

February 19, 2014

Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Committee on Finance  
February 21, 2014  
1:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308

Re: HB 1676, HD1, Relating to Early Learning

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and members of the Committee:

**The Early Learning Advisory Board supports HB 1676, HD1** which would authorize the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and public charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms.

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 among state agencies, and being an independent voice for the overall well-being of Hawaii's children.

Hawai'i has been a national leader in ensuring access to quality health care, family support and community based models that improve the lives of young children. The Early Learning Advisory Board seeks to ensure that all children are valued, safe, healthy and ready to succeed. The board has adopted a comprehensive action strategy to achieve its goals. 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  
Chair, Early Learning Advisory Board

State of Hawaii Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING  
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GG WEISENFELD  
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Testimony in **Support of**  
H.B. 1676 H.D. 1, Relating to Early Learning  
By GG Weisenfeld, Director

House Committee on Finance  
February 21, 2014  
1:00 p.m., Room 308

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon. I am GG Weisenfeld, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL is in support of House Bill 1676, House Draft 1.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into agreements with the Department of Education and charter schools to use vacant or underutilized classrooms, or classrooms currently being used for preschool, for public preschool classrooms statewide.

EOEL requests that \$4,470,208 be appropriated for this purpose to be used in FY2015 for the 2014-2015 school year. This will provide an additional 640 four-year-old children with access to preschool.

Partnering with the Department of Education is an important part of the early learning system that EOEL is charged with developing pursuant to Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. Our objective is to increase the number of four-year-olds who will have the opportunity for a prekindergarten experience.

To prepare as many four-year-olds for kindergarten as possible, it is important to use and expand the already-existing mixed-delivery system. EOEL's approach is to support such a mixed-delivery system, which includes private, community-based preschools; Head Start

programs; family child care homes; special education prekindergarten classrooms; family-child interaction learning programs; and DOE-EOEL prekindergarten programs.

All of these options are funded through a variety of funding streams, including federal, parent (which make up the highest percentage), private foundation (such as Kamehameha Schools), special education, and state funds.

This session, EOEL is seeking funds for the school year beginning August 2014 for:

- Family-child interaction learning programs (\$1 million for 400 children\*); and
- The DOE-EOEL Prekindergarten Program (\$4,470,208 for 640 children\*).

\*Free- and reduced-price meal eligible – a family of four could qualify if its income is at or below \$50,117.

The proposed DOE-EOEL program will have the following characteristics:

- Operates within the DOE structure
  - 32 classrooms at 30 schools statewide (list attached)
    - Schools identified using the following criteria: Title I status, rural location or limited preschool choices, existing preschool with Race to the Top or other federal funding support that is ending, and principal support
  - Staffed by HSTA/DOE teachers and HGEA assistants
- Serves 640 children (those eligible for free- and reduced-price meals)
- EOEL will offer professional development support

Each component of our budget request for the DOE-EOEL program is linked to building a quality prekindergarten program. Prekindergarten experiences must be of high quality to make a difference in outcomes for children. The greatest line item in our budget is for staff (80.4%). We will require highly qualified teachers who have early childhood experience. To meet the recommended teacher-child ratio and optimal classroom size for children's learning as identified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, two teachers are needed per classroom. They will be DOE employees who will also need to meet the DOE licensing and educational requirements. However, to ensure high quality is implemented, we have identified five key elements that must be incorporated within the program:

- **Ongoing professional development.** Research has shown that the most successful method for creating high-quality teachers is systematic, ongoing professional development. That is why we will contract for services (\$80,000) that will coordinate targeted professional development workshops for the participating school principals and teachers on topics such as child development, use of individual child formative assessments, effective family engagement techniques, and curriculum. For teachers to

participate in the required monthly workshops, substitute pay (\$102,400) and travel for neighbor island staff to participate in biannual seminars (\$7,200) has been included.

- **Mentoring.** What improves teaching and learning most substantially is the use of in-class mentoring or coaching. Resource teachers will be hired within each of the 10 DOE districts to mentor teachers and support principals in understanding the nuances of implementing a prekindergarten program on their campuses (\$900,000).
- **Focus on Child Outcomes.** To ensure children are learning and progressing in their growth and development, the curriculum implemented in the program must be aligned with the Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards (HELDS). HELDS are research-based standards that identify the expectations of knowledge and behavior for children from birth through kindergarten entry. They are a set of expected knowledge and behaviors categorized into five “domains” or areas based on the National Education Goals Panel framework: Physical Well-being, Health, and Motor Development; Social and Emotional Development; Approaches to Learning; Cognition and General Knowledge; and Language and Literacy. To measure a child’s progress in these domains, the teachers will be required to conduct ongoing formative assessments on each child (\$6,400).
- **Program Assessment.** To evaluate the quality of teacher-child interactions, EOEL would use one of several tools available to provide direct feedback to the teachers as well as to the resource teachers so they can support the classroom teachers. The indicators that would be collected biannually include: the climate of the environment and emotional support provided to the students; classroom organization including the use of materials and behavior management; and instructional support that is occurring, such as concept development and language modeling (\$6,400).
- **Environment.** To establish a high-quality program, an appropriate environment must be created. 26 of the 32 classrooms would need equipment (\$624,000). All of the 32 classrooms would need consumable materials for the children to use, such as writing materials and paper (\$48,800).

