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

February 25, 2014

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for SB2826, establishing the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System.

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 supports the establishment of a statewide Early Childhood Education Program within the State Early Learning System, and the financial appropriation to support the program. We agree that offering various options to families, involving public-private partnerships in early learning to best utilize existing resources, including family-child interaction early learning programs, and also using underutilized facilities at our public schools for early education programs, provides a range of choices for quality early learning programs.

We have been particularly concerned about the late-born four year olds, who will not be able to attend public Kindergarten from the 2014-2015 year. Two sessions ago, the Coalition testified that we preferred that Junior Kindergarten (JK) not be terminated without a guarantee in law that all "late-born" impacted students will have a state-funded early learning program as a replacement to meet their educational needs. Therefore, we look forward to a comprehensive Early Learning System established by the law.

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

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After-School All-Stars Hawaii
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*Castle Complex Community Council
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Coalition for Children with Special Needs
*DOE Windward District
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
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*Good Beginnings Alliance
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*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
*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
Hawai'i 3Rs
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*Parents and Children Together

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Daniel McLaughlin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Early education is valuable--Hawaii offers it in the form of kindergarten, which is NOT REQUIRED. Why should the state pay to privately educate preschoolers, yet not make kindergarten mandatory? Kindergarten is free and is staffed by highly qualified public school teachers.

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Darren Imada from Honolulu, HI writes:

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debi dellera from honolulu, HI writes:

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Deborah Shelton from Hilo, HI writes:

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Diane Ching from Honolulu, HI writes:

Dear Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani. I am a Pediatrician writing in support of two early learning bills: S2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2; and SB2975, which makes an appropriation for the executive office on early learning to enter into contracts with third party providers for family child interaction learning programs. 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 SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future. Mahalo! Dr. Diane Ching

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Diane Sato from Kapaa, HI writes:

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Jasmyn Paulo from Hilo, HI writes:

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jowell atiz from hilo, HI writes:

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justin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair SB 2826 DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 TIME: 10:30 a.m. PLACE: Conference Room 211 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street This bill is disingenuous and bad for the keiki of Hawaii. This bill states three times that the constitutional amendment is not a voucher system. Yet the constitutional amendment reads, "that public funds may be appropriated for the support or benefit of private early childhood education programs as provided by law." First, the public prekindergarten program for 5,000 students will be dissolved, thus 300 teachers will lose their jobs so public taxpayer dollars can be used to fund private organizations via the constitutional amendment. A public school preschool program is the most equitable and effective way to provide for prekindergarten student needs. The National Education Association opposes vouchers: (A-25) the National Education Association believes that voucher plans, tuition tax credits, or other funding/financial arrangements that use tax monies to subsidize pre-K through 12 private school education can undermine public education; reduce the support needed to adequately fund public education ; cause racial, economic, and social segregation of students; and threaten the constitutional separation of church and state that has been a cornerstone of American democracy. NEA opposes voucher plans , tuition tax credits, or other such funding arrangements that pay for students to attend sectarian schools. Less than 30 percent of 3- and 4-year-olds currently attend preschool in Hawaii. The private sector does not have the capacity to provide for universal preschools. The question is do we want the capacity to provide for universal preschool to be developed through private sector or public sector preschool? Our public schools have greater capacity to house, develop and implement quality preschool programs with appropriate checks on educator quality, curriculum, fiscal accountability, providing for the needs of special needs students and ensuring separation of church and state. Democrats should be supporting universal public preschools. Please vote against SB2826 Mahalo, Justin Hughey Teacher King Kamehameha III Elementary

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Kahea Kauhi from Waimanalo, HI writes:

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All of my children experienced preschool or junior kinder and it helps tremendously to prepare for the real world of elementary.

Most families can not even afford another year of preschool also so why take it away and the children are the ones who suffer. They might have to stay home and loose out on all that knowledge that can be taught.

Studies usually show that Hawaii children have lower test scores when tested, with this being taken away that means children will have less time to be taught what's age appropriate and it will be harder for teachers to catch them up.

Just saying! Mahalo!

