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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chairperson

Thursday, February 21, 2013  
9:00 a.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 211

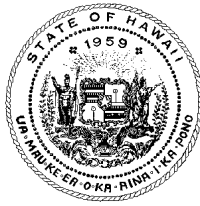
**Testimony of Don G. Horner, Chairperson**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of the INTENT of SB 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.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. The Board of Education supports early childhood education as we recognize the importance of establishing a quality early learning system which supports the future success of Hawaii's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1084.

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COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL 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

by  
Ted Sakai, Director  
Department of Public Safety

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

Thursday, February 21, 2013; 9:00 a.m.  
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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) is in **support** of the Governor's Initiative proposing an Amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to permit the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education programs to advance early learning initiatives for the children of Hawaii.

PSD acknowledges that quality early learning development programs provide an invaluable assistance to families in establishing a solid foundation for educational success and career development that will contribute to the future of Hawaii's flourishing community. On the other hand, the lack of this foundation is associated with negative indicators, such as criminality and incarceration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

February 21, 2013

The Senate  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, 2013  
State of Hawai'i

Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

TIME: 9:00 AM  
PLACE: Room 211  
Hawaii State Capitol

FROM: The Early Learning Advisory Board

RE: SENATE BILL 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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1084. The Early Learning Advisory Board would like to offer testimony in support of SB 1084 and the Legislature's efforts to enhance early education opportunities across the state.

Established under Act 178 (2012), the Early Learning Advisory Board replaced the Early Learning Council and is responsible for advising the Executive Office on Early Learning, providing recommendations to the Executive Office on Early Learning, promoting collaboration across agencies, and being an independent voice for the overall well-being of Hawaii's children.

SB 1084 proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution to permit the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education programs. The Early Learning Advisory Board strongly supports this measure as a necessary step to allow the Executive Office on Early Learning to contract with private early childhood education programs. The private sector has been a large supporter of Hawaii's early childhood education efforts and continues to provide high-quality services for our families.

We strongly support advancing this bill and look forward to working collaboratively and proactively with the legislature and the broader community. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Robert Peters  
Early Learning Advisory Board



February 21, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

TESTIMONY TO  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS

**RE: SB 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 Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee,

My name is Robert Witt and I am executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawaii and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

**HAIS supports SB1084** which proposes a constitutional amendment to permit the appropriation of public funds for private early childhood education programs, as provided by law, to help the State meet its goal of providing an early learning system for the children of Hawaii.

Research shows that children who participate in early childhood education programs are more likely to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Additionally, these programs have the potential to alter at-risk children's lifetime trajectories for success. High quality early childhood education programs have immediate and long term benefits not only for the children, but also for the societies in which they live.

The Executive Office on Early Learning has developed a blueprint for a statewide early childhood education program which will ensure that our children enter kindergarten having had a quality preschool experience. This will eliminate the possible lack of school entry requirements or negative school success. This will particularly be advantageous for at-risk children, who are particularly affected by the lack of ability and access to quality early learning programs. However, for the "blueprint" to succeed, partnerships with the private sector must be forged in order to ensure high quality standards and meet capacity needs. Furthermore, the Attorney General indicates that we need a Constitutional amendment to allow public funds to be given to private early education programs. Thus, we urge you to approve this bill which would result in an amendment appearing on the 2014 election ballot to be ratified by state voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 21, 2013

To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator, Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director  
Good Beginnings Alliance

RE: Comments in support of SB 1095 SD1: Relating to Early Childhood Education; SB 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.

The Good Beginnings Alliance is in support of SB 1095 SD1: Relating to Early Childhood Education and SB 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. The Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA) is a policy and advocacy organization focused on ensuring that Hawaii's young children are healthy, safe, and ready for school. We strive to support our stakeholder community to this end, as well as provide relevant information to our families and fellow advocate community. The GBA has over a decade of experience in advocacy and service to our youngest and their families.

Last year the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, legislation creating the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL)(Act 178; 2012). That measure also called for the termination of the existing Department of Education's Junior Kindergarten program starting in the 2014-2015 school year; a pre-Kindergarten program available to late-born four-year-olds that currently serves over 5,000 children statewide.

