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Location: 325

Committee: House Health House Consumer
Protection and Commerce

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 1311, SD2 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Purpose of Bill: Allows a licensed or credentialed educational practitioner to utilize behavior analysis principles and techniques without being licensed as a behavior analyst; provided the unlicensed individual's use of those techniques is limited to the individual's recognized scope of practice. Eff. 7/1/2050. (SD2)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 1311 SD2 and has met with representatives of the Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis to discuss this measure.

As part of their regular duties in the delivery of teaching and strategies to assist students to learn, Department personnel may engage in the practice of behavior analysis in a school classroom setting. In this context, behavior analysis would focus on the identification of performance or behavioral issues and the intervention(s) such as positive reinforcement to result in positive learning and educational outcomes for a child with autism spectrum disorder.

Department personnel, including but not limited to, general and special education teachers, counselors, school psychologists, and educational assistants do not, in the course of their work in a public educational setting, use any title or description stating or implying that the individual is a licensed behavior analyst or a "practicing" behavior analyst.

SB 1311 SD2 is important to avoid a disruption in services to students with autism spectrum disorder provided by school personnel pursuant to an individualized education program. The language in this measure will clarify the applicability of the exemption for the Department and will ensure that educational professionals are not subject to mandatory licensing outside the scope of their formal educational degrees and training.

Further, the Department continues to analyze the budgetary implications associated with mandatory behavior analysis licensing for Department employees. Based on its preliminary research and examination of licensure requirements, it is anticipated implementation will not

only be expensive and costly but will require the Department to respectfully request for a delay in implementation and resources from this Legislature.

Additionally, the Department has discovered that other states have remained silent on their education department's need to implement and/or have only focused on behavior analysis as a health issue as related to healthcare.

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



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March 21, 2016

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health
and
The Honorable Angus McKelvey
House Committee on Consumer Protection
and Commerce
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Belatti and McKelvey, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 1311 SD2 - Relating to Education

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **supports SB 1311 SD2 with proposed amendments**. This measure would allow a licensed or credentialed educational practitioner to utilize behavior analysis principles and techniques without being licensed as a behavior analyst; provided the unlicensed individual's use of those techniques is limited to the individual's recognized scope of practice.

The Council strongly supports the licensing of behavior analysts for the practice of behavior analysis. We appreciate the Legislature's commitment of this in the passage of Act 199, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, which requires the licensing of behavior analysts beginning on January 1, 2016. Individuals who receive applied behavior analysis (ABA) should receive them from qualified providers who are licensed and trained.

However, we are aware as noted in the Department of Health's (DOH) testimony that based on a survey conducted by the DD Division, currently, there is no adequate workforce to provide necessary behavioral interventions for hundreds of individuals in the Medicaid Home and Community Based § 1915(c) waiver program. With Act 199/15 taking effect on January 1, 2016, DOH would not be able to meet the requirements of licensing of behavior analysts. The Council is concerned that a disruption in services for individuals who are currently receiving and benefiting from services to address their behavioral intervention plans by unlicensed providers would result in regression of any progress made.

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In an effort to address the above situation, the Council, DOH, and the Hawaii Association of Behavior Analysts worked together to draft the following proposed amendments for your consideration:

Page 2: Sub-Section (a)(3)
HRS § 465D-7(a):

(3) An individual who directly implements applied behavior analysis services,
and:

- i. ~~[is]~~ Is credentialed as a registered behavior technician by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, and is under the direction of a behavior analyst licensed in this State; or
- ii. Is a direct support worker who provides medicaid home and community-based services pursuant to § 1915(c) of the Social Security Act on or before January 1, 2019.

For the purposes of this paragraph, "direct support worker" means a paraprofessional who directly implements intervention or assessment plans under supervision and does not design intervention or assessment plans.

The above proposed amendment is consistent with the proposed amendment offered by DOH. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your consideration of the above proposed amendments.

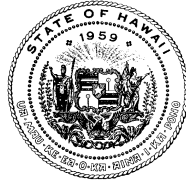
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Testimony COMMENTING on SB1311 SD2
Relating to Education

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Hearing Date: 3/21/2016

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The purpose of this measure is to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes
3 (HRS) § 465D-7, which provides exemptions to the licensing of behavior analysts.

4 The Department respectfully requests amendments to this measure.

5 The Department supports the work of behavior analysts and behavior paraprofessionals,
6 who provide Developmental Disabilities Medicaid §1915(c) waiver services to those with
7 challenging behaviors.

8 **Justification:** Act 199, Session Laws of Hawaii (2015), codified as HRS chapter 465D, requires
9 the licensing of behavior analysts. HRS § 465D-2 broadly defines the term “practice of behavior
10 analysis” to include the implementation of behavior plans. HRS § 465D-7(a)(3) currently
11 provides a licensing exemption to registered behavior technicians (RBT) who are credentialed by
12 the Behavior Analysis Certification Board and acting under the direction of a licensed behavior
13 analyst.

14 The behavior analyst is responsible for the design and development of the behavior plan,
15 which is usually implemented by paraprofessional staff.

16 Based on concerns from provider agencies and behavior analysts who are reluctant or
17 will not train paraprofessional staff who are not credentialed as an RBT, the Department
18 conducted a survey to measure current workforce capacity and the number of participants in the

1 Developmental Disabilities Medicaid §1915(c) waiver that may be impacted. Of the 33 provider
2 agencies serving 343 waiver participants who currently have a formal behavior plan developed
3 by a behavior specialist, only five agencies have staff who are licensed as a behavior analyst or
4 credentialed as an RBT. The Department has concluded that there is insufficient workforce to
5 provide necessary behavioral interventions for hundreds of waiver participants, including those
6 with serious behavioral challenges that place them at risk for self-harm or harm to others.

7 In addition to these critical services, the Department is very concerned about any service
8 disruptions that may occur to those who need behavioral interventions and the likelihood of
9 regression of any gains that have been made.

10 The Department is committed to ensuring quality services are provided by trained staff,
11 but there are insufficient number of RBT-credential paraprofessional staff in the State today. It
12 will take time to build a sufficient workforce of paraprofessionals to implement behavior plans.

13 The Department has collaborated with the Hawaii Association of Behavior Analysts
14 (HABA) to draft suggested amendments that are intended to address the above situation. The
15 Department is committed to developing the adequate workforce and is willing to work with
16 HABA to ensure that quality services are provided to Medicaid waiver participants.

17 **Offered Amendments:** The Department respectfully requests the following amendment to
18 HRS § 465D-7(a):

- 19 (3) An individual who directly implements applied behavior analysis services, and:
20 i. ~~[is]~~ Is credentialed as a registered behavior technician by the Behavior
21 Analyst Certification Board, and is under the direction of a behavior
22 analyst licensed in this State; or
23 ii. Is a direct support worker who provides medicaid home and community-
24 based services pursuant to §1915(c) of the Social Security Act on or
25 before January 1, 2019.

26 For the purposes of this paragraph, “direct support worker” means a paraprofessional
27 who directly implements intervention or assessment plans under supervision and does
28 not design intervention or assessment plans.

1 The Department also respectfully requests an effective date for the above section that is
2 retroactive to January 1, 2016, and a sunset date for this section as January 1, 2019.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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RE: SB 1311, SD2 - Relating to Education

Dear Chairs Belatti and McKelvey and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports the intent of SB 1311, SD 2** that allows a licensed or credentialed educational practitioner to utilize behavior analysis principles and techniques without being licensed as a behavior analyst, provided the unlicensed individual's use of those techniques is limited to his or her recognized scope of practice.

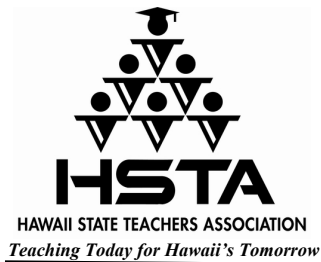
However, given the confusion over the changing language in this bill, SEAC's support is contingent on the following stipulations:

- 1) When Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)--an evidence-based intervention for students with autism and other developmental disabilities--is included in a student's Individualized Education Program, Act 199 requires that it be provided by individuals who are trained and licensed as behavior analysts or registered behavior technicians (RBTs) working under the supervision of a licensed analyst; and
- 2) Given the current reported lack of capacity in the Department of Education to deliver ABA services and the potential disruption in services to students with autism, the Department shall be given until July 1, 2017 to come into compliance with Act 199.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Martha Guinan, Chair



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH and
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

RE: SB 1311 SD2 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

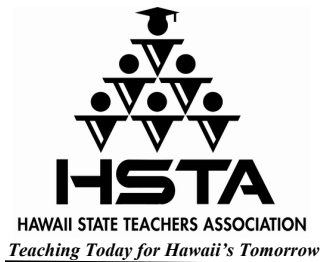
COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, and Committee members,

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **opposes SB 1311 SD2**, relating to education.

This bill, even as amended, leaves a loophole that would continue to allow unlicensed and untrained individuals to provide behavior analytic services to keiki in Hawaii's public schools, providing that they do not call themselves "Behavioral Analysts" or claim they are conducting "behavioral analysis". In section 1, number 1, it does not state that these individuals "working within the scope of practice or duties of another licensed profession that overlaps with the practice of behavior analysis" must act "under the direction of a behavior analyst licensed in this State" as is included in all other categories listed in numbers 2 through 7. Teachers would fall into this first category that would not require them to be under the direction of a behavioral analyst.