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Kamala Marahatta from lihue, HI writes:

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TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2014
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
Hawai'i State Capitol
FROM: Kamehameha Schools

RE: SENATE BILL 2826, RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 2826, relating to early childhood education. Kamehameha Schools strongly supports the efforts of the legislature to enhance the early education opportunities across the state. Therefore, we support SB 2826, which establishes, upon ratification of the amendment to article X, section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, as proposed in Senate Bill No. 1084, introduced in the Regular Session of 2013, a statewide early childhood education program. This program will consist of providers of high-quality early childhood education delivered in either of Hawaii's two official languages to assist families in establishing a solid foundation for success in school so that a children graduate from high school prepared for college and a career. Furthermore, this measure reflects the importance and value of a dual choice system, allowing for public and private delivery of early learning in a variety of settings, as being cost effective for serving low income families.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is a statewide educational system supported by a trust endowed by Princess 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. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Legislature, the Department of Education and other public and private stakeholders in the community for the benefit of the children of Hawai'i.

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February 26, 2014

Testimony on SB 2826 RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Senate Ways and Means Committees Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members

February 26, 2014 10:30am

Conference Room 211

State Capitol

Testimony submitted by: Keshia L. Adolpho

Aloha, Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee members. My name is Keshia Adolpho and I am a third year master's student with the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Social Work Distance Learning Program in Hilo. I am currently enrolled in an Advanced Social Work Policy course that is being taught by Dr. Wesley Lum. I am testifying in strong support of SB 2826 that would establish the Early Childhood Education Program for the State of Hawaii.

In my opinion, Early Childhood Education is very important and fundamental in the beginning stages of learning for all of Hawaii's children. Whether this education occurs in the context of day care or preschool it gears up our children for the many years ahead of them. As a child who was blessed to attend preschool at the tender age of 4, I feel that because of that experience I was able to excel in grades K-12 and move on into post high education and now graduate school.

When I first heard of this bill I thought very little about it but the more I researched it the more I was able to look at my own self as a third year masters student and look back on my educational career and all of the opportunities that I was afforded as a child. I feel very strongly that this bill should be passed so that not only our children now but the future children of Hawaii may enjoy the same opportunities that I was.

Thank you for providing me with this opportunity to submit my testimony and for your commitment to Hawaii's people.



From: [Kiana Shiroma](#)
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Kiana Shiroma from Kaneohe, HI writes:

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Please support SB2826 and SB2975 and thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Hawaii's future.

Mahalo,

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February 27, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I have taught Kindergarten for 9 years and know that it is important for students to go to Kindergarten, to gain the foundation needed. It is important to first look to making Kindergarten mandatory. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

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**TESTIMONY FOR SENATE BILL 2826, RELATING TO EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

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

**Thursday, February 27, 2014, 9:05 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

Honorable Chair Ige and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMU Alliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 175 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in opposition, with proposed amendments for Senate Bill 2826, relating to early childhood education.

We understand that research on the benefits of quality early learning programs indicates that for every dollar invested in such opportunities, society saves four to eight dollars on remedial classes, special education, welfare programs, and criminal justice costs. Roughly 85 percent of a child's brain develops from birth to age five, according to modern neuroscience, emphasizing the importance of providing a quality learning environment during these formative years. Moreover, as of 2011, 42 percent of Hawaii's public school keiki did not attend any form of preschool prior to enrollment in formal education, despite the approximately 420 percent return on investment for every dollar spent on quality early childhood services. As the Department of education continues to streamline educational accountability, especially for teachers and educational officers, it is imperative that we do all we can to ensure our children are "classroom ready," meaning that they are prepared to receive basic instruction and effectively socialize with peers upon entering elementary school, placing both our keiki and their teachers on the path to success. Thus, we fully support efforts to improve access early childhood education, so long as robust ECE programs are provided through the public school system.

That said, we think this bill puts the cart before the horse. While intended to give voters a clear understanding of what is being proposed by this year's early learning amendment (passed via SB 1084 in 2013), we are concerned that passing implementation legislation prior to the amendment ratification disallows lawmakers the opportunity to craft policy that reflects the voters' will. Voters who have yet to fully explore the complexities of public-private early learning partnerships are likely to be engaged by this year's debate over ratification, leading to insights and discussions not anticipated by policymakers. If our goal is to craft a policy that reflects constituents' concerns, it is imperative that those concerns be afforded a full opportunity to be voiced. Since the early learning amendment is likely to energize voters in a manner similar to 2010's proposal to institute an appointed Hawaii State Board of Education, it should bring diverse perspectives into connection with one another, allowing for new questions to be posed and ideas to be articulated about the shape of our state's ECE ecosystem. It should also be noted that implementation of the early learning system proposed by this measure will require a substantial fiscal commitment, one that should not be allowed to affect budgetary discussions—as it will sure do, given that the commitment will run into the tens, if not hundreds, of millions of dollars—unless absolutely necessary.