SB 1095 SD1, would provide crucial direction in the creation of Hawaii's early childhood education program by:

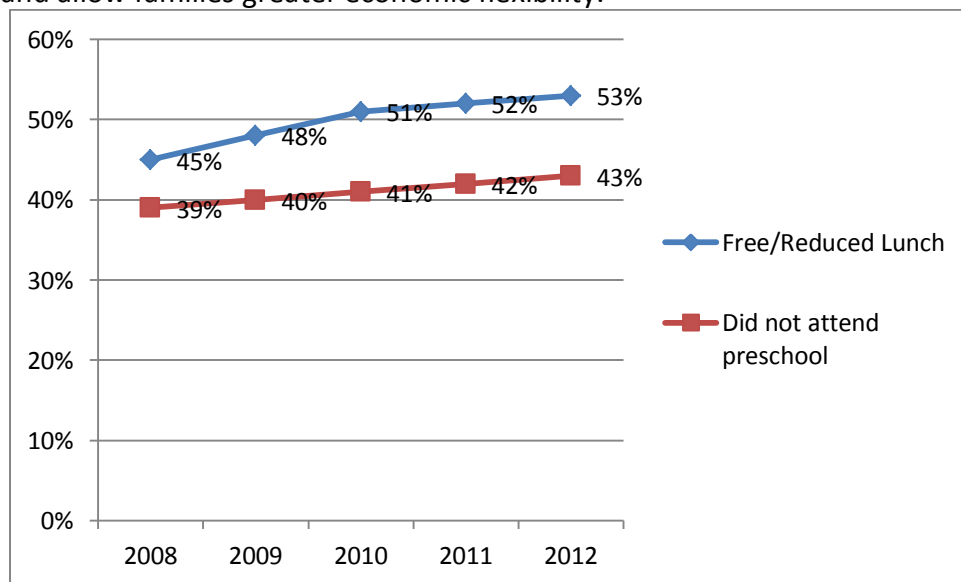
- Ensuring parent choice in selecting a school readiness program that best serves the child.
- Investing in our existing, and future, early learning/school readiness providers.
- Prioritizing both underserved and at-risk children.
- Providing assistance for middle-income, 'gap group', families of four year olds.

- Tasking the EOEL with developing and adopting standards for participating programs that will ensure qualified instruction and data collection.

By providing the EOEL authority to direct the State’s Early Childhood Education Program, we hope that they will take great effort to ensure that a range of providers are allowed to participate in the program, including center-based, school-based, family-child interaction learning programs, and family child care homes. By ensuring this breadth of service we can guarantee service to a greater number of families across our state. Including different types of providers can also address the need to increase the capacity that can be expected with the implementation of the new school readiness program.

Hawaii is one of only eleven states providing no significant state funding for early childhood education programs. This coupled with nearly 43% of our students not having received preschool upon entering Kindergarten means that our Department of Education (DOE) system must devote time and resources to bringing these children up to speed with their counterparts who have received some form of school readiness programing.

It should be noted that over the past four years our state has seen a decrease in the number of children entering Kindergarten having had preschool, and at the same time we see an increase in the number of students receiving free/reduced lunch. Providing the extra support to families in order to send their four-year-olds to a school readiness program will hopefully help address this trend and allow families greater economic flexibility.



1. 43% of students did not attend preschool prior to entering the HDOE system in the 2012-2013 school year. This percentage has steadily declined annually by 1% from 2008 to 2012 (HSSRA 2012-2013).
2. 53% of students received Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) in the 2012-2013 school year. This is an increase of 1% when comparing to the previous school year.

Investing in a quality early childhood education program positions Hawaii to gain from federal matching funds that may become available as a result of the Obama Administration's new initiative to provide high-quality preschool for low- and middle-class families. The Administration is seeking to develop a new federal-state partnership that will provide incentives for states to broaden participation in their public preschool program.

