers Association

Hawai'i P-20

Hawai'i 3Rs

Head Start Collaboration Office

It's All About Kids

\*INPEACE

Joint Venture Education Forum

Kamehameha Schools

\*Kanu Hawai'i

Kupu A'e

\*Leaders for the Next Generation

McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

\*Our Public School

\*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

\*Parents and Children Together

\*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

Punahou School PUEO Program

Teach for America

The Learning Coalition

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Senate Committee Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair

**HB 865, HD1,SD1: Relating to Public School Redevelopment**

Testimony of  
Jeanne Schultz Afuvai  
Executive Vice President

Monday, March 25, 2013 at 9:10 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA) would like to submit the following comments. HIPA **supports** the intent of House Bill 865, HD1, SD1. HIPA specifically supports the establishment of a revolving fund to be administered by the DOE and into which shall be deposited the proceeds from the use of redevelopment of public school lands.

By way of background, in 2009, HIPA initiated the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Initiative, a research and community-based effort to develop an innovative, systemic, and practicable approach to upgrade and construct 21<sup>st</sup> century schools on a statewide basis. Recognizing that public funds are severely limited, HIPA is currently engaged in a public-private partnership with the Department of Education and various stakeholders centered on the following outcomes:

- Developing a new revenue source for new school construction and modernization of 21<sup>st</sup> century schools;
- Initiating a statewide rebuilding and modernization of Hawai'i's aging public schools that foster 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning;
- Engaging and empowering more than 181,000 students, nearly 14,000 teachers, all communities statewide, and thousands of key stakeholders to support and improve school facilities in Hawai'i;
- Creating approximately 200,000 construction, maintenance, and similar jobs with urban redevelopment and public-private partnerships using vacant and underused public school lands (estimate courtesy of Rebuilding America's Schools Coalition);
- Facilitating statewide urban renewal and provide sources for economic development and security in all communities, while promoting sustainable economic development;
- Ensuring a fair and equal distribution of new revenue sources through a system-wide long-range plan for rebuilding Hawai'i's public school facilities; and
- Lifting student achievement, including among disadvantaged populations in underserved communities.

HIPA remains committed to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Initiative and thanks the Legislature for their support.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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# GCA of Hawaii

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

Quality People. Quality Projects.

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March 25, 2013

TO: HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE KIDANI,  
VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF H.B. 865, HD1, SD1, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT.** Establishes a three-year pilot program to generate revenue through the lease of public school lands for public purposes. Establishes the school facilities special fund within chapter 302A, HRS. Repeals the schools facilities special fund in chapter 171C, HRS. Requires the lieutenant governor to submit a report to the legislature. Makes an appropriation for the pilot program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Hearing

DATE: Monday, March 25, 2013  
TIME: 9:10 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211



Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

GCA is in **support** of H.B. 865, HD1, SD1, Relating to Public School Redevelopment, which proposes a three-year pilot program within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to allow for the limited lease of two public school lands and facilities, under the authority of the Department of Education to allow for certain uses, including but not limited to, building and retrofitting twenty-first century schools.

This bill would allow an alternative funding mechanism for the Department of Education, for not only repair and maintenance, but for the improvement of overall school facilities. Twenty-first century schools utilize new and innovative tools that will assist and improve the learning environments for Hawaii's children as we enter into the twenty-first century. This bill takes an affirmative step toward the development of twenty-first century schools a reality for students attending public schools in Hawaii.

There are a number of characteristics that describe a twenty-first century school which support individual project and technology-based learning, including, among other characteristics, special school designs that incorporate flexible spaces; facilities that accommodate community uses during non-school hours and maximize benefits; and natural lighting and good air quality. These are all qualities that would improve the learning environment for Hawaii's children.

GCA is in support of this measure's concept and its commitment to improving public school facilities of Hawaii's children. Accordingly, GCA requests that this Committee pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.