If this bill is to move forward, however, we urge lawmakers to be vigilant in ensuring that the use of public funds for early childhood education programs is not utilized as a predicate for future implementation of private school voucher programs. In the past and in other states, advocates for school vouchers have seized upon any pertinent fiscal reform regarding education to forward their cause, falsely arguing that public funding for any private educational programming, should such programs be deemed successful by future studies, evinces the likely success of educational privatization writ large. We feel that school vouchers would undermine our public education system, the backbone of Hawaii's and the United States' democratic practices, potentially leading to educational discrimination, segregation, and scholastic inequalities that both mirror and exacerbate the socioeconomic disparity of our society. We also strongly encourage your committee to amend this bill to prohibit public funds from being used to subsidize faith-based education, thereby ensuring that funds appropriated to early childhood education as a result of the proposed amendment do not violate the U.S. Constitution's and Hawaii State Constitution's Establishment Clauses, which bar preferential governmental treatment for religious institutions. Our concern over religious discrimination comes from the fact that the proposed constitutional amendment on which this legislation is based reads as follows: “There shall be no discrimination in public educational institutions because of **race, religion, sex or ancestry**; nor shall public funds be

appropriated for the support or benefit of any sectarian or nonsectarian private educational institution, except that public funds may be appropriated for the support or benefit of private early childhood education programs, subject to the non-discrimination provision above, as provided by law, and...etc.” The non-discrimination provision referenced in the proposed amendment, appearing in bold, *does not* include sexual orientation, unless one understands "sex" to refer to sexual orientation. Obama administration officials have asserted this interpretation regarding federal prohibitions of sex discrimination in schools receiving federal funds, but private ECE providers *do not* receive federal funds, begging the question of applicability (also, for what it's worth, the Obama administration won't be in the executive forever and a new executive could assert a different interpretation of the law). Moreover, the only mention of religion or faith contained in this bill says, “Therefore, this program will be delivered through several vehicles: center-based programs, group child care homes, and family child care homes, including those run by faith-based providers as far as state and federal laws allow; programs on department of education school campuses; and family-child interaction learning programs.” Religious-affiliated early learning schools have consistently maintained that the preceding understanding exempts sexual orientation from non-discrimination policies, including those that would apply to religious early learning programs seeking public funds. We do not want to see the state wrapped up in costly litigation because of a misappropriation of funds to a program that oversteps its constitutional bounds by using public funds to promote a specific religious viewpoint, nor do we feel confident (particularly after last year's marriage equality debate) that early learning programs operated by religious or religious-affiliated schools will prevent the insertion of religious doctrine into early learning curricula. Our requested amendment can be enacted by revising the language in Section 2, subsection (e) to include an additional line item stating: “Nondiscriminatory and religiously neutral classroom environments.”

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Legislative Director



From: [Leah Y](#)
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Leah Y from Kailua, HI writes:

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SB2826

Submitted on: 2/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2014 10:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Galloway, PhD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: [Lorna Tietjen](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:19:29 PM

Lorna Tietjen from Hawaiian Beaches, HI writes:

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From: [Mamo Trueman](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:29:03 PM

Mamo Trueman from Waimanalo, HI writes:

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Mary Dizon from Honolulu, HI writes:

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Captain Cook, HI 96704-8707

February 27, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

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SB2826

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Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2014 10:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Bonham	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support early education unless there are guarantees in place that it will be a high quality program with qualified teachers. Otherwise it will just be babysitting- very expensive babysitting

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Testimony To
The Senate Committee on Education

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Conference Room 211

Re: SB 2826 – Relating to Early Childhood Education Program

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-chair Kodani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert G. Peters and I am a recently retired Head of an independent school in Honolulu which has a pre-K program. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2826, A Bill for an Act Relating to Early Childhood Education which establishes the Early Childhood Education Program within the Early Learning System established by section 302L-2.

The purpose of this bill is to implement a statewide early childhood education program of high-quality providers following the ratification of the amendment to article X of the Hawaii State Constitution. Both my own experience as a Head of School and the abundance of research on school success confirm the value of high quality early childhood education for all children. Benefits are noted in school readiness, general school success and long-term quality of life and contributions as community members. In addition, dollars invested in early education pay dividends for communities as a whole by reducing costs for remediation in schools, reduction in crime and welfare expenses along with reduced homelessness and substance abuse. A study in Hawaii completed in 2008 by Good Beginnings Alliance determined that for every dollar invested in early learning a four dollar plus return could be expected.

