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**Date:** 03/23/2016  
**Time:** 02:00 PM  
**Location:** 309  
**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 146 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR A FULL-SERVICE CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN AT KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITIONS TO OPERATE THE KITCHEN.

**Purpose of  
Resolution:**

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports community engagement in our schools and welcomes the opportunity for our schools to be community centers. When it comes to School Food Services, the Department's main focus is to serve nutritious meals at the lowest cost to our school families. The Department's ability to maximize its facilities, equipment and personnel allow the Department to best keep meal costs down. Turning Keaukaha Elementary School's kitchen back to a full service site will increase costs in both staffing and equipment. This is at a time when the Department has been asked to look for efficiencies and reduce costs. Additionally, there are new food regulations that if breached can jeopardize the placard status of a kitchen potentially leading to its closure. The Department is currently working on a policy that will require certified food service workers present during off-hours operations. Therefore, while we understand and are looking for ways to meet community requests, we are concerned that the increase in costs associated with opening an additional preparation site would impact the overall costs associated with meal prices.

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DATE: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

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PLACE: Conference Room 309

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415 South Beretania Street

RE: HCR 146/HR 97 – **Testimony in Support**

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and members of the House Committee on Education,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, as a member of the community, in support of HCR 146 and HR 97. My name is Dwight Takamine and I was fortunate to have been a member of the Legislature when funding for the new Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria was added to the State Budget. At that time, Keaukaha was part of the Senate District that I represented.

After the funding had been approved, a question arose over whether the Cafeteria would be a **“full service”** cafeteria where food would be **“both prepared and served”**. The Department of Education had, on its own, decided that food would be prepared at another school in Hilo and then would be trucked to Keaukaha, as part of a plan to save money.

This became an important issue because Keaukaha Elementary School is the “heart” of the Keaukaha community. Many programs like their Keaukaha reunions would be held at the school, and all of their community meetings would be held at the school cafeteria. As a rural community there were few resources available, and therefore, the importance of the school cafeteria’s ability to prepare food and other refreshments took on greater meaning in supporting community events.

This was the "legislative intent" when the funding was included in the state budget – that the new Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria would continue to play the role of supporting both the school and community by continuing to be a "full service" cafeteria.

In light of the ongoing dispute between the Keaukaha community and the State Department of Education, the Legislature's support was sought in 2011. At that time, the State Legislature passed what became Act 164, which made explicitly clear that funding for the new Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria would include,

**"a full service , conventional kitchen to both prepare and serve food"** (Act 164 Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, Part V. Capitol Improvement Provisos, Section 65)

Common sense dictates that this would include the staffing positions and equipment necessary to "prepare and serve food".

Therefore, your support of these resolutions and any other steps that may be consistent with implementing the full measure of "legislative intent" (in this instance) would be appreciated.

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Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and members of the House Committee on Education,

My name is Bob Lindsey. I am the OHA Trustee for Hawaii Island and I testify in **SUPPORT** of HCR 146 and HR 97. The Keaukaha community worked tirelessly with their legislators and the Department of Education to have this cafeteria built. The language in the resolution is correct. In addition to this action in 2010, a proviso was added in 2011 to show legislative intent for a FULL-SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN.

Please note that the following proviso was passed in Act 164 Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, Part V. Capital Improvement Provisos, Section 65.

(2) By amending Item G—49 to read as follows:

“P90083 KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HAWAII

PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW CAFETERIA[.], INCLUDING A FULL-SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN TO BOTH PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.

PLANS 80  
DESIGN 520  
CONSTRUCTION 7,200  
EQUIPMENT 200  
TOTAL FUNDING EDN 8,000B B"

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: FULL SUPPORT HCR 146 (HR 97) - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR A FULL-SERVICE CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN AT KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITIONS TO OPERATE THE KITCHEN. Aloha kakou, Although I'm not from Keaukaha, it only seems logical that the Department of Education provide the Keaukaha Elementary School the necessary equipment for a full-service conventional kitchen and the necessary cafeteria staff positions to operate it. This NEW cafeteria could possibly be used to support the nutritional meals requirements of other educational institutions in the area (DOE Complex, preschools, charter schools, etc.) too. Furthermore, please consider doing a STUDY ON COMMERCIAL KITCHENS when building new DOE cafeterias. Study the build cost, maintenance, management, etc. of a conventional vs. commercial kitchen to determine whether this could be a revenue stream for DOE (and schools). Mahalo for this opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of HCR146 (HR 97). Me ka ha'aha'a, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

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