We have serious concerns with this bill. Behavioral Analysis for our most vulnerable keiki is extremely important for our students with special needs who often fall under the autism spectrum. Those who complete this analysis are required to have a license and a considerable amount of training. Although teachers are licensed in their own field, most are neither certified nor licensed to conduct behavioral analysis, and that is why they need to be under the direction of specialists, such as Behavior Analysts, if they are not certified in Behavioral



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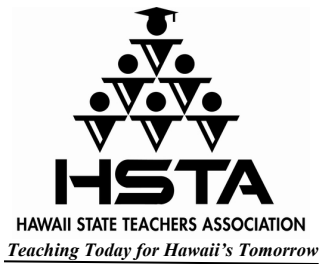
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Analysis. Teachers need this guidance and the ability to consult Behavioral Analysts to develop plans for their individual students that require these services.

Teachers also need to be able to consult these specialists, periodically to ensure that their students behavioral plans are working, and be able to problem solve with Behavioral Analysts as needed if the plans are not working. Teachers and Educational Assistants are not specialists in Behavior Analysis, and they are not expected to be. This bill would leave a loophole where teachers or educational assistants who are not certified in behavioral analysis could be required by the DOE to conduct behavioral analysis work, even if they name it something else, and do not call themselves Behavioral Analysts.

According to The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) there are two kinds of certification for behavior analysts - Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) and Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) (www.bacb.com). The BCaBA credential is conferred on applicants who have earned at least a bachelor's degree in behavior analysis or a related field, such as education, psychology or medicine, have completed 135 hours of behavioral analysis coursework and fulfilled certain experience requirements. For the BCBA credential, three options are available. In all cases, an applicant must have earned at least a bachelor's and a master's degree in behavior analysis or a related field and have fulfilled specific experience requirements. This bill might still allow individuals to provide “behavior analysis” without the level of certification that is necessary to be competent, and could even be detrimental to our students. This bill continues to try to circumvent the most recent passage of Act 199 from last session, that took effect this January, therefore, we will continue to oppose this bill.

Yes, the Department of Education already struggles to provide decent behavior analytic services. A recent article in the Star Advertiser states that the DOE does not currently have the ability to provide services to the students in need of special education. They struggle with providing services, with hiring and retaining qualified staff, and with monitoring services. This leads to many unqualified people attempting to provide educational services that will inevitably lead to poor outcomes, educational neglect and even abuse. However, this lack of finding qualified people does not mean we should lessen our level and quality of care for our



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keiki. Our schools are severely underfunded and we need to continue to immediately find ways to fund our programs, such as the one identified in this bill. We also we need more funding for our schools to help us attract and retain our best teachers, and to be able to provide these specialized services for our most vulnerable keiki.

Our state must not allow untrained and unlicensed individuals to provide behavior analytic services to our most vulnerable keiki in Hawaii's public schools. Therefore, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **oppose** this bill.



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OPPOSITON to SB1311 SD2

Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson, and members of the committees,

My name is Amanda N. Kelly, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA. I have been working with children with autism and related abilities for over 16 years and am currently practicing as a Hawaii licensed behavior analyst (LBA).

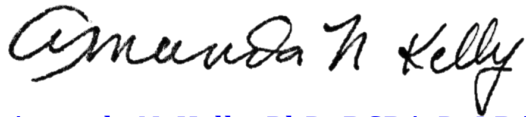
I am submitting testimony in OPPOSITION to SB1311, SD2. While the SD2 version represents an attempt to improve upon the original version of this bill, I still have great concerns about the underlying purpose. I will be present at the hearing and available for questions.

I have seen no detectable, substantive changes on the part of the Department of Education to improve access to needed specialists for special education children, or to be in compliance with Act 199, since January 1, 2016. Instead, I have received multiple emails, calls, and social media messages from families pleading for guidance and support --based on their reports (and my firsthand experience) that children's DOE services are being watered down by schools by removing existing licensed behavior analysts, refusing to staff Registered behavior technicians (RBT), changing behavioral strategies, and renaming

these strategies to appear to be less behavior-analytic. These actions do not represent a Department that is working to improve services and instead these actions appear to be purely about circumventing the behavior analyst licensure law.

What our keiki need are access to effective, evidenced-based interventions. What our teachers need are access to qualified and trained consultants and support staff. The DOE must be accountable for complying with state law. I ask for you to join me, do what's right and malama our keiki.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda N. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Testimony on behalf the Hawaii School Counselor Association
In opposition of SB1311

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please oppose SB1311. The Hawaii School Counselor Association (HSCA) aims to advance guidance and counseling in order to maximize the educational, academic, career, and personal/social development of every student by upholding the ethical standards set by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). School counselor ethical standards include adhering to all professional standards regarding selecting, administering and interpreting assessment measures and only utilize assessment measures that are within the scope of practice for school counselors and for which they are trained and competent (ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors A.9.a). SB1311 propose that proper training and expertise are not necessary in the “practice of behavior analysis” within the educational setting.

School counselors have a primary obligation to the students, who are to be treated with dignity and respect as unique individuals. If necessary or appropriate, referrals must be made to other certified mental health professionals for student and/or family support for services that are beyond the capabilities of the school counselor. Services that are beyond the capabilities of a school counselor include coordinating cognitive assessments, such as applied behavior analysis (ABA), and providing therapy or long-term counseling to address psychological disorders.

On behalf the Hawaii School Counselor Association, I ask that you uphold the language of Act 199 by ensuring that all students in Hawaii are afforded the same protection of a licensed professional working in their scope of practice. Please oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

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Hawaii School Counselor Association



Monday, March 21, 2016

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Testimony in OPPOSITON of SB1311 SD2-behavior analysis DOE exemption

Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson, and members of the committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in **OPPOSITON to SB1311 SD2** in its current form.

Justification: On behalf of the behavior analytic community, HABA met with the DOE on 2/11/16 in an effort to work collaboratively and ensure children receive the services they need, from licensed, trained, qualified providers. Following this meeting, testimony from the DOE, and testimony in opposition to this bill from a number of organizations, including the Hawaii State Teacher’s Association and the Hawaii Association of School Psychologists, the committees sought to add clarifying language to Act 199 and included the following in the committees’ hearing report:

“Your Committees received testimony in support of the proposed S.D. 1 from the Department of Education. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to the proposed S.D. 1 from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis; Hawaii Association of School Psychologists; Wolff Behavioral Services, LLC; Hawaii School Counselor Association; Autism Behavior Consulting Group, Inc.; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Autism Society of Hawaii; Keiki Educational Consultants; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that teachers and other Department of Education personnel must employ a wide range of strategies in the course of their regular duties to effectively instruct students and create an environment conducive to learning. Some of these strategies employ principles and techniques that fall inside the practice of behavior analysis. If teachers are required to be licensed as behavior analysts before they employ these techniques, they will be hindered in their ability to provide educational services to their students. **However, your Committees note that teachers who are not licensed as behavior analysts are not equipped to provide the same services as a licensed behavior analyst, especially with regard to students with special needs.** For that reason, the use of behavior analysis techniques by teachers who are not licensed as behavior analysts should be limited to the course of their recognized scopes of practice.”

We agree with the committees’ report and thank Senators Baker and Kidani for their insightful comments; however, we fear the amended language of SB1311 leaves too much uncertainty, limits access to effective intervention for children with specialized needs, and exposes the DOE to ongoing due process lawsuits.

In the month since HABA’s meeting with the DOE, we have not seen any substantive changes on their part to improve access to needed specialists for special education children or to be in compliance with Act 199. Instead, HABA continues to receive multiple emails, calls, and social media messages from families pleading for guidance and support, based on their reports that their children’s DOE services are being watered down by the school by removing existing licensed behavior analysts, refusing to staff a registered behavior technician (RBT), changing behavioral strategies and renaming these strategies to appear to be less behavior-analytic. These actions do not represent a Department that is working to improve services and instead appear to be purely about circumventing the licensure law. **HABA has significant concerns regarding the current quality of behavior analysis services within the DOE and has further concern that services funded through QUEST and the autism parity law limit services based on the premise that DOE provides effective applied behavior analysis services. Current QUEST and health plan guidance states that “the DOE is responsible for providing applied behavior analysis (ABA)” and therefore children may only receive health plan funded ABA “before school, after school, and on days when school is not in session.”**

The DOE and HABA have had no additional contact or meetings since our initial 2/11/16 meeting, despite our previous agreement to work together, further develop a plan to build capacity, and collaborate to meet the needs of the community. As written, SB1311 SD2 adds language to Act 199

stating that “This chapter is not intended to restrict the practice of other licensed or credentialed educational or healthcare practitioners practicing within their own recognized scopes of practice.” A number of licensed and credentialed educational professionals working in the DOE have submitted testimony in opposition to this bill because they do not have the training, experience, and qualifications needed to help these vulnerable students on their own; yet, many teachers and educators feel they will be told they have to attempt to provide the behavioral support their students need and they will not receive any additional support from a licensed, qualified, behavior analyst. Based on this, we feel it is imperative to have precise language in Act 199 that ensures protection of our keiki and our educators. We respectfully request that you oppose this current language.