While we recognize that early learning for our at-risk children can help to lower the achievement gap by improving school readiness, we also know that all children regardless of family income can benefit from early childhood education. There is growing concern that our lower middle income families will not be able to provide an early learning experience for their children unless a statewide system is implemented. Such a system will be voluntary and also culturally sensitive offering choices to families for placement of their children.

The passage of the constitutional amendment will enable the State to establish a statewide system that will create a public/private partnership supporting greater capacity for four year-olds utilizing the private sector infrastructure and provide for higher quality for all providers built upon standards aligned with educational outcomes. This bill will guide the implementation of Hawaii's much needed early learning system.

I hope you will consider it favorably.



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TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 211

Testimony in Support of SB2826, Relating to Early Childhood Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support** of SB2826, which establishes the Early Childhood Education program. 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.

An Early Childhood Education program means that children in low-income families will have access to high-quality educational programming that would otherwise be out of reach. Without this access children from low-income families are less likely to have the strong start to their education that will result in providing a bridge to a successful college experience/career that will change their family's financial/social tree for generations to come.

Once again, PHOCUSED strongly urges your support of SB2826. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this critical issue.



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SB2826

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From: [Stephanie Char](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:58:18 PM



Stephanie Char from Mililani, HI writes:

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL Senate Bill (SB) 2826
RELATING TO
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
by
Ted Sakai, Director
Department of Public Safety

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

Wednesday, February 26, 2014; 10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) is in **support** of SB 2826, Relating to Early Childhood Education. This bill establishes an Early Childhood Education Program to advance early learning initiatives for the children of Hawaii.

We believe that there is a relationship between the lack of education and criminality. In Fiscal Year 2013, out of 874 incarcerated adults assessed by PSD, 428 were without a high school diploma. Seventy-five percent of the 428 tested between the third and seventh grade level.

High-quality early childhood education programs using evidence-based methods promotes a solid foundation for student success in school and in adult life, and hopefully, steer them away from a life of crime.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



From: [Uluwehi Laurita-Urata](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of Early Learning Bills (SB2826, and SB2975)
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 7:59:11 AM

Uluwehi Laurita-Urata from Kapolei, HI writes:

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February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

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Sincerely,

Alicia Mochizuki



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February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I am a high school teacher and if students do not start in a mandatory kindergarten, then it affects their reading levels and math skills in high school. Please keep public education in the public schools funded by public funds.

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Sincerely,

Amber Riel

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Angie Miyashiro
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February 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

Dr. Angie Miyashiro
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February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

As a teacher and new parent I strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them to be successful in life.

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Anne C.K. Cross
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Ashlie Salas
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Ashlie Salas



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Brendan Poff
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February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Here it is, another idea put forth into the legislation that is halfway thought out. I thought I recalled many of the senators and representatives saying they needed to stop doing the job of the DOE. So stop already. Stop hiring TFA teach our kids. They're being put in classrooms where they don't know what they're doing and it shows. Mandate qualified teachers for all classrooms.

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Brendan Poff



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Carmen Bruce
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Carmen Bruce



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Caroline Freudig
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February 25, 2014

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Caroline



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February 25, 2014

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We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Chezerae Lurbe
808-384-5561



From: christie.yamane@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:07:21 PM

Christie Yamane
99-845 Aiea Hts. Dr.
Aiea, HI 96701-3504

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

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Sincerely,

Christie Yamane
(808)675-0177



From: christina_blackburn@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 8:47:25 PM

Christina Blackburn
94-820 Lumiauu Street, J201
Waipahu, HI 96797-6804

February 27, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I teach kindergarten. I do not understand why it is not mandatory. Kindergartners are expected to come to school, learn, and be graded like all the other grades/children. It only makes sense to have it mandatory.

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Sincerely,

Christina Blackburn



From: coreyrosenlee@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:12:19 PM

Corey Rosenlee
91-1053 Noholike St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-5125

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Sincerely,

Corey Rosenlee
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From: cristey_kagawa@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:14 PM

Cristey Kagawa
886 Fourth Street
Pearl City, HI 96782-3312

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

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We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Cristey Kagawa



From: [Daniel Garcia](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: S.B. 2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 7:50:53 AM

Dear Committee,

I strongly oppose S.B. 2826 regarding the implementation upon its ratification, the amendment to Article X, section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

The Constitutional Amendment is clearly an education voucher in which it takes public funds to pay for private education. I support public funding for all preschool students. The Department of Education should have the oversight for preschools in public settings.

I strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools as we can make the commitment to our children to give them the best type of quality education for the future of Hawaii. Our early childhood education teachers are highly recognized, educated, and some of the best in the nation. I am very close to someone who works for a prestigious private pre-school and the stories she has told me about the ineptitude of some of the key members of this school is very illuminating thus, for me, shattering the illusion that private schools are superior to public schools.

I believe in quality education taught by qualified and licensed teachers in every classroom.

I believe in students should have the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Garcia
HSTA member



From: dannettewon@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:17:21 PM

Dannette Won
87-965 Iliili Rd
Waianae, HI 96792-3410

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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We believe in parents knowing that their child is in a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe in standards within a single, unified school system, where education is under one umbrella and not done in a silo.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Dannette Won
8086681943



From: dray4774@hotmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:02:26 PM

Dawn Raymond
P.O. BOX 10698
Hilo, HI 96721-5698

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

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We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Dawn Raymond



From: debnaone@hawaii.rr.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:12 PM

Deborah Naone
91-1053 ualakupu St
Kapolei, HI 96707-2956

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

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If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Deborah Naone
8087218974



From: dpfaltzgraff@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:17:29 PM

Debra Pfaltzgraff
1414 Mokulua Dr.
Kailua, HI 96734-3252

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. As a public school curriculum coordinator, I work closely with the Kindergarten teachers in screening their incoming students.

I strongly believe that preschoolers should be taught by qualified and licensed teachers.

With all the new emphasis on new teacher evaluations, why would the state be paying for teachers in the private sector who do not fall under their evaluation umbrella?

If early childhood education is a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

I urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. I also urge you to value our existing schools by using tax dollars to provide a DOE licensed preschool teacher, subject to DOE evaluation criteria, in all public schools.

Sincerely,

Debra Pfaltzgraff
808 262-0231

From: mrdonlong@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:22:17 PM



Dorrance Long
2417 Zurschmiede Dr.
New Albany, IN 47150-4460

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

My colleagues and I strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. We work hard to provide students with the best possible education because we care. We are all committed to giving our students a quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

I believe that qualified and licensed teachers are an absolute necessity in every classroom. It is imperative that teachers and students have the proper tools, facilities, and guidance for our students become successful and productive in the world.

We believe in students having the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

We believe in parents knowing that their child is in a safe and nurturing environment. If we are to expect parents to support education they must know that every teacher is qualified and licensed to deliver the best educational services possible

We believe in standards within a single, unified school system, where education is under one umbrella and not done in a silo.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We all urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Dorrance A. Long

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From: lizzyfitz12@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:22:18 PM

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
12-165 East Moanauli Loop
Pahoa, HI 96778-7888

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

Teachers believe in quality education taught by qualified and licensed teachers in every classroom.

We believe in students having the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

We believe in parents knowing that their child is in a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe in standards within a single, unified school system, where education is under one umbrella and not done in a silo.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick



From: flieger.emily@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:10 PM

Emily Flieger
2621 kapiolani blvd #b
Honolulu, HI 96826-4835

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

Teachers believe in quality education taught by qualified and licensed teachers in every classroom.

We believe in students having the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

We believe in parents knowing that their child is in a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe in standards within a single, unified school system, where education is under one umbrella and not done in a silo.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Emily Flieger
201 787 4992

From: puananig@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:57:21 PM



Evette Tampos
2552 Pukana La Street
Hilo, HI 96720-1378

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Aloha My Legislators,

My name is Evette Tampos. I am a school counselor at Pahoa Elementary School. As an educator, I strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

I urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. I also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

My colleagues and I believe in quality education taught by qualified and licensed teachers in every classroom.

We believe in students having the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

We believe in parents knowing that their child is in a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe in standards within a single, unified school system, where education is under one umbrella and not done in a silo.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

Sincerely,

Evette Tampos

8089907573



From: franhsta@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:47:27 PM

F Bellinger
46-155 Kamehemeha Highway
Kaneohe, HI 96744-3651

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

As a parent, I believe in quality education taught by qualified and licensed teachers in EVERY classroom.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

If early childhood education was a priority, then ALL schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws BEFORE a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our ALREADY underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Our Kulehana, Our Keikis,

F Bellinger



From: felicia_lobos@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 3:12:30 PM

Felicia Villalobos
4341 Kailewa St.
Lihue, HI 96766-9412

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Aloha, my name is Felicia Villalobos and I am a first grade public school teacher on the island of Kaua'i. I strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

I believe in quality education taught by qualified and licensed teachers in every classroom.

I believe in students having the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

I believe in parents knowing that their child is in a safe and nurturing environment.