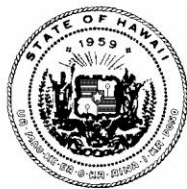
EOEL recommends an amendment to the bill on page 2, line 7 (appropriation section): “...enter into **contracts or memorandums of agreement**” (to be consistent with the language on page 1, lines 11-12).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.





| #  | School                       | Principal              | Island  | Complex Area Superintendent |
|----|------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Kahaluu Elementary           | Naomi Matsuzaki        | Oahu    | Lea Albert                  |
| 2  | Waiahole Elementary          | Wendy Matsuzaki        | Oahu    | Lea Albert                  |
| 3  | Hauula Elementary            | Samuel Izumi           | Oahu    | Lea Albert                  |
| 4  | Linapuni Elementary          | Cindy Sunahara         | Oahu    | Calvin Nomiyama             |
| 5  | Hana High & Elementary       | Richard Paul           | Maui    | Lindsay Ball                |
| 6  | Lanai High & Elementary      | Elton Kinoshita        | Lanai   | Lindsay Ball                |
| 7  | Kaunakakai Elementary        | Janice Espiritu        | Molokai | Lindsay Ball                |
| 8  | Honokaa Elementary           | Rory Souza             | Hawaii  | Arthur Souza                |
| 9  | Honaunau Elementary          | Noreen Kunitomo        | Hawaii  | Arthur Souza                |
| 10 | Hookena Elementary           | Joyce K. Crisafi       | Hawaii  | Arthur Souza                |
| 11 | Konawaena Elementary         | Claire Yoshida         | Hawaii  | Arthur Souza                |
| 12 | Keolu Elementary             | Gay Kong               | Oahu    | Suzanne Mulcahy             |
| 13 | Kailua Elementary            | Lanelle Hibbs          | Oahu    | Suzanne Mulcahy             |
| 14 | Kaiulani Elementary          | Rodney Moriwake        | Oahu    | Ruth Silberstein            |
| 15 | Likeli Elementary            | Kelly Bart             | Oahu    | Ruth Silberstein            |
| 16 | Eleele Elementary            | Fred Rose              | Kauai   | William Arakaki             |
| 17 | Kekaha Elementary            | Jason Yoshida          | Kauai   | William Arakaki             |
| 18 | Kau High & Pahala Elementary | Sharon Beck            | Hawaii  | Mary Correa                 |
| 19 | Naalehu Elementary           | Darlene Javar          | Hawaii  | Mary Correa                 |
| 20 | Keaau Elementary             | Chad Farias            | Hawaii  | Mary Correa                 |
| 21 | Mountain View Elementary     | Barbara Riley          | Hawaii  | Mary Correa                 |
| 22 | Keonepoko Elementary         | Kathleen Romero        | Hawaii  | Mary Correa                 |
| 23 | Pahoa Elementary             | Michelle Payne-Arakaki | Hawaii  | Mary Correa                 |
| 24 | Waialua Elementary           | Scott Moore            | Oahu    | John Brummel                |
| 25 | Nanaikapono Elementary       | Debra Knight           | Oahu    | Ann Mahi                    |
| 26 | Nanakuli Elementary          | Lisa Ann Higa          | Oahu    | Ann Mahi                    |
| 27 | Leihoku Elementary           | Randall Miura          | Oahu    | Ann Mahi                    |
| 28 | Mali Elementary              | Disa Hauge             | Oahu    | Ann Mahi                    |
| 29 | Makaha Elementary            | Lynn Okamura           | Oahu    | Ann Mahi                    |
| 30 | Waianae Elementary           | Wendy Takahashi        | Oahu    | Ann Mahi                    |



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February 21, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Barbara Yamashita, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1676, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING**

Hearing: Friday, February 21, 2014; 1:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of H.B. 1676, H.D. 1, is to authorize the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into agreements with the Department of Education and public charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this bill.

Act 169, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, established the existing child care assistance program, called Preschool Open Doors, as the statewide school readiness program and that the program will be administered by the Department of Human Services.

The Preschool Open Doors (POD) program will serve low- to moderate-income families whose late-born children are affected by the change in kindergarten entry age

in the 2014-2015 school year or whose children will be eligible for kindergarten in the following school year.

There are, however, communities throughout the State which do not have preschools available to which families could send their children, even if the families are eligible for the POD program. Therefore, the POD program would not benefit families for whom community-based preschools are not available.

Therefore, the ability of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into agreements with the Department of Education (DOE) and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms and an appropriation for such agreements would benefit families in communities where community-based preschools are not available.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE  
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DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

RE: H.B. 1676, HD1 – RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

PERSON TESTIFYING: WIL OKABE  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Sylvia Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **supports and recommends amendments to H.B. 1676** relating to the usage of vacant and underutilized classrooms for public preschool classrooms.

HSTA is the exclusive representative of more than 13,500 public and charter schoolteachers statewide. As the state affiliate of the 3.2 million members of the National Education Association, HSTA believes in public preschools being taught by public school teachers. The association recognizes the value of quality early childhood education program in preparing young children to enter schools ready to learn.

