

**DATE:** April 2, 2013  
**TO:** House Committee On Finance

## LATE TESTIMONY

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

**RE: Opposition/Comments on SB 1084 HD1, SB 1093 HD1 and SB 1095 HD1  
Committee on Finance Hearing Tuesday, 4/2/13, 2:00 p.m. Rm. 308**

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My name is James Hochberg, and I have been a civil rights attorney in Honolulu since 1984. Currently, I am also the President of Hawaii Family Advocates, a 501(c)(4) independent expenditure, non-candidate committee.

I am testifying in **opposition to SB 1084 HD1, SB 1093 HD1 and SB 1095 HD1** because the net affect of these bills will disadvantage the religious child care givers in the marketplace. Using public funds to subsidize private, the non-religious providers will work to the distinct disadvantage of the truly religious providers. The state should not enter the competition of the marketplace in this way. Parents who must place their young children in child care prior to being kindergarden age (rather than raising the child) will be faced with the challenge of not being able to afford the unsubsidized religious based care that they desire for their children. Manipulating the marketplace for childcare is not appropriate for the government. It will result in discrimination against the truly religious organizations that will not water down their religious message in order to receive the subsidy.

I am also opposed because this emergency need for this early childhood services for thousands of new children previously not in the need for such services is a crisis created by the legislature last year. Rather than enter into the private marketplace in this way, why don't you all simply repeal Act 178, from last year that changed the cut off for kindergarden from December 31 to July 31 of each year. Act 178 created this problem. Simply repeal it.

Act 178 was based on a misguided assumption that children need to be in a formal school setting prior to starting kindergarden in order to succeed in their overall education experience. Please review the January 2010 Head Start Impact Study, Final Report, Executive Summary, which was prepared for: the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in Washington, D.C. [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/executive\\_summary\\_final.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/executive_summary_final.pdf)

The Head Start Impact Study claims that it is a comprehensive, well-designed study of a large-scale early childhood program that has existed for more than 40 years. It states that it is designed to address the overall average impact of the Head Start program. While children who participated in Head Start did have advantages in kindergarden, the study explicitly reports that:

“the advantages children gained during their Head Start and age 4 years yielded only a few statistically significant differences in outcomes at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the sample as a whole. Impacts at the end of kindergarten were scattered and are mentioned below only when they appear to be related to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade impacts.”

Consequently, the assumptions upon which Act 178 was based last year are wrong.

In conclusion, the State of Hawaii should simply repeal Act 178 to alleviate the created crisis, leave the market for early child care to its own forces which create the best product anyway, and kill these three bills.

Sincerely,

James Hochberg, Esq.  
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Christine Naone from Waianae, HI writes:

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It is extremely exciting that this committee is in a position to make one of the most significant public policy decisions in early childhood that this state has ever seen. We look forward to your making a major investment in our keiki's future. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of these measures.

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The need for kindergarten readiness is a must, however, I strongly disagree that anyone other than Headstart should administrateadminister this program. The private sector, multi-chain schools are not ready to handle the huge under taking of educating our children. Headstart has strict Federal reporting and administering guidelines and should be the only entity to move this measure forward.

As a private preschool who has witness first hand, these big business schools milling children through for profits sickens me! Someone ask Kamehameha schools to release the preschools names of children who actually passed their test and gained entrance into this excellent private school. The proof is in those statical results, multichain schools do not measure up for education.

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<http://www.childrensdefense.org/policy-priorities/early-childhood-education-care/full-day-kindergarten.html>

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