I believe in standards within a single, unified school system, where education is under one umbrella and not done in a silo.

Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

I urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. I also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Felicia Villalobos
808-634-2322



From: rgpung@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:12:30 PM

Greta Pung
861 Kupulau Rd.
Hilo, HI 96720-3668

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

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We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Greta Pung
808 959 0198

A Parent's Testimony on Early Childhood Education

Hermeleen Amond
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Thursday February 27, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Committee on Education
State Capital
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813



RE: SB2826 Relating to Early Childhood Education

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee,

As a mother of a child who participate in Early Childhood Education, supported by HCAP Headstart, I strongly support the SB2826. I believe this bill will be a great advantage to the families of Hawai'i in providing more affordable quality education to our younger children. I am a single working mother of two children and I can see the good impact of Early Childhood Education it has on my youngest child, who is only 3 years-old. My 5 year-old did not have the opportunity to attend an Early Childhood Education Program and so it's interesting to see and observe my own children in their developmental stage of learning abilities.

I also support the bill emphasizes on parent's participation in their child's early education, which I believe reinforces the positive outcome of a child's future. A teacher can only do so much for a child in school but having a supportive parent reinforce the skills she or he learns in school will only optimize their learning abilities.

As a single working mother of two children, it is difficult to find affordable Early Childhood Education. I was fortunate to find HCAP Headstart, who was able to provide me an affordable quality education for my youngest child. It is why I strongly support this bill in hopes that it will expand to provide more Early Childhood Education to disadvantage families like mine. Every child may not become successful in life but they should at least be entitled to become successful by giving them the option in the early stages of their life. Approving this bill will expand this program and give every child a chance to succeed.

Investing in our children's lives in their early stages of childhood will help them be better prepared in overcoming the challenges of life from their education, finding a career and taking part of our society's solution rather than a problem. My statements come from my own personal view of the positive impact of Early Childhood Education in my family. I thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my testimony in support of expanding Hawai'i children education in their early stages of life.

Mahalo,

Hermeleen Amond



From: jprinslow@hawaiiintel.net
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:57:23 PM

Janis Prinslow
76-6314 kupuna st
kailua kona, HI 96740-3215

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

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We believe in students having the proper tools, facilities, and guidance in order to be successful.

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We believe in standards within a single, unified school system, where education is under one umbrella and not done in a silo.

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If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Janis Prinslow



From: jensute85@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:12:18 PM

Jennifer Kott
1715 Fern St. Ct. E.
Honolulu, HI 96826

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kott



From: miss_shibuya@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:57:28 AM

Jennifer Wong
235 Jack Lane
Honolulu, HI 96817-1440

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

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If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have MANDATORY kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to INVEST in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wong



From: kimuraj004@hawaii.rr.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:12:14 PM

Jo Ann Kimura
94-1156 Kukula St.
Waipahu, HI 96797-5260

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Sincerely,

Jo Ann Kimura
808-382-3291



From: demarcj49@hotmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:27:25 PM

Joe DeMarco
91-1079 Oaniani St. 11G
Kapolei, HI 96707-2623

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

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Sincerely,

Joe DeMarco
(808) 840-0147



From: joyle76@hotmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:12:26 PM

Joy Katsura
95-1048 Aliana St
Mililani, HI 96789-6548

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Sincerely,

Joy Katsura

From: alohaboo@hawaii.rr.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:12:18 PM



Juli Patten
84 740 Kili Drive #1123
Waianae, HI 96792

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Juli Patten
8085908262



From: jhoomana@hawaii.rr.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:07 PM

Julie Gouveia
87-138 Kaukamana St.
Waianae, HI 96792-3102

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Julie Gouveia



From: kanoe777@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:14 PM

Kanoe Clarin
91-479 Pohakupuna Road
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-2348

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Kanoe Clarin
8083660488



From: kmossman@hawaiiantel.net
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:27:28 PM

Karolyn Mossman
3359 Lower Kula Road
Kula, HI 96790-8733

February 25, 2014

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If you stop and think about it for a moment, every private school has in its mission a statement that targets a specific purpose: religious education, academic achievers, college preparatory, etc. While it is a right every parent has to enroll their child into such programs at their own expense, it is not good public policy and public funds should NOT be used to support unequal and unaccountable private schools.

Early childhood is too important to do piecemeal. We should ensure a good quality public preschool for every child. Let's invest and providing for all children for quality PUBLIC early childhood opportunities.

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We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children

in public schools.