Comments: HABA is willing to support any state department that acts in good faith to support the needs of individuals in their department receiving behavior analysis services and recognizes that departments may need assistance to improve services. As such, HABA has been collaborating with the Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) to ensure Developmental Disabilities Medicaid §1915(c) waiver participants have access to needed services. Our discussions with this Department (DOH-DD) have been cooperative and productive. This Department has demonstrated through their actions that they are committed to ensuring quality services are provided by trained staff and are working to develop an adequate workforce. At this time, this Department does not have an adequate workforce and therefore needs time to build capacity. HABA supports their intentions to improve services and build capacity and will continue to work with the Department to ensure that quality services are provided to Medicaid waiver participants. In collaboration, HABA and DOH-DDD have come to agreement on requested possible amendments to allow the Department time to build capacity for direct support workers to become registered behavior technicians (RBT) with a sunset date of January 1, 2019. HABA offers the below possible amendments for further refinement:

Possible Amendments

SECTION 3. Section 465D-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) This chapter is not intended to restrict the practice of other licensed or credentialed ~~healthcare~~ practitioners, practicing

within their own recognized scopes of practice, and therefore shall not apply to:

- (1) An individual working within the scope of practice ~~or~~ duties of another licensed profession that overlaps with the practice of behavior analysis; provided that the person does not purport to be a behavior analyst;
- (2) An individual who implements or designs applied behavior analysis services and possesses board certification as an assistant behavior analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and who practices in accordance with the most recent supervisory and ethical requirements adopted by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board under the direction of a behavior analyst licensed in this State;
- (3) An individual who directly implements applied behavior analysis services, and:
 - i. [~~is~~] Is credentialed as a registered behavior technician by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, and is under the direction of a behavior analyst licensed in this State; or
 - ii. Is a direct support worker who provides medicaid home and community-based services pursuant to §1915(c) of the Social Security Act on or before

January 1, 2019, who acts under the direction of a behavior analyst licensed in this State.

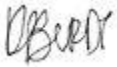
For the purposes of this paragraph, "direct support worker" means a paraprofessional who directly implements intervention or assessment plans, under supervision and does not design intervention or assessment plans."

- (4) A family member or legal guardian implementing an applied behavior analysis plan, ~~within the home~~ who acts under the direction of a behavior analyst licensed in this State;
- (5) An individual who engages in the practice of behavior analysis with nonhuman or nonpatient clients or consumers including but not limited to applied animal behaviorists and practitioners of organizational behavior management;
- (6) A matriculated graduate student or postdoctoral fellow whose activities are part of a defined behavior analysis program of study, practicum, or intensive practicum; provided that the student's or fellow's activities or practice is directly supervised by a behavior analyst licensed in this State or an instructor in a Behavior Analyst Certification Board-approved course sequence; or

(7) An individual pursuing experience in behavior analysis consistent with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's experience requirements; provided that the experience is supervised by a behavior analyst licensed in this State."

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on approval; provided that section 3 of this Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016, and shall be repealed on January 1, 2019, and section 465D-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which it read prior to the effective date of this Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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Comments: While the SD2 version represents an attempt to improve upon the original version of the bill, we still have great concerns about the underlying purpose, which was to allow the DOE to use potentially unqualified individuals to provide services to children with intellectual disabilities. We are not convinced that this bill is needed and we hope that if this measure advances, the legislature will not permit the DOE to provide substandard care for these children.

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OPPOSITON to SB1311 SD2

Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson, and members of the committees,

My name is Johanna Taylor and I provide support to children with autism and their families in Hawaii. I am a Maui resident. **I am in strong opposition of SB1311 SD2.** There are several key reasons why this bill should not move forward:

- The Department of Education's recently released Special Education Performance Report shows that children in Hawaii are falling further and further behind. The proficiency scores, graduation rates, and time spent with general education students, and early childhood transitions demonstrate that the DOE has failed to meet expectations and data show slippage overall. The Department of Education has reported that they do not have enough qualified teachers. No matter the setting (school, home, community) children with autism should have the right to access appropriate treatment from trained individuals. Qualified individuals are needed to deliver ABA services so that improvements can be made. As a neighbor island resident we have an even greater shortage of licensed, qualified educators

in the schools; therefore, the consumer protection that Act 199 provides is even more important.

- The recent Requests for Providers (RFP) for contracted BISS and paraprofessional services were changed to decrease the quality of services that children receive. This is unfortunate and lack of trained providers will only add to a decrease in the quality of services.
- It is very clear that across the state teachers and educational assistants are asking for assistance – they are saying that they are not qualified to provide behavior analysis, yet the DOE is attempting to find a loophole to exempt themselves from ensuring quality by changing the licensure law.
- QUEST and commercial insurance plans will not cover ABA for children in the DOE because the “DOE provides ABA” yet the DOE does not have licensed, trained and qualified providers so children are not receiving the help they need.

The passing of this law is unrighteous for the future of keiki in Hawaii. Please **OPPOSE SB1311 SD2**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johanna Taylor".

Johanna Taylor, PhD, BCBA, LBA #10

Events Chair, Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis

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My name is Kathleen Penland. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst working with children with autism spectrum disorder and their families on Oahu. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in OPPOSITON to SB1311 SD2.

Thank you for your support in last year's legislative session. Hawaii passed Luke's Law; which proves ABA to children with autism under the age of 14. Hawaii also passed Act 199; Licensure for Behavior Analysts- ensuring that ABA is overseen by licensed Behavior Analysts. This year, we meet again to discuss the implementation of applied behavior analysis (ABA) within our schools.

The DOE has recently released the SpEd Annual Performance report. As the report shows, our special education students are falling behind their peers on the mainland; falling through the cracks of a broken system. With data like this, why is the DOE proposing legislation to except themselves from existing law (Act 199)? The DOE should be screaming out for help. Help for the teachers, students, and their families. While licensed teachers are trained in education, they are not necessarily trained in applied behavior analysis (ABA). Without a quality ABA program embedded into their education and overseen by licensed, trained professionals, our special needs children will continue to fall through the cracks. Our keiki deserve better. Please oppose SB1311.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Penland, M.Ed. BCBA

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As a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, I am extremely concerned for children with autism that the Department of Education is asking for an exemption for employees that are not qualified.

To be a behavior analyst you must:

- Have a master's degree;
- Have completed specific coursework in the SCIENTIFIC understandings of behavior analysis;
- Have at least 1000 hours of supervision with a Board Certified Behavior Analyst;
- Pass several tests and requirements showing proof of overall understanding that can be applied;
- Pass a rigorous and demanding exam;
- Pay yearly fees to both a National Board that certifies compliance and the State of Hawaii licensure; and
- Show proof of YEARLY continuing education.

It should be noted that Applied Behavior Analysis is the number one treatment of Autism. Doctors, Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapists all have degrees, licensees and hold a respected and specific place of practice within the health care system and the DOE. It would NEVER be acceptable for people outside of these practice areas to say they can do what these individuals do, nor would it EVER be allowed. This same standard should be upheld for the profession of behavior analysis.

Please continue to have the DOE come up with a plan to better train and build capacity to better serve individuals with autism and their families. Have the DOE work with the behavior analysts to come up with a plan that will help all children, teachers and the overall system!

Thank you,
Anastasia Keller-Collins, MED, BCBA, LBA, CTRS

Aloha Senators,

Picture this: you are in the hospital about to have surgery. You are being rolled into the operating room as you hear the nurses talking about how your surgeon and anesthesiologist having no experience in the medical field whatsoever. Then you find out the only experience they've had was in the McDonalds down the street. How would you feel?

I am in opposition to people who are not qualified to deliver help to kids. I have seen it with my own brother, Luke.

Sincerely,

Emma Pinnow

Aloha Senators,

I think I do not like when people don't know what they are doing help me.

Please make it better for kids!

From,

Luke

Aloha Legislators,

For the last three years my son, Luke, and our family advocated for help for our children of Hawaii, who need support services.

Hearing about this new piece of legislation brought before you has made me feel that my efforts were for nothing. I am writing this to share my opposition to SB1311 SD2.

It is already disappointing that Luke will not be benefitting directly from the bill named after him but to read that this new bill is seeking to disregard licensing requirements for those who provide ABA services, is in my opinion downright irresponsible. It is imperative that licensing requirements be maintained. Public school teachers, even substitutes and paraprofessionals, must meet licensing requirements in order to attain their employment. Failure to meet the licensing standards for teachers/paraprofessionals result in non-employment. The therapeutic services that children with Autism Spectrum Disorder require is specialized. Our children deserve to have licensed professionals who are both knowledgeable and experienced in the services that they are expected to provide. I am writing this from a parents' perspective and have witnessed firsthand and recall being told by others that they do not know what to do when working with children with Autism. I am sure that you all recall the testimony provided by many of the professionals in our community and recognized the importance of requiring licensure. I continue to have faith that all of you will strive for the best for our children. I have spoken to many of you individually and I know that you share this belief. Please, continue to support your constituents and strike down this irresponsible bill that, if considered, will most definitely cause harm and the possibility of another long, expensive, class action lawsuit.

With Deepest Appreciation,

Gerilyn Pinnow, M.Ed.

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Testimony in OPPOSITION of SB1311 SD2-behavior analysis DOE exemption

Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair Woodson, and members of the committees,

First, thank you all so much for passing Act 199, to ensure the licensure of Behavior Analysts during the last session. I am writing today to lend my voice in STRONG opposition of SB1311 SD2. This bill would allow unlicensed and untrained individuals to provide behavior analytic services to keiki in Hawaii's public schools. I have several concerns with the bill.

1. Behavior Analysis is a field which requires a considerable amount of training. To become a Behavior Analyst, I needed to have a master's degree, additional coursework in behavior analysis, and 1500 supervised fieldwork hours where I was trained in the hands on applications of behavior analysis. This bill would allow people to provide "behavior analysis" without the level of training that is necessary to be competent.
2. The Department of Education struggles to provide decent behavior analytic services. A recent article in the Star Advertiser states that the DOE does not currently have the ability to provide services to the students in need of special education. They have difficulty with providing services, with hiring and retaining qualified staff, and with monitoring these services. This leads to many unqualified people attempting to provide educational services, which will inevitably lead to poor outcomes, educational neglect and even abuse. This is a waste of money that could be better spent in providing services that help our keiki achieve their full potential.
3. The DOE does NOT have the capacity to provide these services at this time. The current system of contracted providers is costing the Department of Education about \$38 million a year. This system is broken and costing the DOE a massive amount of money for services that are ineffective. Contracted providers are not required to be BCBA's. The Department of Education changes the wording in the contract to remove reference to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), yet continue to provide services that fall under the state definition of ABA. This is a waste of money and could potentially lead to an increase in lawsuits.

