

Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee, my name is Valerie Johnson and I am a senior at Kea'au High school. In HB2276, the House of Representatives bill entitled Childhood education, the spokesperson suggests that we should provide money from the public for children to attend private schools. I disagree with this bill. This bill would take away the resources that public schools need. The money that would be provided for the students could be used towards public schools to make them better.

Another thing is the teacher's jobs. This bill would cost 300 jobs for teachers that are teaching in Jr. K. Making kindergarten mandatory would allow children to grow more prepared for school. Depriving them of this opportunity would not give them the knowledge they need in school. To be ready for the 1st grade, they need experience and social skills. This would make the transition into school much easier.

The fact that we don't know where the money is coming from specifically is another issue. We know it's coming from taxes, but whose taxes. It could be taxes from the parents of those students that already attend a private school. And even if students from public schools decide to attend a private school, the private school still has the right to reject them.

In conclusion, I don't agree with this bill considering the money could be used to benefit the actual school itself rather than individual students. The money could be used for supplies and resources that public schools need more than private schools. The money could be put towards financial aid. Like those that need the money for college. I

personally think the money could be used for other purposes. These are my reasons for opposing to the HB2276 Bill.

Honorable chair Jill Tokuda and members of the education committee, my name is Brianna Cadaoas and I am a senior at Keaau High School. In H.B 2276 related Early Childhood Education, It suggests that the public should give money to kids age 3-4 to attend a private school if they choose to. I personally do not agree with this statement. Why should the state give money to other families to send their child to a private school when in the end the child may or may not get accepted? The state is handing out money that could be used for supplies, resources, and materials to better the public educational system. Is it really necessary to give away that much money to a child so young? I do not think the state realizes how much this effects public school's need for funds. If they have so much money to give away, why is that seniors and other kids trying to get into college are struggling to get by. Why don't they feel the need they should help us out? In the bill they do not even mention where this money is coming from. This bill seems really unfair to me and I strongly disagree.

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Committee my name is Lowell Matias , I am a senior Keaau High School student and I disagree with the House of Representative's bill for Early Childhood Education to use public money for preschoolers to attend private schools. I disagree because it isn't fair for the preschooler's parents that have to use their hard earned money for their children to attend private schooling. In this world we all search for equality and this is not equality. All students that attend private schools should pay for their own tuition. The students using public money for schooling would be wasted, when it could be benefiting our public school supplies. It would benefit our community better if we didn't use tax payers money for private school, when they could just attend a public school. I don't see a lot of positive benefits from this bill. Thank you for reading my opinion on the House of Representative's bill for Early Childhood Education and I hope you take it into consideration to not pass this bill.

Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee.

My name is Amanda Chiquita. I have attend to many schools through out my life.

I am opposing this.

The HB2276 talks about how they can supply public money for students that attend public schools and send them to private schools. The money is coming from the people's taxes, basically our parents money. It also states that preschoolers must be three or four years of age to have this opportunity. That the state can send preschoolers to any private preschool. I am against this bill toward early childhood education.

The biggest reason why that I am against this bill is because you can send your child to any private school. Even peoples own private preschool. My main concern is that are all private preschools going to teach kids and prepare them for kindergarten. If not, no kids will ever be ready for 1st grade.

I think the state should really think about this bill before passing it. Also the con's about the HB2276. Especially the benefits for the future kinds of America.

HB2276 Testimony

Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee; my name is Daryl Albano and I'm a senior at Keauau high School. I'm writing in opposition for this bill that would allow public funds to be used in private education. The reason why this bill has a negative effect on public education is because it would remove public funds from public education. Additionally it would remove 300 jobs for teachers. Public education should be provided with maximum public funds in order to maintain educational opportunities for all students.

When I think about private education, I see it as an optional choice in going to school. The common learning core is different in private schools than from those in public schools. Public funds shouldn't go towards private schools because private schools have different common learning cores. In one scenario, a student who is given the option to go to a private school with tuition being paid for by public funds could be learning something different than that of a public school student.

Public schools offer free education. By removing public funds from public schools, the educational opportunities will decrease. Teachers will be paid less and the amount of learning material, textbooks, computers, and classes will decrease because of insufficient public funds. Without having the necessary items to learn or teach, the amount of opportunities will negatively impact a student's learning.

As a student of public education, I understand the sacrifices that teachers go through when facing financial issues. Their ability to teach is inadequate as a result. Since administration wants students to pass, it diminishes the importance of learning. By keeping public funds paying for public education, it will enhance a student's learning without having the need to desperately pass a student.