Sincerely,

Karolyn Mossman
808 878-2982



From: kathrynsmith8@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:32:27 PM

Kathryn Smith
4465 Emmalani Drive
Princeville, HI 96722-5417

February 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Smith



From: kcarveiro@hawaiiantel.net
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:42:21 PM

Kathy Carveiro
4628 Ehako Street
Kalaheo, HI 96741-9136

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Kathy Carveiro
(808)332-8647,



From: d_kkobayashi@hawaii.rr.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:02:25 PM

Kathy Kobayashi
2174 Aamanu Street
Pearl City, HI 96782-1306

February 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

Kathy Kobayashi
8084554055



From: kendrain6@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 3:47:26 PM

Kendra Mizota
99689 Kahilina Place
Aiea, HI 96701-3538

February 25, 2014

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Kendra Mizota



From: kmadolpho@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 3:57:27 PM

Kiley Adolpho
PO Box 852
Kaunakakai, HI 96748-0852

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Kiley M. Adolpho



From: kapua98@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:09 PM

Kimi Mark
2386 Auhuhu St
Pearl City, HI 96782-1140

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Kimi Mark



From: olalani21@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:02:42 PM

Kivette Akagi
91-1032 Ama'ama St.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-3507

February 27, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I have taught Kindergarten for 9 years and know that it is important for students to go to Kindergarten, to gain the foundation needed. It is important to first look to making Kindergarten mandatory. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools.

Sincerely,

Kivette



From: krista.schmidt1@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:07:24 PM

Krista Schmidt
1060 Eha St #105
Wailuku, HI 96793-2085

February 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

Krista Schmidt



From: kapn_krunch_59@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:12:15 PM

Kristal Jonasen
91-1100 Puahala Street #U
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-2146

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I believe we need to focus on the programs we've already got in place, rather than starting yet another new initiative. As an educator, I'm invested in quality education.

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Sincerely,

Kristal Jonasen
8082929499



From: kristim808@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:27:23 PM

Kristi Miyamae
1441 Hoohulu Street
Pearl City, HI 96782-2917

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee Members,

I am a teacher at Mililani Middle School and I strongly oppose SB2826. I urge you to oppose this bill because I believe early childhood is extremely important and that we need qualified teachers with clear guidelines and a system with accountability.

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Contrary to what this bill states, private schools are a choice and the state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system. Allowing this bill to pass is allowing for a voucher system. This will make taxpayers fund two systems--public and private schools!

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I urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools.

Sincerely,

Kristi Miyamae
8084562500



From: kyra_yoshimoto@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:07 PM

Kyra Okamoto
1512 glen ave
Wahiawa, HI 96786-2663

February 25, 2014

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Kyra Okamoto



From: buller.laura@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:32:22 PM

Laura Buller
PO Box 6
Kualapuu, HI 96757-0006

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Sincerely,

Laura Buller
8086585230



From: laurarenrich@rocketmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:42:23 PM

LAURA PETERSON
POB 482136
KAUNAKAKAI, HI 96748-2136

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LAURA PETERSON
8085538381



From: dlokelani_han@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 12:37:27 PM

Lokelani Han
P.O. Box 34
Hoolehua, HI 96729-0034

February 26, 2014

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Me ka ha'aha'a

Lokelani Han
808 5676390



From: lynn_kondo-okamura@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:04 PM

Lynn Okamura
69 Uluwehi Street
Wahiawa, HI 96786-2561

February 25, 2014

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Lynn Okamura



From: mae.oshiro@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 6:37:23 PM

Mae Oshiro
2201 Auhuhu Street
Pearl City, HI 96782-1227

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

I believe in early childhood education for all children in Hawaii not just those that can afford. In order for all our children to develop a love of learning and discovering, they must start at a young age. Studies find the pre-kindergarten and/or preschool does help students be successful in elementary, intermediate and high school. They are also more likely to go on to college.