4. The ambiguity in the current version of the bill (referencing “educational professionals” as opposed to licensed teachers) may result in an increase in due process cases being brought against the DOE and could cost the state millions of dollars.
5. Many teachers are struggling. They are asking for help to create and monitor progress with behavior analytic programs. While they have the training and ability to use classroom reward systems, they do not have the training and skills to perform Functional Behavioral Assessments, Functional Analyses, and to create acquisition and behavior management programs. As **licensed** teachers, many in the DOE will fall under exemption #1 in Act 199.
6. There have been too many reports of abuse and neglect of our keiki in special education. These cases are avoidable with proper training and supervision by a qualified, licensed Behavior Analyst. In addition to the harm to the children and families, these instances also cost our state money that could be better spent on prevention.
7. The goal of Act 199 was increasing consumer protection. I believe that is a reasonable goal that should be upheld, regardless of the setting. DOE should NOT be exempt.

I believe the DOE should be responsible for hiring qualified professionals that can change the quality of services delivered. An increase in quality will go a long way toward increasing skills for our keiki, leading to lower costs to our state in the future. Just as preventive medicine lowers costs to consumers in the long run, quality ABA will lower costs to our state in terms of the need for life-long services and care. Please, hold the DOE responsible for increasing quality, hiring qualified professionals (Board Certified Behavior Analysts and Registered Behavior Technicians), and providing services our keiki so desperately need.

I urge you to oppose SB1311 SD2. This bill will do nothing but perpetuate harm for Hawaii’s keiki with special needs.

Thank you for your time and your desire to do what is right! Let’s continue to work together as a state to Malama Our Keiki!

Mahalo,

Lara Bollinger, M.S.Ed., BCBA, LBA

Testimony AGAINST SB1311:

By: Sierra Rainwater, MS, BCBA, L-BA.

I am currently a behavior analyst in Hawaii and have worked alongside many teacher's aides throughout my career. To consider a teacher's assistance job and a behavior analyst's job to be interchangeable is an injustice. It is not only in justice to the special needs individual, but also to the teacher's aid, and all the other children in the school. Behavior analysts are highly trained in order to teach special needs individuals things that we take for granted every day. We focus on skills such as how to sit down with other children, how to functionally communicate wants and needs, how to replace challenging behaviors with appropriate alternative behaviors, and how to interact socially with peers. Without us being in the schools, children with special needs cannot possibly be expected to learn in a classroom, when they have not yet learned how to sit in a chair and control their behaviors. Teachers aides cannot be expected create and implement behavior support plans to reduce a child's aggressions towards themselves and others, when they do not understand why the aggression is occurring, and have no guidance from a trained BCBA. And, we cannot expect all the other children to understand how to interact and create wonderful, fulfilling and life changing friendships with their special needs classmates when challenging behaviors take away the opportunity to interact with each other. To take away what we do as behavior analysts takes away more than learning academic skills, it takes away a fair chance at teaching a child how to communicate effectively to meet his wants and needs, and how to create relationships and life experiences that every child deserves.

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and members of the committees,

Our children need service providers who are qualified to provide these services to ensure success! Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections.

Mahalo,

Zaidarene Place
Kaunakakai, Hawaii

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It is important that the children receive best care possible and we can ensure it by
letting licensed professionals provide services. It is not safe for children if they receive
services from people who are not properly trained. I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,
Yuri Lee
Honolulu, Hawaii

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It is wrong that you are attempting to deny children and young adults services from
qualified individuals who specialize in ABA. Stop allowing DOE to avoid their
responsibility to provide the necessary and appropriate access to ABA professionals. I
oppose this bill.

Mahalo,
Austin Stringfellow
Kihei, Hawaii

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. I work with children and young adults in HI practicing ABA which has brought so many helpful changes to them and their families. It would be wrong to deny other families that could benefit from ABA. It has proven effective and will continue to do so unless an unjust bill like this is passed. This is why I am opposed to the bill.

Mahalo,

Austin Stringfellow

Kihei, HI

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Mahalo,
Bethany Colacchio
Haleiwa, Hawaii

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My child and Hawaii's Keiki deserve licensed providers because they deserves
QUALITY care by a competent provider. Is Hawaii's legislatures going to pass bills to
allow any unlicensed staff to practice as teachers or psychologists with special needs
children just to solve the staffing shortages of the D.O.E.? By allowing DOE staff to fill
the role of behavioral analysts, the State of Hawaii is causing harm to my son, violating
our keiki's federal rights, wasting tax-payers \$ in the long-run, burdening current DOE
staff, ignoring the educational requirements of a licensed behavioral analyst, and facing
future lawsuits. Consider partnering with behavioral analysts to train the DOE staff
before giving anyone the authority to anyone to practice ABA on my child because I will
hold the DOE and the State of Hawaii responsible for how your Bill affects my child.

Mahalo,
Chanel Wahinepio
Mililani, Hawaii

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The proposed amendment to allow the DOE to utilize teachers as substitute as Behavior Analysts is unconscionable! To compare a teacher with no ABA degree or license to a certified ABA practitioner is like putting a high school student in the roll of a full fledged pharmacist. The trained and licensed ABA practitioner brings to the table a depth and breadth of training and experience that can not be replicated by an education specialist aka teacher. Just as reprehensible is proposal to delay the cut over to qualified ABA practitioners until 2050! A delay of 34 years is egregious. Any delay in getting qualified ABA practitioners to work with the child results in a lower and lower quality of life for that child. Early and Effective intervention is what is needed to help that client achieve their full potential!! Voters will be watching. Please do the right thing and do not let the DOE short change, and outright hurt those clients that need ABA services. Their quality of life depends upon get help as early on in the process as possible.

Mahalo,

Chuck Page
Kihei, Hawaii

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
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Aloha to All, I am writing to you and encouraging you all to oppose this bill. Our Keiki need professional help with their disabilities. Please don't think that having an unqualified Teacher or aid fill that position. Got to the schools and meet the kids and see for your self the huge need in our School System. Without these professionals you will be setting up an enormous backlash. Mahalo for your time.

Mahalo,
Co Pegg
Wailuku, Hawaii

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Our young people deserve access to the research-based treatment for behavioral challenges that affect their educational and life outcomes. Applied Behavioral Analysis must be delivered by trained, licensed, and certified individuals who have shown their competency and uphold the ethics of the discipline. I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,
Devon Lasiter
Kailua, Hawaii

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Would you have a second grade teacher, who knows very little about math, teach your high school Honors math Student Calculus? Let the highly trained and licensed BCBA teach our special and challenging students! My child comes with challenges that the regular Ed and even special Ed teachers are not equipped to teach. The majority of the DOE employees are not trained to teach a severely delayed child with challenging behaviors. The BCBA on the other hand is highly trained to develop programs that are specifically detailed to target my special needs child; and I see the progress. If I had kept the DOE's employees to manage my sons education we would be years behind in progress. Please understand that highly qualified BCBA's are crucial to teaching children like my son. It is the matter of life or death to us!! Please do not mess with the licensure progress. Keep the highly qualified to do their job and help our children and the DOE provide adequate programs for our special needs children!! Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Teves
Hanapepe, Hawaii

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Mahalo,
Jimmy Jacob
Wailuku, Hawaii

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I am a father of a child with autism. And I have to share my experience with the DOE. My child had a Autism Specialist on his team, there was a plan set out, but it was not be delivered consistently and effectively causing regression in my child. I chose to send my child to a autism center so he could be treated by a licensed ABA. The difference in my child in my child in less than a month. I ask that ONLY licensed ABA professional work in the DOE the effectiveness to collaborate with teachers, it would make a huge difference, every child will achieve and progress and meet their potential. Having a EA, PPT that is not qualified won't bring the results we are looking for. I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,
Kalani Nihipali
Kapolei, Hawaii

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. If people are going to continue having children, there needs to be enough provided services to fulfill their needs. Not only does qualified and educated professionals help the child at hand- but frees up the teachers and other students in the vicinity or same class. One cannot just affect one, without affecting others.

Mahalo,

Laura Leger
Honolulu, Hawaii

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consumer protections. I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,
Laura Stirling
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Our most vulnerable population need the support of a licensed, trained, and qualified professionals in the schools. I have two children with autism that would be affected. I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,
Naomi Tachera
Kamuela, Hawaii

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ABA is a necessity for an autistic child. As a parent w/an adult who was taught by a certified ABA analyst, it made a huge difference. Exempting the DOE from using certified analysts is cheating the child out of the immense success they will achieve. Please think of the hawaii children!!!!!!!!!! I strongly oppose this bill.

Mahalo,

Nina Shishido
Wailuku, Hawaii

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

Aloha , My name is Tamara Cavanaugh and I oppose this bill. My child and yours deserve to have the best care possible. My mother used to say "Tamara it takes a village to raise a child " now as a mother myself I can say that's so very true . We all not only care for our own children but we also care for others as well . Would you sir or madam let your child be analysed by someone who was not properly educated in behavior analysis ? Would you subject your child to be analyzed by individuals who have not been properly licensed in behavior analysis ? When we step aside and make this bill personal into our own lives then maybe a broader spectrum of perspectives will take place . I oppose this bill because this bill is personal to me . I work for horizons academy where I am in care of someone else's child . I watch as our behavior analyst spend valuable service hours with each of our clients and our staff providing the best professional services which they have each been highly educated and trained in . The behavior analyst I have had the privledge working with take the time to review data , speak to staff , get to know the individual that has services . I am confident in the services that are being provided and have been in awe of the outcome . So I challenge each of you to make this bill personal because the care that we provide to all is a reflection of ourselves . Thank you.