HSTA is seeking clarification in the proposed definition of a “qualified educational professional”. HSTA believes that high quality early childhood programs should be staffed by highly qualified teachers, as they possess a deep understanding of child development and specialized training in early childhood education. As such, we recommend that all teachers working in publicly funded preschools hold a bachelor’s degree in child development and/or early childhood education.

Further, we believe that federal legislation should be enacted to assist in organizing the implementation of fully funded early childhood education programs offered through the public schools. These programs must be available to all children on an equal basis and should include mandatory kindergarten with compulsory attendance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of H.B. 1676, HD1.**





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TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Finance

FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: House Committee on Finance  
**Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Conf. Rm. 308**

**Testimony in Support of HB1676 HD1, Relating to Early Learning.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of HB1676 HD1, which authorizes the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms. PHOCUSED is a statewide coalition of health, housing, and human services organizations committed to strengthening policies and programs that benefit the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii.

Education can provide a leveling of socio-economic impacts experienced by children from low-income families. These families are dealing with the challenges of Hawaii's high cost of living realities and are focused on providing the necessities, like food and housing. As a result children from low-income families are less likely to have the "extra" resources necessary to access high quality early childhood education programs. As studies have clearly shown, investing in a high-quality early childhood education will result in higher levels of educational attainment and stronger social and economic well-being. A strong start with early education provides a bridge to a different future for these children.

Once again, PHOCUSED supports HB1676 HD1 and the efforts by EOEL, DOE, and charter schools to work collaboratively to expand preschool options to more of Hawaii's children. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this critical issue.



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House of Representatives  
Committee on Finance  
Friday, February 21, 2014, 1:00 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 308

House Bill 1676, HD1– Relating to Early Learning

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the committee. Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) **supports** the intent HB1676, HD1.

This bill authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and public charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms.

HAEYC acknowledges the vision and courage it takes for legislators to enact laws that will come to full fruition after they leave office. Investing in early childhood development and education will be a lasting legacy.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Katherine E. Murphy  
Executive Director  
HAEYC





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TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Finance

DATE: Friday, February 21, 2014  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308  
Hawai'i State Capitol

FROM: Kamehameha Schools

**RE: HOUSE BILL 1676, HD1 RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB1676, HD1 relating to early learning. Kamehameha Schools offers comments in support of authorizing the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and public charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms.

Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian children through education. We serve K-12 students through campus programs on O'ahu, Hawai'i and Maui, and three-and-four-year-olds at preschool sites statewide. In 2004, the Early Childhood Education division also began serving keiki from birth to three years old, as part of its Hi'ilani Early Childhood Collaborative program. We also provide scholarships to keiki attending other preschools and provide funding for child-family interaction programs that have filled a great need in rural communities.

Since its inception more than 20 years ago, the Kamehameha Schools Early Childhood Education Division has provided more than 11,000 keiki with their first preschool experience. Early childhood education and parental support is the cornerstone of the Education Strategic Plan adopted in 2005, which seeks to foster long-term intergenerational change in the way Native Hawaiian families approach learning. Research demonstrates that early education is a key factor in lifelong success for all children, and we strongly urge the legislature to promote, enhance and support the efforts of the State of Hawai'i to appropriately address the needs of Hawaii's pre-kindergarten children.



# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 1676, HD1 RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 1676, HD1 Relating to Early Learning.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber believes that this measure must be in place to provide services to the gap group that will result from the 2014 change in kindergarten entry age (children must be five years old by July 31 of the school year to enroll in DOE kindergarten) mandated by Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. DOE estimates there are 5,100 children in the gap. It is critical that immediate action is taken to make sure these children are covered.

The Chamber supports the bill's intent to provide facilities for early childhood learning – a necessary tool to shape the future of Hawaii. Providing a proper environment for the children of Hawaii is the first step to investing in a bright future for the next generation.

Also, the Chamber strongly believes that focusing on early childhood is critical because brain development takes place by age five. We believe it's imperative to begin investing early in a child's life, when the brain is in this state of tremendous growth potential. In 2008, the Hawaii Economic Benefits Study of early education for Hawai'i showed that for every \$1 Hawai'i invests in a quality four-year early learning program, the state will receive a return of \$4.20. This is not only about return of investment but in providing for our employees and their children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Finance  
Friday, February 21, 2014, 1:00 p.m  
Conference Room 308  
by

Donald B. Young  
Personal Testimony

HB 1676 HD1 RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee on Finance

My name is Donald Young. I am the Dean of the College of Education at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

On behalf of the College of Education, I support HB 1676 HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms.

The research is clear that laying a strong foundation for our youth through high quality preschool programs will result in productive and capable citizens. Part of that commitment is securing accessible, safe, and appropriate learning spaces for young children to learn and interact. HB 1676 SD 1 provides a pathway for doing so.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

February 19, 2014  
Hearing on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1 p.m.  
House Finance Committee  
House Conference Room 308  
In support of HB1676, HD1

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 HB1676 HD1 relating to early childhood education, as it authorizes the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into agreements with the Department of Education and public charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms.

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.

The Windward P-3 Demonstration project works collaboratively with DOE elementary schools, early learning programs of varying auspices, community based programs, health, safety, welfare providers, and families. We passionately work towards having developmentally appropriate early learning programs and services on our public and charter elementary campuses.

As an educator I am in support of HB1676 as it provides eligible families with another option when considering developmentally appropriate, high quality early learning opportunities for their keiki.