We also see the critical mass of public and private support focused on this effort like never before. A June 2012 Ward Research Poll commissioned by the Good Beginnings Alliance and the Be My Voice Hawaii campaign showed that 75% of registered voters surveyed supported some form of state supported preschool program for all four-year-olds, and nearly 50% supported some form of new revenue specifically dedicated for this purpose.

Members of the business, philanthropic, labor, and education community have also demonstrated a commitment to working together to build an early learning system that provides our keiki with the educational edge to compete with their counterparts in other states on the mainland. As the recent 'Power of Preschool' publication in the January 2013 issue of *Hawaii Business Magazine* indicated, employers see a strong state supported preschool system as a key mechanism for creating the future workforce that the state depends on, as well as a way to attract new businesses to our island economy.

GBA supports SB 1095 SD1, and SB 1084, as the first steps toward bringing about the ultimate goal of a high quality early childhood education program that will serve all of Hawaii's four-year-old children.



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February 20, 2013

RE: SB 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.

Dear Senator David Y. Ige and Senator Kidani Vice-Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

The Community Children's Councils (CCC's) **strongly supports** the comments of The Autism Society of Hawaii and the Special Education Advisory Council in regards to SB 1084. We understand that this constitutional amendment is necessary to allow the state to expand the capacity of private preschools to serve preschool students, including students displaced by the repeal of Junior Kindergarten.

The CCC's **strongly suggests**:

1) The 17 CCCs recommend that the legislatures approve this amendment as a necessary step to pave the way for a high quality Early Childhood Education Program that embraces research-based, developmental appropriate and inclusive practices.

The 17 CCCs are community-based bodies comprised of parents, professionals in both public and private agencies and other interested persons who are concerned with specialized services provided to Hawaii's students. Membership is diverse, voluntary and advisory in nature. The CCCs are in rural and urban communities organized around the Complexes in the Department of Education.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Community Children's Council Office (CCCO) at 586-5363.

Thank you for considering our testimony,  
Tom Smith, Co-Chair

Jessica Wong-Sumida, Co-Chair

(Original signatures are on file with the CCCO)



**From:** [Angeline Geldhof](#)  
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Angeline Geldhof from Waikoloa, HI writes:

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SB1084

Submitted on: 2/20/2013

Testimony for WAM on Feb 21, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annie Okazaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important measure. No child should be disadvantaged merely because of where and when they were born. We teach children at a very young age what it means to "have not." Pre-school has been an enormous blessing for my 3 year old. There has been such a change in him--his cognition, his speech development, and his enthusiasm for learning has been tremendous. I know that he will be ready for kindergarten and I feel so lucky to have been able to provide him with this experience. Please allow the same for every child in Hawaii. There is no greater investment than the one you can give. Thank you for your time.

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Annie Okazaki from Aiea, HI writes:

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Aurelia Sanchez from Waipahu, HI writes:

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Catherine Awong from Mililani, HI writes:

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Hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 9 a.m.  
Senate Education Ways and Means Committee  
Conference Room 211  
In support of SB 1084

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Celia Chang Takahashi and I am an Early Childhood Professional and the mother of two young children.

I am writing this testimony to ask for your support of SB 1084, which proposes 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.

As an early childhood professional and parent I understand & am in support of the measures outlined in this bill. They are needed in order for the Executive Office on Early Learning to proceed with its educational plan for Hawaii's young children.

As a parent with a child in preschool I see on a daily basis parents struggling to send their child to a quality early learning program. Some are fortunate enough to qualify for financial assistance (i.e., Preschool Open Doors, Childcare Connections, etc.), private (i.e., Pauahi Keiki Scholars) or have assistance from their family. I also see families that fall in the "gap group" ~ that is those that do not qualify for any financial assistance and have no familial financial support. I see how these families struggle every day making difficult decisions on what they can sacrifice so they can pay for their child to attend a quality program.

As a parent and an educator, I believe that *the education of our children should not be a sacrifice.*

Supporting a variety of quality early learning experiences is crucial because approximately 5,000 keiki will be affected by the kindergarten age change that will happen in Hawaii's public schools starting with the 2014 -2015 school year.