Mahalo,
Tamara Cavanaugh
Kahului, Hawaii

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Maintaining a high quality service for the children of hawaii is critical to ensure this vulnerable population is protected and provided services by qualified providers. Exempting DOE personal from this requirement will absolutely reduce the quality of service provided to these children. I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Dr. Karen Tyson
Pearly City, Hawaii

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson and members of the committees,

I work in the healthcare field. These children need qualified providers to help them make the most of their world! I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Michael Looney

Kihei, Hawaii

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OPPOSITON to SB1311 SD2

Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

I am writing in OPPOSITION of SB1311. Our keiki diagnosed with autism, and other developmental disabilities deserve the upmost adequate behavior services from a licensed BCBA. This bill will only succeed under the condition that our public schools employ licensed BCBAs whom will carry out the implementations of the behavior programs and school psychologists, teachers, educational assistants, occupational therapists, school social workers, guidance counselors, speech-language pathologists and audiologists acquire the RBT credential to follow through with the execution of behavior plans authorized by the school's designated licensed BCBA. Our most vulnerable population deserve treatment from a competent professional, which entails the supervision of a licensed BCBA. This bill is a direct target towards the failure of empowering our special needs keiki and their lives. Please modify this bill to the suggestion stated above, or stop this bill all together.

Mahalo,

Yasmin Kurdi
Kihei, Hawaii

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Yasmine Kurdi

Kihei, HI

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I am a mother of 4 children. Two of them are currently attending public school while my oldest child graduated 2 years ago. It is disheartening to hear that DOE is pushing for a bill that does not protect our keiki. I would like to be assured that if my children receive behavioral services in the public school setting, that these services are done by a qualified, well trained and licensed professional that adhere to best practices and utilizing evidence-based interventions. It's mind boggling to me to think that that this bill is in any way shape or form ok. How is this ok? How does this bill ensure that our keiki are receiving the best possible care if it allows someone with little or no experience to provide ABA services? It doesn't. I am in strong opposition of this bill.

Thank you,
Willy Grace Bunghanoy Diama
Mililani, HI

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I am a paraprofessional tutor at Queen Ka'ahumanu Elementary School and the mother of a 16 year old daughter with Asperger's Syndrome who goes to Roosevelt High School. My daughter is privileged to work with an Applied Behavior Analyst professional. Because of my unique situation, I see the difference between ABA certified people and all other DOE staff, and there simply is no comparison. In fact, some DOE staff will do damage if they were to work with students with Autism spectrum disorders (ASD). I urge you to oppose HB868 and SB1311 and enable our ASD children to be treated by ABA professionals. A large majority of students will improve by leaps and bounds, Please don't let them go back to status quo with inadequate DOE mishmash Russian roulettes. Thank you.

Mahalo,

Emily Chun
Honolulu, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

I raised a special needs child, who is now a successful young adult. Believe me, it was in spite of the Dept. of Education, not because of it - as there was no good high school placement, I home-schooled her. She now has an AAS with honors from UH/MC. The Dept of Ed should NOT receive special treatment with regard to employee qualifications. They don't know what they're doing with the standards already in place.

Mahalo,

Irene Newhouse
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. Our keiki
deserve qualified professionals and our teachers deserve support!!

Mahalo,
Carter Keegan

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I feel the reason for this bill is to keep the money within the DOE and state even though as educators they are in their positions to educate the young of the state. If the DOE educated their workers not only in their job description but on the reason why they decided to become educators then I don't think this bill would even be discussed. it's all about they money. that's all im saying. I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Shawn Cruel
Kahului, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

Applied behavior analysis can be a life altering intervention for individuals with disabilities and their families. ABA can make the difference that the family and individual has been hoping for. These are only a couple of reasons why it is imperative that the DOE professionals need to be highly trained, qualified and overseen by licensed professionals qualified to provide ABA services. The children of Hawaii deserve licensed, qualified and trained professionals.

Mahalo,

Jessica Carvalho
Kaneohe, HI

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and members of the committees,

This population already has daily challenges which are impossible to fix. It would be inhumane to identify a solution which studies have confirmed is highly effective, and choose not to implement it. Just because it would be time consuming and expensive. SHAME ON ALL OF YOU WHO THINK THIS IS ACCEPTABLE!!! Please do the right thing. Allow me to remind you, with great power comes greater responsibilities. Vote as if your child was inflicted with this disorder and needed your help.

Mahalo,
Jacque Fors, RN, BSN
Kihei, HI

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submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Danielle Talon

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. The
Department of Education should not be allowed an exemption to previous
legislation of the licensure of behavior analysis.

Mahalo,

Jessica Baker
Lahaina, HI

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Mahalo,

William Burgos
Kailua, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

A very recent example why this bill is not helpful and likely detrimental to the wellbeing of the very children and families it claims to help, is the recent news story and photo of a child tied in his chair at a public event at his school. This deplorably inhumane and abusive situation is a very real and unfortunate example of why we need standards and training and certification for practitioners of ABA. Most certainly were this child working with a qualified, licensed practitioner of a documented, proven therapy, he would not have been tied to a chair like a criminal! Do we or Should we allow unlicensed people who "claim to be trained surgeons" to do surgery? We require licenses to practice medicine, law, to drive, to teach, to cut hair. We must also have high standards of training, professionalism, with proven methods taught and used consistently throughout all services children and families receive so that children can receive the benefits of consistency and a positive and supportive environment. Please oppose HB868 and support safe, effective, proven therapies with competent, trained and licensed practitioners. We can't put innocent children at risk of abuse by untrained, unlicensed individuals no matter what these individuals claim are their credentials or intentions.

Mahalo,

Leah C Quittner
Makawao, HI

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Students in the DOE deserve licensed, highly trained, and qualified behavior analysts to provide oversight, teach, and implement ABA treatment correctly or there is the potential to cause serious harm by individuals who do not know what they are doing. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Kaui Enomoto
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Department of Education should not be allowed an exemption to previous
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Mahalo,

Nicole Pleiss
Haiku, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I've witnessed and heard too many horror stories of unqualified skills trainers working with our most vulnerable keiki, including focusing on their cell phones and not observing their student to the point where the student is in danger. The federal IDEA Act requires that all keiki receive appropriate and equal access to the education they need from qualified individuals. If the IEP states that ABA is needed then a qualified professional needs to administer it. And, keeping ABA off IEPs must be illegal, but if not it is certainly unethical. HB868 and SB1311 undermine the IDEA Act and seem like a dirty way to take funds away from education. Shouldn't we be investing in the future of our keiki? I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Rachel Hudes
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Board Certified Behavior Analysts, like myself, go through rigorous schooling and training in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis prior to becoming licensed professionals. It would be a huge detriment to the special needs population if non-licensed individuals were allowed to run ABA programs in the educational setting. It is imperative that the standards of practicing ABA be upheld in order to ensure that individuals with special needs receive the highest quality of services from trained professionals. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Gemma Gieszl

Oahu, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. We should not
expect our teachers to teach and provide professional behavior analysis.

Mahalo,

James Murphey

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. Our special needs children deserve nothing less than educated professionals to give them the best future possible. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Christine Petty

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

I am a certified behavior analyst and a licensed Behavior Analysts in the state of Hawaii. I am writing to inform my Legislators that it is extremely important that Bill HB868 does Not pass to become a law. This attempt to undermine previous legislation will directly harm our Keiki from getting appropriate services in school settings. In light of recent developments which highlighted the improper, illegal, and harmful methods used by unqualified "professionals" in public school settings to deal with children with special needs, it is paramount that the Department of Education be held accountable in making sure that applied behavior analysis services be delivered and supervised by a trained, qualified and licensed Behavior Analysts. This bill would degrade previous legislation and the strides taken by the state of Hawaii to support our citizens with special needs. When unqualified, and untrained paraprofessionals attempt to modify behavior through behavior analytic procedures not only will our children be left behind, not getting appropriate care, but there is a very high chance that serious harm can and will be done to the development of children with special needs. We must not allow financially driven politics to take power away from the voting public and harm our children. There is only one way to vote today! NO! on Bill HB868!

Thank you for your time,
Kyle Machos M.S., BCBA LBA

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson and members of the committees,

I am an adult with autism. Beau is my licensed behavior consultant. My schools didn't know how to deal with my behaviors. Don, Beau, and Kim helped my teachers to keep me in my classes. Without Don, Beau, and Kim's help, I would not be where I am today in the community. My autism can not be cured. I am glad Beau is still with me. He said I can phone or text him any time I have a problem. Beau knows how to help me. I am an adult now and the kids still going to school will have a bad time if the DOE doesn't have somebody like Beau to help them. Please help kids still in school to get the same help I had by opposing Act 199(15).

Mahalo,

Gabriel Vista
Pukalani, Hawaii

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

This bill is NOT a good idea. Having BCBA's and RBT's is imperative in the lives
of the youth that need these services!