In January 2014 the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported that the average preschool tuition in Hawaii is about \$800 a month or \$9,600 a year.<sup>1</sup> According to the University of Hawaii Manoa 2013 -2014 catalog, fulltime undergraduate resident tuition for one semester is \$4,572 or \$9,144 for a school year (Spring & Fall Semesters only).<sup>2</sup> In short it costs approximately the same amount of money to send one child to preschool as it does to send one to UHM.

When you look at the numbers it is easy to see why 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. (Note: The statistics for SY 2013 -2014 were not available at the time when this testimony was written.)

Studies have clearly shown that the single largest impact on the well being of our K-12 system is access to quality early learning experiences. Studies have also clearly shown that investing in high-quality education will result in stronger social & economic well being for both the individual & the community as a whole.

As we work towards creating a comprehensive early learning, health, safety & welfare system it is wise for our state to invest in using vacant or underutilized public & charter classrooms to create preschool environments as it will create additional options for Hawaii's families with young children.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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<sup>1</sup> [A Step Ahead At School](#), Christine Donnelly, Honolulu Star-Advertiser, January 12, 2014

<sup>2</sup> [Regular Tuition Schedule 2013 – 2014](#)



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**From:** Cynthia Izumi <cizumi50@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Cynthia Izumi from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Diane Arconado from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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claire bailey from waianae, HI writes:

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**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

trevor benn from honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Jennifer Bryant from Honolulu, HI writes:

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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Cartoon Bunming from Waipahu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Catherine Medeiros <momi@mfss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 9:07 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Catherine Medeiros from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Stephanie Char <stephc@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 2:58 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Stephanie Char from Mililani, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. I am a Grandmother who has a grandson in SPECIAL ED who needs more time to develop his vocabulary. Early learning is VITAL for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Derek Ching <dchingd@gmail.com>  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Derek Ching from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

I am a local pediatrician in Honolulu and feel that this is very important. In our practice there have been countless success stories from parents who have utilized the 0-3 program. These programs help lay the foundation for a healthy beginning for our keiki which in turn will save us more money in the future!

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**From:** Gayla\_Coloma/HAWAIIIDO/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:07 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1676

Dear Honorable Representatives Luke, Nishimoto, Johanson, and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing to submit testimony in support of HB 1676, scheduled to be heard at 1:00 on Friday, February 21, 2014. My name is Gayla Coloma from Hawa'i'i Island, and I am the Project Coordinator for the KKP (Ka'u-Kea'au-Pahoa) P-3 Project. In partnership with the complex area and school leadership, community preschools, partner agencies and neighborhood groups, we work to bring all partners in our school communities together to support the goal of all children reading at grade level by 3rd grade. We have been involved in providing support and professional development to the preschool programs in the KKP Complex Area for the past two and a half years. Additionally, we have worked to bring the Early Childhood community programs and the Department of Education leaders and Early Childhood teachers together to create a system that can support the early learning efforts for all young children in the area. We have also assisted in establishing a successful Family-Child Interaction Learning group that meets at one of our schools weekly, involving parents who attend with their young children to participate in early literacy and learning activities. Through these efforts, we have gained a clear understanding of how the preschool programs established on the Department of Education campuses in KKP are meeting the needs of our remote and underserved communities where many of our keiki live in poverty. These programs have provided opportunities for many children to access critical early learning opportunities that did not exist prior to the opening of these program sites. More importantly, these programs are providing the foundational skills for these children to be successful in their earliest years of school.

I humbly ask that you support the funding for HB 1676, and thank you for all of your efforts to create early learning opportunities for our youngest keiki across the state.

Sincerely,  
Gayla Coloma  
KKP P-3 Project Coordinator

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**From:** Jerry Campany <makakilomoons@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:39 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Jerry Campany from Makakilo, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

I can bear to live without roads, firefighters or even police. But not vital things like early education for our children.

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:34 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Shaley DeGiorgio from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:31 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Ana Diaz from Paia, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:03 AM  
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Robin Dickson from Waiiluku, HI writes:

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:49 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Vicki Draeger from Kula, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Jackie Dudock from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Jennifer Dunne <jfogliani@yahoo.com>  
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Jennifer Dunne from Sunnyvale, CA writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Renee Espiau from H, HI writes:

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**From:** CRISTINA FELIPE <mfelipe@queens.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 4:38 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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CRISTINA FELIPE from EWA BEACH, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Testimony in support of:  
HB1676 HD1 - Public Preschools in DOE and Charter Schools,

House Committee on Finance

Chair Luke, Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee on Finance

I am in support of HB1676, House Draft 1., as it will increase the state's capacity and responsibility to provide quality early learning services to Hawaii's young children, which is especially needed due to the fall out of 5100 children being ineligible for Kindergarten beginning in SY 2014-15.

The funding for 32 DOE classrooms and 5 Charter classrooms is a small but critical step forward in addressing the educational needs of our most vulnerable children. I work in a federally funded early childhood education project in the Wai`anae area, where many of our most vulnerable children are living in impoverished conditions, including homelessness. Hawaii cannot afford to turn our backs on these innocent children, as they are turned away from Kindergarten. Though preschool Open Doors subsidies are being made available, there is not enough preschool capacity to meet the need for the coming year. A subsidy program, is no substitute for a preschool program, which would ensure the necessary requirements of quality teachers, developmentally appropriate curriculum and instructional methods and professional development supports such as coaching and mentoring.