Again, I run into parents everyday who are struggling to pay for tuition every month for their child to go to preschool. With the kindergarten age change they wonder if they can afford to send their child to preschool for an additional year.

Then there are the keiki who are not enrolled in an early learning program at all.

The Hawaii State School Readiness Assessment (HSSRA) for the 2012 -2013 School Year estimates that approximately 43% of Hawaii's keiki entered kindergarten without preschool experience. I believe that a fair amount of those keiki entered kindergarten without preschool experience because their families could not afford the monthly tuition.

I firmly believe that in order for Hawaii to continue to be the "Aloha State" it must begin to show its Aloha for its youngest residents and invest in the education of its keiki.

By investing in Hawaii's youngest residents today with an early learning system that provides a plethora of quality learning experiences, we invest in a future in Hawaii that:

- Has higher retention and graduation rates
- Has lower teen pregnancy/parent rates
- Invests in education more than incarceration

It is time for us to seriously invest in our future by making an investment in our keiki.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1084.

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Cheryl Tabaco from Haiku, HI writes:

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Christine House from Kailua-Kona, HI writes:

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Christy Ryan from Wahiawa, HI writes:

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Chuck Larson from Kailua, HI writes:

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Colin Hosking from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Jana Brown from Kahului, HI writes:

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Dana Constable from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Dara Sullivan from Haleiwa, HI writes:

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Jesse Rabot from Kapaa, HI writes:

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Karyn Clay from Kamuela, HI writes:

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Kathleen Reinhardt from Honolulu, HI writes:

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SB1084

Submitted on: 2/20/2013

Testimony for WAM on Feb 21, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ku'ulani Keohokalole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill as a parent with a 2 year old preschooler and one on the way. We need to set a solid foundation now for their future, and families like me are most impacted by this issue. Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

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Larry Corpuz from Waipahu, HI writes:

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Mark Ebert from Honolulu, HI writes:

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msity carver from kailua kona, HI writes:

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Nohea Lelewi from Kailua-Kona, HI writes:

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February 20, 2013  
Hearing on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 9 a.m.  
Senate Education Ways and Means Committee  
Conference Room 211  
In support of SB 1084

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Phyllis Ida and I am a retired DOE Special Educator, and the former 619 Coordinator for the Windward District. I also over see the grant administration for the Windward District P-3 Demonstration Project that focuses on keiki reading on grade level by third grade, providing model program of seamless early learning experiences from early childhood programs through elementary school for young children in the Windward District.

I am writing this testimony to ask for your support of SB 1084, which proposes 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.

The Windward P- 3 Grant & its Demonstration Project appreciates and acknowledges the need for this particular measure in order for the Executive Office on Early Learning to proceed with its educational plan for Hawaii's young children.

As a non-profit that works collaboratively with schools, communities, practitioners and families, we are interested in supporting the implementation of an early learning plan that provides assistance to families so that they are able to access high quality early learning opportunities of their choosing.

Supporting a variety of quality early learning experiences is crucial because approximately 5,000 keiki will be affected by the kindergarten age change that will happen in Hawaii's public schools starting with the 2014 -2015 school year.



By investing in Hawaii's youngest residents today with an early learning system that provides a plethora of quality learning experiences, we invest in a future in Hawaii that:

- Has higher retention and graduation rates
- Has lower teen pregnancy/parent rates
- Invests in education more than incarceration

It is time for us to seriously invest in our future by making an investment in our keiki.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1084.

**From:** [Piliialoha Kalele](#)  
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Piliialoha Kalele from Kailua-Kona, HI writes:

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Rachel Donahue from Honolulu, HI writes:

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SB1084

Submitted on: 2/20/2013

Testimony for WAM on Feb 21, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Pratt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I am a parent of a late born child and I believe this bill is absolutely critical to the future of our state to ensure every child has equitable access to high quality early learning experiences! Please support this bill so our youngest children have every opportunity for a strong and good start in life. Our children are one day going to be leading this state and its imperative that we invest in them early! Mahalo!

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