Mahalo,

Angela Walker
Wahiawa, HI

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson and members of the committees,

I STRONGLY oppose the Department of Education (DOE) seeking exemption and amending Act 199(15). This law took effect January 2016, just over a month ago. What kind of effort is that, DOE! My child had a licensed board certified behavior analyst as part of his individualized educational program (IEP) team while in school and it made a whole lot of difference!! Today, he is a contributing adult in the community and continues to have a licensed board certified behavior analyst on his team. This past week's news included two disturbing news: 1) a Koko Head Elementary student with autism was allegedly tied to a chair. Likely due to untrained, unsupervised staff who didn't know how to implement a behavior plan. It sounded like it was easier for them to just tie him up; and 2) an audit found the DOE lacking in educating students in inclusion because they don't know what to do it??? Oh, my gosh! The DOE asking for exemption is like a janitor teaching students at school (which by the way happened at one of my child's schools ... as told to me by ... the janitor, who was unlocking the classroom door with a key from several on a ring and to this day, I still hear the jangling of keys!). Was this janitor exempt from licensing to teach? A board certified behavior analyst expertise is behavior. DOE's expertise is education. Without the help from licensed board certified behavior analyst (as part of students' IEP team) to deal with behavioral problems, the students and DOE staff will have great difficulty educating. This sounds very much like the pre-Felix Consent Decree. We don't want the passage of this bill to lean towards another lengthy class action suit ... do we? NO. I STRONGLY urge you to OPPOSE this bill.

C. A. Vista
Pukalani, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

Like so many health issues, if dealt with early and by a professional or specialist,
a better health outcome can be achieved. I realize there is a shortage of BCBA's
in the DOE, but changing where the finish line is to "fix" things is not good for the
child or the DOE and it's reputation. I very strongly urge that you not make an
exemption for the DOE and hold them accountable for what they were initially
assigned to do. It's the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Chuck Page
Kihei, HI

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I am the mother of two special needs children. One has graduated and left the DOE system and another is just beginning. I fought hard for my son to have services to assist him with his autism. These services included a board certified behavior analyst. I could not have done it without them. My son is a head-banger. Only licensed, qualified, behavior analysts have any idea how to help my son. My son's autism has caused him to hit his head so hard it opened gashes. It is comical to think someone without a license could possibly handle that. I am scared for my daughter to not have access to qualified service. Please oppose this bill.

Mahalo,

Serena Freitas
Paia, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

All people with behavioral needs in DOE require by law a licensed behaviorist to access and provide services for the benefit of the individual in need. The State needs to bring in more qualified people to meet the demand, not underhandedly create legislature to evade their responsibility. Refer to the Felix Degree and the Medicaid Final Rule legislature. It is the law to keep behaviorist in place.

Mahalo,

Christina Chang
Wailuku, HI

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and members of the committees,

I oppose this bill because licensing requires specific levels of education and training, which is vital to carrying out ABA practices correctly and effectively. Allowing DOE employees to practice ABA without licensing is irresponsible and can cause more harm to children.

Mahalo,

Tammy Chang
Honolulu. HI

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Bill HB868 is an attempt to undermine previous legislation that has passed and will directly harm our Keiki from getting appropriate services in school settings. Children with autism deserve to receive the best in services from licensed professionals. The Department of Education needs to be held accountable in making sure that applied behavior analysis services be delivered and supervised by a trained, qualified and licensed Behavior Analysts. This bill would degrade previous legislation and the strides taken by the state of Hawaii to support our citizens with special needs.

Thank you,

Suzanne Machos
Kaneohe, HI

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

Dear Legislators, It is critical for the future of our children to have trained and certified behavioral analysts working with them to provide them with what they need. Please do not fall to pre-Felix conditions by not providing this crucial part to the success of our children.

Mahalo,

Frankie Servetti Coleman
Kihei, HI

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If passed, this will cause harm to our keiki. Applied behavior analysis is backed
by over 50 years of research and can be effectively implemented by properly
licensed professionals. Professionals in the DOE setting can not effectively use
evidenced-based practices without proper training and support from licensed
professionals.

Mahalo,

Sara Dinkelo
Honolulu, HI

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Mahalo,

Bernadine Ranger

Paia, Hawaii

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These children deserve to be given the proper services to meet their needs. In order to make sure that the needs of these children are met they deserve qualified providers that can implement these teaching strategies to them, this means that providers should be required to be licensed in order to provide services.

Mahalo,

Kayla Jones

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I know several people that currently work in the behavioral health profession and this would not only be a slap in the face to their lifelong hard work, but also to the clientelle that they work with every day. In time, this bill will practically turn their profession into some glorified form of babysitting rather than rehabilitating these patients who are desperately in need of proper treatment. These patients need trained workers who have the necessary background that is needed to work in the field.

Mahalo,

Anthony DeBlasio

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I am a concerned grandmother of two Autistic grandsons (brothers). Now I see that all special needs children are my children too and that we all should not be denied professionals that are trained and available to serve in their capacity and in our community.

Mahalo,

Jolie Kaae
Paauilo, Hawaii

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Behavior analysis should only be provided by those with the education and experience to do so, which is why licensure was passed. Children spend more time in school than anywhere else so it is the most important environment to have qualified providers. The Department of Education has a responsibility to ensure that students receive high quality behavior analysis when it is determined that they need it. It is unacceptable that they are seeking a loophole to avoid hiring qualified professionals and providing necessary training. Why would an individual with no experience or education in behavior analysis be restricted from implementing an ABA program privately for a family but be permitted to do so as long as it's in a school setting? Shouldn't we be searching for ways to improve school services and help students participate in inclusion classrooms?

Mahalo,

Scott Love
Honolulu, HI

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The Department of Education should not be allowed to practice behavior analysis without licensed behavior analysts. I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,

Daniel Hernandez
Kihei, Hawaii

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I currently work with "special needs" children, have for around 10 yrs now, and babysitters we are not. These children need trained, qualified providers to have any chance at a somewhat "normal" life. Providers need to be trained in CPI, CPR, First Aid, as well as an education and experience. Please, these children deserve so much, give them a fighting chance. I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Laura Rogers
Kihei, Hawaii

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Mahalo,

Pen Rens
Kahului, Hawaii

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Mahalo,

Pepe Paleafei
Kahului, Hawaii

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I strongly believe that our kids with special needs deserve the proper help and guidance they get from a ABA licensed individual. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Tracy Mulholland
Kihei, Hawaii

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Mahalo,

Kennedy Souza
Kahului, Hawaii

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Jessica Rothstein

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Today you need to be certified in your field of work weather it's an electrician to a hair stylist down to a massage therapist! certification through the state of Hawaii is mandatory if your in this field of work would they rather have uncertified not trained workers to take care of our keikis! I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Kimi Kualani
Hana, Hawaii

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Department of Education should not be allowed an exemption to previous legislation of the licensure of behavior analysis. This would be a great disservice to ALL individuals with special needs. I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Luke Holifield
Kihei, Hawaii

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I worked in the State of Hawaii public school system for three years. I have worked in Special Education for over a decade, specifically with the population that benefits the most from applied behavior analysis. The skill set of a DOE behavior instructional support person and the skill set of a licensed board certified behavior analyst is similar to someone who enjoys babysitting children versus someone that has been certified or licensed in education.

Mahalo,

Leann Campbell
Oahu, Hawaii

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Although our teachers are hard-working, they do not have the training,
knowledge or experience in the type of instruction necessary to teach my son-
applied behavior analysis. Our children deserve access to behavior analysts who
can help them and their teachers reach the goals set for them in academics,
social and behavioral goals. Educational Assistants do not have the training
needed to implement this type of instruction- unless they are Registered
Behavior Technicians. Please don't pass a bill that would PREVENT my son from
getting the effective instruction he needs.

Mahalo,

Kate Disney
Wahiawa, HI

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Last year it was determined that licensure was necessary to ensure that behavior analytic programs are designed and implemented by qualified individuals. In order to become a licensed behavior analyst in the state of Hawaii one must become certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board by meeting these requirements: 1. Hold a master's degree in the field of applied behavior analysis, education, or psychology. 2. Complete 270 classroom hours of graduate-level instruction from specific content areas from an accredited institution. 3. Gain experience under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst though either supervised independent field work (1500 hours), a practicum (1000 hours) or an intensive practicum (750 hours). 4. Pass the Behavior Analyst Certification Board Exam. At public school campuses, there are students with developmental disabilities and problem behaviors that require the use of applied behavior analysis in order to remain in their least restrictive environment and access meaningful education with their peers. In my experience working on public education campuses with students with special needs, efforts to implement applied behavior analysis by untrained individuals are usually ineffective and/or harmful. Techniques that may seem simple to a lay person are actually quite complicated and require constant adjustments based on the individual and their progress. When determining the requirements for certification and licensure, experts agreed on the level

of education and experience needed to develop the necessary skill set to provide behavior analysis services. There are teachers, paraprofessionals, and even many school behavioral health specialists that do not meet the requirements to legally provide applied behavior analysis. Paraprofessionals often have no training requirements prior to beginning work and spend more time with their student than any other school employee. They usually do not receive any training in behavior analysis. Without training and supervision from a behavior analyst, the behavior support plan is often abandoned in favor of ineffective reprimands and threats resulting in frustration to the student, teacher, and paraprofessional. Why should the requirements to practice behavior analysis be completely disregarded in the most important environment that reaches the majority of Hawaii's children? Public schools should adhere to the same requirements as any other practicing individual to fulfill their ethical responsibility to provide effective evidence-based interventions to their students.

Mahalo,

Brynn Gute
Honolulu, HI

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Children deserve the very best educationally, psychologically and nutritionally. They
are the most important people on this planet and should be cared for by licensed
care givers and teachers who have been trained to work with students with
different abilities as well as students in general Ed settings

Thank you,
Kim Corbin
Kailua, HI

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I am a licensed special education teacher. As so, I had to complete a specific course of studies. People who earn degrees in behavior analysis learn skills and how to work with certain children that I did not learn. I have worked cooperatively with board certified behavior analysts for years. Without them I would be doing a disservice to my students. The Department of Education should not be given an exemption to Act 199.