Early childhood education for our youngest citizens has been put off far too long in this state and I believe as the latest polls validate that Hawaii's citizens are ready to take this first step into launching a state funded preschool program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Gale Flynn  
Ho`okahua Project  
Wai`anae



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**From:** Kaleo Francisco <punakalo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:14 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Kaleo Francisco from Pahoia, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Lynell Gonsalves from Kula, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. I believe we can make a difference in a child's life by giving them tools and services which allow them to succeed in the future. Please help by giving money to early learning programs that continue to help the communities. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Personal Written Testimony in **Support** of **H.B. 1676**  
Relating to Early Learning  
House Finance Committee  
February 20, 2014

by, Robyn S. B. Chun

Honorable Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanason, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am testifying in support of **H.B. 1676**, which allows the EOEL to enter into agreements with the DOE and charter schools in order to use vacant or unused classrooms for public preschool classrooms.

My work as a teacher in preschools and DOE K-1 classrooms, as family child care provider and teacher educator, and my personal experience as a mother of twins, has impressed upon me the importance of providing each child with meaningful and culturally relevant early experiences that foster the child's physical, cognitive, linguistic, social and emotional development.

Preparing our children for the future means, in part, investing in their well-being, learning and development from the start. This bill and several others are a step forward in enabling our state to create an early learning system that addresses the developmental and learning needs of all of our keiki during the critical first eight years of life. Together they enable us to develop a cohesive early learning system that pools together resources across silos in order to provides access and opportunity for as many children as is possible.

We will need to wisely use available resources towards this effort in both public and community based settings. In a majority of states, early learning systems are characterized by partnerships that expand access by building upon the resources and flexibility of community based (private) providers and use funds to facilitate cross-sector system building and professional development so that high-quality experiences are integrated across the PK-3 spectrum (Hustedt & Barnett, 2011). This bill will facilitate system building efforts by identifying and making use of the public resources that are presently underutilized. It is also an indicator that the state is positioning itself to qualify for grants that are part of the Strong Start legislation (H.B. 3461) that passed at the federal level this year.

Investing in early learning is sound economic policy (Heckman, 2000; Schweinhart, Montie, Xiang, Barnett, Belfield & Nores, 2005). High quality programs are a primary intervention that has far reaching benefits that extend beyond individual children and families to our broader island community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of **H.B. 1676**.

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**From:** Traci Hisatake <traci@mfss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:38 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Traci Hisatake from Makawao, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Malia Hosino from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** sam hugh <samh@hamproduceandseafood.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:45 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

sam hugh from honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Ashley Ikeda <aiked@unioncounsel.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:51 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Ashley Ikeda from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Joy Imada <yoji\_1545@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 12:04 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Joy Imada from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Darren Imada <dimada0419@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:39 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Darren Imada from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Cynthia Izumi <cizumi50@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Cynthia Izumi from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Cindy Jakubczak <cindy@mfss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 9:31 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Cindy Jakubczak from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** kathi jones <kaikea777@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:55 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

kathi jones from haiku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** marsha jones <mauigirl1978@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:25 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

marsha jones from wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Jarrett Keohokalole <jkeoho@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:19 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Jarrett Keohokalole from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson,

As a father of two young children ages 3 years old and 9 months, I am writing in strong support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2.

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**From:** Ku'ulani Keohokalole <kuukeoho@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:19 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Ku'ulani Keohokalole from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson,

As a mother of two young children ages 3 years old and 9 months, I am writing in strong support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2.

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**From:** Audrey Kido <aujkido@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:56 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Audrey Kido from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Mitchell Kido <aujkido@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:57 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Mitchell Kido from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Heeyeon Kim <kim.usa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 12:40 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Heeyeon Kim from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:57 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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isaac kosasa from aiea, HI writes:

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**From:** Maureen Langberg <maureenlangberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:59 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Maureen Langberg from Kealakekua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** C. Momi Medeiros <momi@mfss.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 9:08 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

C. Momi Medeiros from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 4:43 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

lacie maemori from honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Dorothy Mahoney <kaikilani58@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:14 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Dorothy Mahoney from Kahuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Marya Mann <marya.mann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:07 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Marya Mann from Kailua Kona, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Gale McNish <gale.mcnish@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:37 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Gale McNish from Makawao, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Candice Miller <candim412@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:30 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Candice Miller from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:39 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Gerald Mitchell from New York, NY writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:24 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Brooke Nakamura from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 3:58 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

F Nishimoto from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Cathy Ogawa <cogawa@stanfordalumni.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:34 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in strong support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Cathy Ogawa from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am a former preschool teacher and preschool director and I am writing in strong support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:36 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Pono Paahao from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Lisa Pakele <pakelek@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:51 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Lisa Pakele from Kapolei, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:37 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Christy Ryan from Wahiawa, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson,

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Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future.

