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**THE HONORABLE JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR
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**THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawai`i**

February 1, 2013

RE: S.B. 1084; PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 1, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Chair Tokuda, Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Kidani, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, members of the Senate Committee on Education and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in support of S.B. 1084.

S.B. 1084 establishes public early childhood education programs and supports private early childhood education programs as well.

While the Department's primary role is to prosecute juvenile and criminal cases within the justice system, our overarching focus is on public safety for the community, and that starts with prevention and education. As such, the Department strongly supports the development and implementation of early childhood education programs in Hawaii.

According to the HighScope Perry Preschool study that was conducted over 4 decades by the late David P. Weikart, founder of the HighScope Educational Research Foundation; Larry Schweinhart, HighScope's current president; and their colleagues, the effects of high-quality early care and education on low-income three- and four-year-olds shows that adults at age 40 who participated in a preschool program in their early years have higher earnings, are more likely to hold a job, have committed fewer crimes, and are more likely to have graduated from high school.

Overall, the study documented a return to society of more than \$16 for every tax dollar invested in the early care and education program.

One of the reviewers of the study, Nobel-Prize-winning University of Chicago economist James J. Heckman, said, "This report substantially bolsters the case for early interventions in disadvantaged populations. More than 35 years after they received an enriched preschool program, the Perry Preschool participants achieve much greater success in social and economic life than their counterparts who are randomly denied treatment."

Among the study's major findings in the crime prevention area are:

- The group who received high-quality early education had significantly fewer arrests than the non-program group (36% vs. 55% arrested five times or more); and
- Significantly fewer members of the group who received high-quality early care than the non-program group were ever arrested for violent crimes (32% vs. 48%), property crimes (36% vs. 58%), or drug crimes (14% vs. 34%).

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu strongly supports S.B. 1084. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

PIE IN THE SKY...

SALARIES: (**a necessity**)

Counselor (1): \$55,104

Teachers (8): \$55,104 X 8 = \$440,832

Clerk Typist (1): \$29,396

TOTAL: \$525,332

A-1 FUNDS:

Part-time Teacher pay: \$ 96,044.76 (**a necessity = \$72,359.18**)
For extended day for afternoon and night school
Workstudy: \$ 8,000
TOTAL: \$104,044.76 OR \$80,359.18

B FUNDS:

Educational Supplies: \$39,000
Alert Alarm: \$ 1,650
Fax line: \$ 700
Copiers (maintenance): \$ 5,000
Electricity: \$ 6,000
Telephones: \$ 2,600
Xerox: \$ 350
Typewriter (maintenance): \$ 920
Sprint (for long distance): \$ 6
Newspaper: \$ 72
TOTAL: \$56,298

GRAND TOTAL: \$685,674.76 OR \$661,989.18

CURRENT BARE MINIMUM NECESSARY:

SALARIES:

Counselor (1): \$55,104

Teachers (8): \$55,104 X 8 = \$440,832

Clerk Typist (1): \$29,396

TOTAL: \$525,332

A-1 FUNDS:

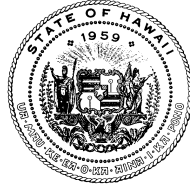
Part-time Teacher pay: \$ 65,405.88

B FUNDS:

Alarm:	\$1,650
Fax:	\$ 700
Copiers:	\$5,000
Electricity:	\$6,000
Telephones:	\$2,600
Xerox:	\$ 350
Typewriter (maintenance):	\$ 920
Sprint (for long distance):	\$ 6
Newspaper	\$ 72
TOTAL:	\$17,298

GRAND TOTAL: \$608,035.88

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Senate Committees on Education and Judiciary and Labor

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THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATION
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PROGRAMS**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

February 01, 2013

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this bill provided that its passage does not
2 replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Biennium Budget.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to the Hawaii
5 State Constitution to permit the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education
6 programs which will help the State meet its goal of providing an early learning system. With the
7 passage of this measure, the voters will decide if public funds should be appropriated for the support of
8 private early childhood education programs to provide an early learning system for the children of
9 Hawaii. The Department of Health promotes family and community well-being and family choice in
10 selecting an array of services to best meet the needs of their children. We look forward to working with
11 the Executive Office on Early Learning in developing a public-private early learning system for children
12 of Hawaii.

13 Thankyou for the opportunity to testify.

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SB1084

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Mason	League of Women Voters of Hawaii	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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