Mahalo,

Ryan Kerr
Kihei, HI

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To whom it may concern,

First of all I would like to thank you for taking your time in reading my testimony about these proposed bills in reference to ABA training in school. I am a proud parent of a beautiful and bright 6 year old, Johnna. Johnna was diagnosed with Autism back in 2014 and ever since then she has been having home & clinic therapy with private ABA company through the help of our military insurance provider. Moreover, during our whole experience with ABA, Johnna has improved significantly by means of talking more often and just blossoming into a wonderful child that she is. Johnna is also in school, now a first grader in a Special needs classroom along with 3 or 4 more classmates. She has had the same instructor/teacher since pre-school. But every IEP update conference we attend with the school, it's always the same remarks, no improvements on Johnna's part, and report cards are the same repetitive remarks. But based on what we see her do as far as her homework assignments she brings home and do and what she does with her ABA therapies, she amazes us how fast and accurate she gets everything done. And it does not reflect on her school paperwork, maybe you need to look into to SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS more and see if they are being fair or they just trying to keep the pay check coming. Anyways, I am more comfortable with our ABA providers because I think without them Johnna and others like her could benefit from them due to their one on one training method. School won't have enough time to deal with each child based on my observation from the school she goes to. I swear if this bill is passed and becomes effective, I will pull my child out of school and do home-school with her just to keep the ABA program for my child. Thank you for your time and understanding. If there should be any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely (Concerned Parent),
Sheyna Henry
(808) 683-8273 sheyn1@yahoo.com

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I have two autistic children receiving school services. It is vital to their educational opportunity that they receive behavioral and counseling services from fully-trained and licensed professionals. Just as I would not want them to be taught math from a teacher who did not have the necessary credentials in math, we need to adhere to best practices in staffing counseling and behavioral positions. We also want to support their teachers and staff by ensuring that they receive necessary training. What's best for our keiki is best for their teachers, and vice-versa.

Mahalo,

Shana Brown

Kailua, HI

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Mahalo,

Anne Benoit

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Amanda Teweleit

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Our children deserve the best quality care we can possibly offer them (nothing less).
Afterall, we are investing in the future.

Thank you,
Katherine Velasco
Kapolei, HI

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I am submitting testimony in strong opposition of HB868 (SB1311). Our child currently in her DOE school setting has a clinical psychologist and not a licensed BCBA attempting to provide behavioral analysis as a contracted BISS. She is implementing ABA therapy principles that have created heartbreaking self-injurious behaviors in our child and emotional trauma by implementing methodologies she is not trained or licensed to implement. What she is implementing is not addressing our childs behavioral issues in the school setting and in fact has made them worse. These behaviors are impeding her learning process. ABA principles should not ever be implemented by a non-licensed BISS and this is a perfect example of why. It will now take months to repair the damage that these inappropriately implemented methodologies has caused to our child. We strongly OPPOSE the passing of this bill.

Mahalo,

Maureen McComas

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This bill is detrimental to Hawaii's children who have a mental disability. I am currently dealing with a situation where the DOE is utilizing non licensed staff to perform ABA therapy for the last year and has not been effective at all. In fact, he is regressing. Behaviorly he has tantrums as if he is 2 years old, even though he is 7 years old and linguistically is a 7 year old. My son received ABA from a licensed staff when he was under the 0-3 program and it worked wonders. He was rejected from entering a DOE school when he was in preschool due to their negligence of the law and I fought the case for 2 years. By that time my son was 5 years old and kicked out of 4 preschools and a summer program at the YMCA. This is equivalent to letting those without medical license who studied books and took some classes in medicine to practice medicine. This is unheard of and not only will those individuals be ostrasized by society, they would be sent to jail for practicing medicine without a licence. Please do not let unlicensed personnel to provide ABA to Hawaii's disabled children!

Kind Regards,
Alex Kang
Kaneohe, HI

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I believe our children need and deserve licensed, trained, qualified professionals in our schools. All children who receive ABA have rights and should be protected. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Renee Theus
Waipahu, Hawaii

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Autism is an educational, medical, social and behavioral disorder that ranges from
child to child, adult to adult. It is complex and producing change to increase
functional skills requires expertise.

Thank you,
Susan Varsames
Lahaina, HI

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and members of the committees,

These children need specialized education. Morally and legally they have a right to
it.

Thank you,
Jim Wagner
Kihei, HI

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In regards to the proposed bills, HB868 and SB1311, the very idea that any unqualified individual would be allowed to educate and work with special needs children: I am appalled that such an idea would gain any traction. Special needs children, from learning disorders like dyslexia to the autism spectrum all require intensive education from licensed and dedicated professionals. The very notion that we would grant these children to individuals who have neither the expertise nor knowledge, to instruct and be expected to give the student every opportunity to grow is beyond asinine. Legislatures, this bill is denying the guarantee of proper education to the students who will need it the most, and it is, above all, immoral and obtuse. I pray you think twice before propelling these bills any further.

Warmest regards,

Gary Hall Jr.
Kiehi, Hawaii

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Roxann Malubay
Kaunakakai, Hawaii

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I have spent the last several years volunteering and later working in one of Kauai's public school preschool programs. I have seen our students improve and flourish under proper ABA programming, overseen by liscensed and trained professionals. I've spoken to countless educators who recognize the benefits of ABA and it is apparent when a child is receiving top of the line support. After witnessing such successes, I became determined to help fill the need for additional services. As of this month I have been accepted into the number 1 and number 3 special education masters programs in the country, with my primary goal being to receive the training necessary to receive board certification as a BCBA and return to Kauai and share my knowledge and training. I've chosen to take on more debt and spend two years on the mainland away from my home in order to provide professional and qualified programming to our keiki. Please don't make the sacrifices of myself, and other professionals, in vain. Our keiki need, and deserve, the best services and this can only occur if trained professionals are given the opportunity to provide such. Please do not provide DOE exemptions from providing liscensed and trained services to our keiki. Students in need of such services deserve the best and we can not let them down.

Aloha!
Maddisen Domingo.
Kapaa, HI

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Children deserve care from trained professionals. It is not fair to the children or teachers to ask teachers to perform duties they aren't trained for. I OPPOSE this bill.

Mahalo,

Corey Wolff
Haleiwa, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

I care about the quality of help that children with behavioral issues receive in the
state of Hawaii. These children have a right to the same consumer protections as any
other child in Hawaii.

Thank you,
Billie Vieira
Honolulu, HI

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I am a registered nurse who works with clients with special needs. This vulnerable population needs people who have been specifically trained in Certified Behavior Analysis. I work with BCBA and have observed how valuable they are to this population.

Mahalo,

Katie Short

Wailuku, HI

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and members of the committees,

Children with autism need qualified behavior analysts to help them to gain the skills
they need.

Thank you,
Sandra Bunnell
Honolulu, HI

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It is important that we provide our keiki with as close to a guarantee of high quality services, which is what a licensed Board Certified Behavior Analyst offers. Without such guarantees, it is unclear the extent to which our students will benefit from supposed Behavior Analytic services. In fact, without the expertise, harm may be done. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst who worked for the Hawaii DOE for over 10 years, up to 6 months ago. I can tell you that there are students who are not learning, who are in overly restrictive placements, who have expensive one-on-one paraprofessional services that are not needed. Please do not pass this bill!

Mahalo,

Ruth Balliner

Kula, HI

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and members of the committees,

This can not happen. There is a reason training, education and techniques are
important. There is no way someone without all of these can be of benefit to anyone
with special needs. Please rethink going ahead with this!!!

Thank you,
Lori Steury
Harlan, IN

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I have a teaching license. I worked for six years to earn this license. I would take offense to anyone coming in an saying they can do what I do without having the same qualifications. Behavior analysts should be given the same respect for their field of expertise. The DOE should not be granted an exemption to practice behavior analysis without a license. I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,

Phil Bocher
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

All children in the state of Hawaii should get quality ABA and no substitutions. ABA
doesn't just benefit children with Autism but with all children that have behavioral
issues that impact their learning.

Thank you,
Donna-Shemain Nazarchyk
Waipahu, HI

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I am a young man with autism. I received services from a board certified behavior analyst. Now board certified behavior analysts are licensed. All kids should have licensed behavior analysts.

Mahalo,

Joshua Feig
Wailuku, HI

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and members of the committees,

Our children need qualified professionals to make the most of their educational
experience not babysitters. All children have different needs; don't provide less to
children who have special needs.

Thank you,
Teri S. Evans
Haiku, HI

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There are many very qualified professionals working in this field with our children and this bill would eliminate many of them and especially impact the neighbor islands with fewer personnel. Our children need these experienced workers. Please do not pass this very limiting bill to curtail current services which barely meet the need.

Mahalo,

Collen O'Shea Wallace, BS, MPH, CFLE

Makawao, HI

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It's a no brainier. Out kids need these services.

Caroly Czar-Delima
Wailuku, HI

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Whoever submitted this bill has no experience with ABA. We want the children of Hawaii to become contributors to society. We can't do that by putting a band aid on behavior by catering to their wants instead of their needs. Allowing them to get what they want by displaying inappropriate behavior. Of course this is not due to odd. Some children don't have the skill needed to verbalize what they need. And that is where ABA comes in. It's not something that can be done trivial one time training. Constant taking in knowledge regarding ABA is needed as well as supervision and their training is all needed fo a successful learner. It is a process, not to be taken lightly and definitely not for ANYONE. Show our children that we value them today by not passing this bill, so they can have the brightest future possible tomorrow .

Mahalo,

Corinna Aquino
Mililani, HI

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and members of the committees,

our keiki deserve licensed, qualified, trained providers

Thank you,
Calei Ewing
Honolulu, HI

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I have been an educational assistant. I have been one for many years. Applied behavior analysis has helped many students. It is important that this newly licensed profession be given the same respect as all licensed professions in our State. The DOE should not be given an exemption to practice behavior analysis in public school settings.