Mahalo!!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 12:21 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

James Saito from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I strongly believe in expanding our Public Education to Early Learning. It's widely understood that many of our student have learning gaps/deficits. Early Learning can start building skills for the keiki, so that more of our Elementary students will start out at or above grade level. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Lorraine Shimauchi <shimauchk001@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 10:57 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Lorraine Shimauchi from Lihue, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Teri Skillman <hautree77@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:22 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Teri Skillman from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Deanna Smith <deannas@inpeace.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:23 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Deanna Smith from Waianae, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:15 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Casey Souza from Hilo, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Kelli-Rae Souza <kelliraes@inpeace.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:13 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Kelli-Rae Souza from Hilo, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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February 19, 2014  
Hearing on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1 p.m.  
House Committee on Finance  
House Conference Room 308  
In support of HB1676, HD1

To Whom It May Concern:

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

I am writing this testimony to ask for your support of HB1676 HD1 relating to early childhood education, as it makes appropriation to authorize the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) to enter into agreements with the Department of Education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms.

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 EOEL to proceed with its educational plan for Hawaii's young children & shape the future of the Aloha State.

In her Legislative Testimony, GG Weisenfeld, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL), stated there are more than 17,000 four-year-old keiki in Hawaii. She also informed us that when the kindergarten age change takes place with School Year 2014 – 2015 (children will need to be 5 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> the year they enter kindergarten) approximately 5,100 children will be too young to enter kindergarten.

Last year the Legislature funded the Department of Human Services (DHS) with \$6 million for Preschool Open Doors (POD) a program that allows qualifying families to take their child care subsidy to a community-based preschool of their choice. While a step in the right direction, this funding will only cover approximately 1,200 of the 5,100 keiki affected by the kindergarten age change. *That is less than 25%*. Even with

subsidies from POD, some qualifying families may find their co-payment unreasonably high and may decide not to send their child to preschool.

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.

(Note: The statistics for SY 2013 -2014 were not available at the time when this testimony was written.)

If more than 40% of Hawaii's keiki were entering kindergarten without preschool experience during SY 2012 - 2013, the numbers in the near future could go up as families are impacted by the kindergarten age change & are still unable to find or afford preschool tuition or qualify for Head Start.

Supporting a variety of quality early learning experiences, including ones that uses vacant or underutilized classrooms on public school & charter school campuses is crucial as it provides eligible families with another option when considering developmentally appropriate, high quality early learning opportunities for their keiki.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB1676 HD1.



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**From:** Lisa Uyehara <eeclisa@hawaiiintel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2014 5:03 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Lisa Uyehara from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
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House Committee on Finance

Jessica Valdez  
BSW, Hawaii Pacific University

Friday, February 21, 2014

Support for H.B. No. 1676, H.D. 1, Relating to Early Learning

I am a BSW student attending Hawaii Pacific University. I am testifying in favor of H.B. No. 1676, H.D. 1, Relating to Early Learning, which would authorize the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter agreements with the Department of Education and charter schools to use available classrooms for public preschool classes.

Attending preschool has shown to give children a better learning foundation for elementary school and beyond, setting them up for higher educational attainment and socioeconomic wellbeing in the future. However, the limited number of affordable preschool options available in Hawaii makes it difficult for many low-income families to make this investment. Creating greater access for these families to give their children a stronger early educational foundation would increase their children's positive learning growth and social development.

This expansion of preschool options for the state of Hawaii is a worthwhile investment for our families' social wellbeing. I urge the committee to pass H.B. No. 1676, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of this measure.

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**From:** Justin Walthall <jwalthall@gmail.com>  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Justin Walthall from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Leona Watson from Waianae, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Please support our Family Child interactive learning programs too. Being apart of a Parent Participation preschool allowed myself to become my child's first teacher. Also I am able to provide my children with the education tools to become a successful student.

Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 12:29 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Corey Woolfolk from East Palo Alto, CA writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Leah Yamamoto <yamamoto.leah@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 4:19 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Leah Yamamoto from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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From: Jackie Dudock <jdudock@gmail.com>  
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To: FINTestimony  
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Jackie Dudock from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Kahea Kauhi from Waimanalo, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Daniel Gardner from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in strong support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorize the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into agreements with the Department of Education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Peter Bowman from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Gaynel Buxton from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Rachel Donahue from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Billy Henson from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Noah King from Dublin, CA writes:

I cannot think of a more important priority for Hawaii than to provide the best possible future for her keiki. There is overwhelming evidence of the importance of quality early childhood education and investing in a statewide program would provide the foundation that all of Hawaii's keiki need to continue on as successful students and compete with the rest of the country.

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Audrey Kido from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. It is vital that ALL children have equal access to affordable preschool in Hawaii. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Lorraine Bennett from Kapolei, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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James Burke from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Shannon Carrier from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Alfred Castle from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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FOR: HB 1676 HD1 Relating to Early Learning  
DATE: Friday, February 21, 2014  
TIME: 1:00 p.m.  
COMMITTEE(S): House Committee on Finance  
ROOM: Conference Room 308  
FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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**Testimony in support**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission supports this measure, which would include public charter schools along with Department of Education (DOE) schools among those with which the Executive Office on Early Learning is authorized to enter into agreements to use vacant or underutilized classrooms for public preschool classrooms statewide.

The Commission applauds the recognition of charter schools embodied in this measure and notes that several charter schools are experienced providers of pre-K programs, while other pre-K services are provided on or next to charter school campuses by the non-profit organization affiliated with that charter school or by other providers. Some of the campuses at which such services are provided serve precisely the kind of at-risk populations that the bill prioritizes.