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Mae Oshiro

From: maileyasui@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:13 PM



Maile Yasui
95-211 Inana Place
Mililani, HI 96789-5517

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Maile Yasui
226-7009



From: marajean_urbanozo@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:10 PM

Mara Urbanozo
po box 893345
mililani, HI 96789-0345

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Mara Urbanozo
8083841922



From: margaret_ohara@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:27:29 PM

Margaret Ohara
91-496 Maohaka place
Ewa beach, HI 96706-4531

February 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

Margaret Ohara
808-683-5676



From: mikekline999@msn.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 10:17:25 PM

Michael Kline
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Kilauea, HI 96754-1201

February 26, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

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Michael Kline
808651-9992



From: nathanielmickelson@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:22:17 PM

Nathaniel Mickelson
992 South Kihei Rd. B102
Kihei, HI 96753-9119

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Nathaniel L. Mickelson



From: beccasuehi@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:15 PM

Rebecca Hadley-Schlosser
98-719 Iho Place #5402
Aiea, HI 96701-2515

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Teachers strongly believe in early childhood education in the public schools. I teach because I care. I am committed to giving my students quality education to prepare them for graduation and beyond. As a special education teacher I am concerned about using public funds to pay for non-highly qualified teachers teaching our incoming students which is likely to increase the number of special education referrals in the first few years of school due to non-adherence to the Hawaii Early Learning Developmental Standards.

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Rebecca Hadley-Schlosser



From: rataylor69@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:27:27 PM

Regina Taylor
2110 Kaneka St #175
Lihue, HI 96766-8015

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Regina Taylor
8086524651



From: rgpung@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:17:24 PM

Richard Pung
861 Kupulau Rd.
Hilo, HI 96720-3668

February 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

Greta Pung
808 959 0198



From: roeleno@juno.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:52:33 PM

Romeo Eleno
PO Box 630266
Lanai City, HI 96763-0266

February 25, 2014

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Contrary to what this bill states, sending students to private schools are a choice. The state should be working towards ensuring that we strive towards educating children under one system which is our public school system.

If early childhood education was a priority, then schools should have mandatory kindergarten in our compulsory attendance laws before a new project is started.

We urge you to invest in our underfunded public schools. We also urge you to value our existing schools by keeping tax dollars to serve all children in public schools. Opposing SB2826 is the right thing to do. Keep state public funds for education for public schools.

Sincerely,

Romeo Eleno
8082232482



From: rstewart99489@hawaii.rr.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 3:42:37 PM

Roxane Stewart
1889-A Kilauea Ave.
Hilo, HI 96720-5059

February 25, 2014

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Again a pattern is emerging where the legislature is rushing to judgement and rushing to impose ineffective and/or temporary "fixes" to our public education system. Like other initiatives that add hours to the day/week/year, you are counting on the thought that more is better. In some cases more is better, such as the cases where more funds are actually reaching the classroom. However, in this instance this action may create a false sense of security for parents thinking that by putting their child in "any" school equates to putting their child into a school where trained professional educators are at the helm. Please take heed to what the

licensed and trained professionals are saying, we are the ones on the
these front lines investing ourselves into all of our keiki.

Sincerely,

Roxane Stewart
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From: satochiki@hotmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:39:33 PM

Sarah Tochiki
PO Box 3234
Lihue, HI 96766-6234

February 25, 2014

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Sincerely,

Sarah Tochiki
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From: sheri_boo@hotmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:02:25 PM

Sheri Yoshikane
95-1121 koolani drive #182
mililani, HI 96789-5911

February 26, 2014

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Sheri Yoshikane



From: soniaperalta21@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:02:37 PM

Sonia Peralta
4296 Halupa St.
Honolulu, HI 96818-1820

February 27, 2014

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Sonia Peralta



From: stephanie_kuniyoshi@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 12:22:27 PM

Stephanie Kuniyoshi
95-202 alenale place
mililani, HI 96789-5310

February 26, 2014

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Stephanie Kuniyoshi



From: stephenieblakemore@sbcglobal.net
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:22:18 PM

stephenie blakemore
4780 Iiwi Rd
Kapa`a, HI 96746-1961

February 25, 2014

2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee
HI

Dear 2014 Senate Ways and Means Committee:

What? You are eliminating Jr. K and now want to use public funds to pay for private preschools. This makes no sense at all, and is highly suspect as a way that really tends to address early childhood education. Vote no

Sincerely,

Stephenie Blakemore



From: tbari36@yahoo.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 6:07:41 AM

Terese Barich
pob 784
Koloa, HI 96756-0784

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Terese Barich



From: honua@mac.com
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Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:39:36 PM

Terry Low
4762 Hauaala Rd.
Lap, HI 96747

February 25, 2014

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Terry Low
808 822-3790



From: alohabanta@earthlink.net
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:08:11 PM

Theodore Banta
13-1308 Kahukai St
Pahoa, HI 96778-8217

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808-965-8084



From: rainbow61@hawaii.rr.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: OPPOSE: Testimony on SB2826
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 4:57:15 PM

Tracy Deshield
115 Iao Loop
Wailuku, HI 96793-6024

February 25, 2014

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