It is better to use public funds for public schools and not for private schools. The common learning core is different in private schools, meaning that the student might or might not be learning at the same pace as a public school student. Without money to support public education, public schools would lack educational opportunities for all students. That is my view on bill HB2276. Thank you for reading my testimony.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee, my name is Edgar Ventura I am a senior at Keaau High School as a student, I would have to strongly oppose HB 2276 related to Early Childhood Education. A child being paid at the age of four to go to a private school is something that seems wrong. It states in the bill that if this passed money and funds that the public raises will be taken away from public school use in order to get students in to private schools. That seems to me as an unfair request and use of money that the public raises. The choice of what type of education a student starts with should be determined by the parents and if they can offer it then so be it. It takes a parent to say what they are able or unable to pay. Using monies for private education is not right.

The bill also wants to take away 300 jobs from teachers teaching in Jr. K. This is something that should automatically turn heads away because we all know about what our economy is like today so why make it worse? It may be a little overboard to argue about what children at the age of four should be doing instead they should be thinking about getting students from high school into college. The bill's purpose is to get more students in private schools with the help of the publics' money, thank you senator Tokuda for allowing me to state my opinion about the bill.

Honorable chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee my name is William Justo attending Kea'au High School as a senior and I am writing to strongly oppose HB2276. In the House of Representatives bill entitled "A Bill for an Act" suggests that they use the public's money to allow children at the age of four to attend private schools. I would have to disagree on this task that they are trying to accomplish. The bill states that the public's money will be used to pay for a child's attendance to a private school. This action is very unfair; if a parent wants their child to attend a private school then they should pay for it. The public's money should benefit all of the publics. What if others wanted to attend a private school? The government would not be able to afford to pay for everyone that wishes to attend a private school.

This bill is extremely unfair to a lot of people. The bill involves taking a lot of money from people. If this bill passes 300 teachers teaching Jr.K will be laid off. The teachers will obviously be losing a lot of money. I am not a fan of what the House of Representatives want to do. The teacher's should keep their jobs and the money should be used for a better cause. Instead of using the money for children entering school, the money should be used for teenagers entering college. The money can be added to scholarships or other academic things. To help out the public the money can be used for buildings, roads and other to benefit the public. The House of Representatives purpose is to have more students attend private schools using the public's money using a tone of authority. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my essay which states my opinion.

Testimony

Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee my name is Birolena Vaoga a senior at Keaau High School and I am against this act, and my reasons are is that I find it unfair. The purpose of this act is not helpful for all students learning, I feel its focusing more on certain individuals, and those who wants to attend private school or has the requirement to attend private schools. If you pass this bill, a lot of teachers and those students who are in college who's preparing to teach will not have much opportunity to be a teacher. Also, you are taking away a lot of resources and funds from those students who attend public school. I feel you should focus more on students who are attending public school than those who are attending private school.

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Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee, my name is Kainalu Burley and I am a senior at Keaau High School. I oppose Bill HB227 for a few reasons. One being that they want to take away funds from public schools, which, I am against because most parents can only afford their child to attend a public school. Secondly, they make it not mandatory for students to go through kindergarten. I am also against that because I believe students need to learn the real basic information, such as months of the year, before they can even start the first grade. By skipping kindergarten, it will leave the students behind others that actually went through kindergarten. I am against this bill because I am for public schools. These are my beliefs on this Bill. Mahalo Senator Tokuda for the opportunity to express my viewpoint.

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Honorable chair Jill Tokuda and members of the Board Of Education committee.

Hello my name is Kawaiua'olu Ronia I am a senior student that attends Keaau High school and I oppose bill HB227 for the following reasons.

This bill states that the funds that usually would be sent to a public school for supplies or resources for that school to improve its own educational style of teaching will be sent to certain individuals to attend private school. I feel that every student should be given equal education opportunities in order to develop outstanding students who are able to make more in life then what is given to them and that is how I feel great people are made.

This bill states that many teachers will lose their jobs due to the pay cuts from the public schools. So the Board of Education is not only going to give less funding for the schools, making it hard for the teachers to teach, but eliminate job opportunities for teachers. I believe that teachers are the guides through the path of becoming an adult and if you make that path difficult or treacherous by not providing the necessary resources how are we student supposed to become adults.

Thank you Senator Tokuda for the opportunity to have my voice heard my you take this in to account when voting for the bill.

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Dear Chair Tokuda and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am writing in support of two early learning bills: HB1676, HD1, which allows the Executive Office on Early Learning to use underutilized or vacant public or charter school classrooms for public preschool classes; and HB2276, HD1, which establishes the Early Learning Program for the state. Passage of these two measures is important to increasing access to the early learning programs our keiki need and deserve. We need to invest in our youngest citizens for their future and the future of our state. Please support HB1676, HD1 and HB2276, HD1 and thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Mahalo!

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