We do have a concern that the bill’s language concerning “vacant or underutilized classrooms or classrooms currently being used for preschool” might unintentionally limit the ability of charter schools to contribute to the state effort envisioned by the bill. As a practical matter, because of the facilities challenges some charter schools confront, they may not currently have

unused or underutilized classrooms, and some school that do not currently offer preschool programs may be able to serve as highly capable providers once funding becomes available. If the intent is merely to ensure that any public school that is to be considered for participation be able to make suitable space available to house an approved program, we would respectfully request that the Committee amend the measure to refer simply to “available classrooms.” This is the language in the Senate companion measure, SB 2236 SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 1676, HD1, RELATING TO EARLY  
LEARNING

House Committee on Finance  
Hon. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Hon. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Hon. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

Friday, February 21, 2014, 1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Honorable Chair Luke and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 175 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of HB 1676, HD1, relating to early learning.

According to the National Institute for Early Education Research, Hawaii is among 11 states lacking a state-funded pre-kindergarten program. In 2014, the state's junior kindergarten program will be eliminated, leaving approximately 5,100 late-born four-year-olds without a public preschool option. Parents of these children will be forced to turn to the private education marketplace to find pre-kindergarten services for their children, at an average cost of \$8,640 per year (or \$720 per month). According to the Good Beginnings Alliance, in 2013, the average statewide monthly preschool cost amounts to \$13,680,000. GBA has also put together a sliding funding scale estimating how much money would be needed annually for state-supported 12-month preschool programs for varying percentages of Hawaii's pre-kindergarten population. Their estimates show that 1,200 children (6.3 percent) can be covered at a cost of \$10,368,000; 5,000 (26.3 percent) at a cost of \$43,200,000; 7,500 (39.4 percent) at a cost of \$64,800,000; and 10,000 (52.6 percent) at a cost of \$86,400,000. Notably, in a 2011 report on income self-sufficiency in Hawaii, the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism estimated that for parents to afford licensed care for one child, as well as before- and after-school care for a school-aged child, a Honolulu family of four must earn \$61,900 annually. A

single working parent, by comparison, would need to earn \$56,400 per year. Sadly, DBEDT estimates that 27 percent and 77 percent of such families, respectively, fall below the income thresholds necessary for “self-sufficiency.” The situation is, obviously, even more dire for Hawaii’s low-wage working families. Therefore, we strongly endorse the governor’s proposal to establish 30 preschool classes at public school facilities to serve 640 children from low-income families, ensuring that such children receive that educational preparation they need have successful academic careers. We also encourage lawmakers to appropriate the full \$4.5 million requested by the executive to actualize this effort.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,  
Kris Coffield  
*Legislative Director*

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 4:22 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Margaret Day from New York, NY writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Michael Fahey from Mililani, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Early Learning is so important and will save the state millions in the future! It is a "no brainer" Mahalo!

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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Jamie Goya from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Pua Guiteras from Honolulu, HI writes:

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H@SH HAYASHI from Waipahu, HI writes:

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**LATE**

House Committee on Finance  
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

February 21, 2014

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for HB1676 HD1, allowing the Executive Office of Early Learning to enter into agreements with the Department of Education to use vacant or underutilized classrooms for public preschools statewide.

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 consistently supported the establishment of a statewide early childhood learning program, supporting of the formation of the Executive Office of Early Learning, and the school readiness program, which targets the underserved and at-risk four-year-olds that will not be able to attend Junior Kindergarten from the 2014-2015 school year. Accordingly, the Coalition also supports the effort to expand pre-school at our public schools and the financial appropriation to do so, as an option to provide our children under the age of five, a high quality education experience. Access is key, especially in rural areas. We also continue to recommend an outreach program to families so that they understand the options available for their pre-Kindergarten children.

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.

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

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\*Good Beginnings Alliance

Harold K.L. Castle Foundation

\*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

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\*Hawai'i Charter School Network

\*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

\*Hawaii State PTSA

Hawai'i State Student Council

Hawai'i State Teachers Association

Hawai'i P-20

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Kamehameha Schools

Kanu Hawai'i

Keiki to Career Kaua'i

Kupu A'e

\*Leaders for the Next Generation

Learning First

McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

Our Public School

\*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

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\*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

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From: Marsha Jones <marsha@mfss.org>  
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 5:53 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Marsha Jones from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Mitchell Kido <aujkido@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 4:21 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Mitchell Kido from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. It is vital that ALL children have equal access to affordable preschool in Hawaii. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 2:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

mark kirititsu from honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. I feel that the best use of funds is to educate our children. It is a well known fact that kids attending preschool can better adjust to higher levels of education. Please support this bill. Thank you

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**From:** Kay Lipps <bumboochoa@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 5:09 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Kay Lipps from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Gale McNish <gale.mcnish@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 4:57 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Gale McNish from Makawao, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Cathy Ogawa <cogawa@stanfordalumni.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 1:24 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in strong support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Cathy Ogawa from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am a former preschool teacher and preschool director and I am writing in strong support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Glenna Okamura <glenna@mfss.org>  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Glenna Okamura from Kihei, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 4:36 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Kauai Pratt from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 1:12 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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John Rankin from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 5:45 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

maureen schaeffer from honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Matt Shido <matthewshido@allstate.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 3:05 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Matt Shido from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Kiana Shiroma <kianak@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 1:37 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Kiana Shiroma from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson,

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Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future.

