



TO: The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: The Executive Board of the ‘Aha Kauleo Hawaiian Immersion
Advisory Council

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RE: HB 1551; Official testimony of the ‘Aha Kauleo

Aloha mai e nā Luna Kenekoa o ke Kōmike Pili Kālā,

The Executive Board of the ‘Aha Kauleo would like to clearly explain our stance in regards to the newest draft of HB 1551. This legislation was not drafted in collaboration with the ‘Aha Kauleo and was brought to our attention last session by an external organization. In our internal discussions as an entire council, the ‘Aha Kauleo decided through our voting membership that we were neither supporting nor opposing this legislation. There was no official stance in support of this legislation as shown through our meeting minutes. The Executive Board, made up of the individuals listed in the opening greeting, are the only individuals that have the authority to represent the voice of the entire voting membership of the ‘Aha Kauleo. It has been brought to our attention that a member of our council spoke in support for this legislation on behalf of the ‘Aha Kauleo council. This was done without authority and does not represent our collective decision. For future testimony that is submitted on behalf of the ‘Aha Kauleo, please refer to names above of the Executive Board that was voted into those positions by the voting membership of the ‘Aha Kauleo. Our membership consists of administrators, teachers and parents of 20 Kaiapuni schools along with external supporting institutions like OHA and the University of Hawai‘i. So that we are clear, **our official stance is that we do not support or oppose this legislation.**

In the last few years, the ‘Aha Kauleo has worked extensively in partnership with the Department of Education, the Board of Education and University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and Mānoa. Through this partnership, there has been much positive progress towards effective changes that will reform Kaiapuni education in Hawai‘i. One milestone of this collaboration is the passing of newly drafted BOE policies 2104 and 2105 that provides the needed infrastructure to properly administer Hawaiian Education as a whole, Ka Papahana Kaipuni included. The ‘Aha Kauleo membership voted to support these policies and provided official testimony for the BOE. If a piece of legislation mirrored the exact sentiment of the policy redrafts of 2104 and 2105, one could infer that the ‘Aha Kauleo membership would potentially support this piece of legislation. Please allow this testimony as an official statement of the ‘Aha Kauleo Hawaiian Immersion Advisory Council.



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Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and mahalo for this opportunity to STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PASS HB 1551 SD1 ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN EDUCATION.

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