Mahalo!

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Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 6:34 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
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Stephen Day from New York, NY writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** charis taniguchi <keikimbm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 1:01 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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charis taniguchi from honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**From:** Teresa Vast <tvast@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 1:52 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Teresa Vast from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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**HB1676**

Submitted on: 2/20/2014

Testimony for FIN on Feb 21, 2014 13:00PM in Conference Room 308

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From: Patty Paranada <patty@mfss.org>  
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 5:07 AM  
To: FINTestimony  
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Patty Paranada from Wailuku, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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## HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

February 20, 2014

**LATE**

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Saiki, Vice-Chair  
The Honorable Aaron Johanson, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee on Finance  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Luke & Members of the Committee on Finance:

### **HB1676, HD1 - Relating to Early Learning**

HB 1676 authorizes the Executive Office on Early Learning to enter into agreements with the DOE and charter schools for the use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms. The Hawaii Community Foundation supports this bill as an important component of a statewide early childhood education system. As a statewide charitable foundation, HCF has supported numerous organizations and agencies over the years in their efforts to build and deliver a quality early childhood program. Over that time we have seen compelling evidence of the critical importance of high quality early learning experiences for all children. It is hard to point to another single program that would do more to prepare so many young children for a successful start in school than early education. Children without these experiences regularly arrive at the doors of our kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms unprepared to learn. Quite often these children will struggle and lag behind their peers for years to come. As proposed, this bill will help to ensure that there are adequate facilities and classrooms to meet the needs of all children across the state.

HCF encourages your Committee to support the creation of this program for the benefit of all children in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Christine van Bergeijk  
Vice President and COO

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From: christina sekiya <christina\_sekiya@notes.k12.hi.us>  
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 5:49 AM  
To: FINTestimony  
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

christina sekiya from pearl city, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. As a kindergarten classroom teacher, I fully understand and see the impact that early learning can provide for our children. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Kalani Thanee from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Sharon Tsai from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which authorizes the executive office on early learning to enter into agreements with the department of education and charter schools for use of vacant or underutilized classrooms as public preschool classrooms; and HB2276, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2. Last year, the legislature took a giant step towards laying the foundation of a high-quality early learning system for Hawaii by funding a school readiness program. The passage of these bills will build upon that foundation and further develop the capacity with both community-based preschools and our public school system required to meet the growing demand for the preschool programs our keiki so desperately need and deserve, as well as establish the assessment tools to ensure our children are prepared and ready to learn. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo!

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Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:32 PM  
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (HB1676, HD1 and HB2276)

Chelsie Wong from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Terri Yoshinaga from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bill HB1676, HD1

Deborah Morrow from Kailua, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson,

My name is Deborah Morrow, and I teach special education preschool at Kailua Elementary School as a DOE teacher. I teach a class of 5 autistic preschoolers. Autism is a triad of disabilities often accompanied by other challenges, but its key challenges are language delay, repetitive behaviors, and social reciprocity. Because I teach in a public school system that does not service typically developing preschool aged children, I struggle with finding ways to teach social skills to disabled preschoolers with major deficits in social skills when I have no typically developing peers for my students to associate with. I have attempted with my principal to find ways to bring typically developing preschoolers into my class to create an inclusion preschool setting, but our efforts have been rejected at the higher levels because Department of Health licensing issues or because of the question of where the money goes when private schools collect money from the typically developing preschoolers parents to attend their preschool in my class. The red tape at every level impedes the ultimate goal of teaching the preschool aged children in the Kailua area. I encourage you to support this bill in allowing the Executive Office of Early Learning to go into agreements with the DOE to utilize available spaces on public school campuses for public preschools. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Deborah Morrow

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Stacey White from Honolulu, HI writes:

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To: FINTestimony  
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bill HB1676, HD1

Dorenda Perreira from Kaneohe, HI writes:

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson,

I am writing in support of early learning bill HB1676, HD1. I am testifying to support using available classroom space on public school campuses. I am a substitute Educational Assistant and a volunteer in my daughter's Special Needs Pre-school class. Her classroom has mostly autistic children who would, without a doubt, benefit from having typically developing peers available to teach valuable social skills that are a key challenge of children with autism. There is a benefit as well, for the typically developing peers to learn compassion for those with disabilities. The life skills they gain by learning to work with and in support of those who need the extra help will benefit them long into their adult lives, both in their future careers and in their personal endeavors.

In working at Kailua Elementary, I have learned that the special education preschool teachers and kindergarten teachers have identified a group of kids they call the "gap kids." These children belong to the socio-economic group of children that cannot afford private preschool and are not of a low enough income bracket to qualify for Head Start. These children receive no preschool at all, and having an available public preschool on Kailua Elementary's campus would benefit those gap kids and support their education.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you support Early Learning Bill HB1676, HD1.

Sincerely,

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Tammy Ruiz from Wailuku, HI writes:

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Kacie Cohen from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Jayna Matsukawa from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Kristin Soeryadjaya from Honolulu, HI writes:

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