Mahalo,

Gailen Hadley
Lahaina, HI

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I am a mother of a brilliant, extraordinary, beautiful eight year old boy whose smile and laughter can capture anyone's heart. Since being diagnosed with Aspergers at four years old, he has taught me so many things about life and love. My son, just as every other child, are the future adults of Hawaii and this country. Children who receive ABA services should not be denied the right to have trained, qualified professionals in their schools. Behavior analysis is the best tool we currently have right now to help those with autism and those on the autism spectrum. Why would you even think of taking the most crucial, helpful thing our sons and daughters have by allowing just "anyone" to teach this very specific, precise practice? Children are taught by qualified teachers teaching math, science, reading, etc. Why should my child be denied the same rights and privileges? This is extremely discriminatory. This bill cannot and should not pass. Our children deserve the best, qualified treatment, just as they deserve the best, greatest future!

Erin M. Hendricks
Waipahu, HI

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Don't make the same mistakes as in the past! PLEASE

Mahalo,

Daniel Coleman

Kihei, HI

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To whom it may concern, I am writing to oppose HB686 and SB311. First, this law is very poorly drafted by any official writing standards. I am proud of this legislative's constituents that rightly exercised their constitutional responsibility to protect the health safety and welfare of its citizens when they passed the new law requiring Hawaii state licensure for behavior analysts. How much money would the DoE need if they were to pay for licensed behavior analysts and for RBT training of other DoE employees? How much money does the DoE and Hawaii Teachers union annually spend on legal, administrative, and processing fees for discretely handling cases arising from another DoE employee's incompetence resulting in harm of a child physically and emotionally? Ask yourself why the urgency to so quickly throw this slipshod bill together and have it voted on almost immediately? I emlore this legislative body to: - table the vote until more information is collected and provided to you; - take your time to look at how the laws stipulations and practicality of functional operability; - request a qualified legal counsel reformat the proposal to at least appear thoughtfully creadible; -and take your time deciding if you want more accountability for those working with special needs children attending Hawaii state public schools. Thank you.

Kelcie Noelani Awo
Waiana'e, HI

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It's super important for our keiki to receive adequate services from licensed professionals.

Mahalo,

Cherlyn Tamura

Kapolei, HI

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I have 2 sons who are in sped Ed. They both currently having well ABA trained assistants from agency. In past our sons had those EA and /or PPT From DOE who had a minimum knowledge of ABA or not at all. In those times both of my sons regression was something I can't take back. All our IEP team members agreed and recognized by their own eyes how those personals make a life alter changing for special need children. Also from environmental prospect, DOE should have those outside well trained resources for improving each and every kids instead of try to do " one size fits all" kind of way by providing every profession within the department. It's more crucial those skilled, educated professional can impact our sped. Kids. I do strongly disagree of this bills.

Thank you,
Mayu Hosoya Akazawa
Honolulu, HI

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My son gets ABA services through DOE. She is a licensed ABA provider. This is a very vital service for my son & after 7 years, we've seen huge strides in his behavior from being a very aggressive young boy to a now thriving young teen who's on track to go to college. We don't want someone who's not qualified to help him. Taking away licensed & qualified persons is the same as getting heart surgery but instead of the surgeon, you get a candy striper to do surgery.

Mahalo,

Jack Losefa

Waipahu, HI

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I believe that children with special needs should be provided with care by licensed
teachers

Thank you,
Anna Stutzman
Kihei, HI

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As a parent of a child with Autism I believ that Department of Education should not be allowed an exemption to previous legislation of the licensure of behavior analysis.

Mahalo,

Angela Reichert

Kula, HI

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Kim Glatley
Kihei, HI

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James A Riswick-Estelle
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Heather Vander Linden-Dozier
Kailua, HI

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After seeing first hand what properly trained RBTs and BCBA's can help children with Autism achieve, I whole heartedly believe that our kids deserve every advantage they can get. Their education should not have to suffer from corner-cutting. I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you,
Darren K. Sagaysay
Kunia, HI

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Aloha. I am currently an RBT who has the privilege of working with children with developmental disabilities for over 3 years now. The training has helped me immensely by ensuring that I deliver optimal ABA therapy to the children I serve. I have seen countless progress throughout the years with this type of therapy-therapy which has a huge scientific backing. I strongly urge you to require that highly trained professionals (RBTs and BCBAs) work with our children. Hawaii's keikis deserve every advantage availed to them.

Mahalo.
Verma Fe Sagaysay
Kunia, HI

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and members of the committees,

As a Registered Behavior Technician earning my doctorate in Psychology, I can attest to the importance of licensed professionals overseeing the treatment of children in any therapeutic or learning setting. I have seen, first hand, the negative effects of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental and psychological disorders being "treated" by those who have not been specifically trained in an evidence based therapy. Licensed ABAs and Psychologists trained for years to be able to give our children the best and most effective treatment possible. If you support HB868 or SB1311, you will be agreeing that our keiki deserve subpar care. In order to give kids the best chance possible to become functional, contributing members of society, we need to make sure they are receiving the appropriate treatment now.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Shannon Pickett
Honolulu, HI

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I am an individual born and raised on Big Island. I am currently a registered behavior technician and am pursuing my coursework to become a BCBA. The reason I chose to do this was simply to be able to provide families and children the proper support and care that they deserve. Allowing professionals who do not have a BCBA license practice behavioral analysis is similar to pharmacists without the vital knowledge of each drug filling prescriptions. Families who need extra assistance deserve qualified professionals who have the knowledge and skills to create appropriate treatment plans that are individualized to their child as well as follow the science of ABA ethically and appropriately. A license is necessary to be able to determine qualifications.

Thank you,
Lauren Vieira

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My autistic grandson living in my home would not be where he is today in development had it not been for the skills of his therapist. I shudder to think he could have been a vegetable under a less than professional option. These are our keiki. Save them by applying discernment, with compassion. What if one of these born in like manner were yours, or your childs. Please consider wisely.

Thank you,
Gloria Wahinepio
Mililani, HI

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My son is autistic and due to his condition he is unable to communicate what he wants, needs, if he's hungry, etc.... If the behavior specialist is untrained to deal with his condition they not know how to properly teach him to become independent like all parents of children with his same condition can only pray for.

Thank you,
Micah Ige
Honolulu, HI

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My name is Kriste Draper and I have a son with autism. When you have cancer you see a licensed oncologist. When you need physical therapy, you go see a licensed physical therapist. The reason we have licensure requirements for professionals that provide medical and therapeutic care is because we want to ensure a standard of care for ourselves and our loved ones. The reason Applied Behavior Analysis, lawyers, medical doctors, psychologists, physical therapists, dentists and countless other professions all have licensure requirements is because we have identified these professions as requiring a specialized skill set, requiring specialized training. This training ensures a certain level of care and expertise. Just this past year, you, the Hawaii Legislature, determined that Applied Behavior Analysis was a profession that required a license. You did this because you know, as I know as a parent, that Applied Behavior Analysis is a method of treatment that requires specialized training and skill. ABA is NOT something that can be done by anyone. I am disappointed that the DOE would even suggest that a teacher with a bachelor's in education is qualified in applied behavior analysis. I looked up the University of Hawaii School of Education curriculum and there is NOT ONE SINGLE COURSE REQUIRED in Applied Behavior Analysis to get your bachelor degree in education. Even the Master's in Special Education DOES NOT

REQUIRE ONE SINGLE COURSE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS. My child deserves to receive his Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy from an actual Applied Behavior Analyst. Just as every child has a right to receive their medical care from a licensed medical provider. This is no different and shame on the DOE for trying to save money at the expense of the health and welfare of my son. My hands shake as I type this, this is how strongly I feel about my opposition of this bill. Just last year Hawaii recognized the need to license our ABA providers to protect consumers from fraudulent individuals claiming to offer ABA therapy. Do not allow the DOE to become a fraudulent provider. If the DOE wants to provide ABA therapy for its students then the DOE needs to have an actual LICENSED Behavior Analyst provide the therapy.

Very Respectfully,

Kriste Draper

kristedraپر@hotmail.com

Salt Lake, 96818

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and members of the committees,

My son has not had a licensed provider in his classroom since the new bill was passed. The DOE is getting away with another injustice to my son who has Autism and ADHD. Please help my son by not allowing the DOE to continue to break the law that we fought so hard to protect our Keiki and give hope to their future.

Thank you,
Chanel Wahinepio
Mililani, HI

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Students deserve the best. Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified,
professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that
receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
Kalahiki Long
Kaneohe, HI

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My son is special special needs and I personally don't want some random unlicensed person working with my son who has no idea what they are doing or have no experience. What will my son learn from that unqualified person? Will he accomplish anything from them? No he won't. They might even get hurt if they don't know what they are doing or what kind of client they are dealing with. I work with special needs kids and I've seen many unlicensed people come and go with other companies because they end up getting hurt or something more. Please as a mother with a child that has special needs please don't pass this bill. Only licensed people should be able to work with these kids/adults

Mahalo,

Danielle Talon

Kihei, HI

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What a disservice we would do to our students who need high quality services by trained professionals, if we are to give the task of doing ABA to anyone otherwise.

Mahalo,

Courtney Azoulay

Haiku, HI

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submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same
consumer protections. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
Kathleen J McKay

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ABA services should only be provided by licensed professionals. This bill only attempts to reduce the quality of services to those who need care most.

Mahalo,

Julia Cantrick

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Children have the right to receive high quality services from licensed, trained and qualified professionals. ABA is not soemthing that anyone can just do! People need to be trained to deliver quality ABA services to our keiki.

Mahalo,

Janelle Vilitski

Wailuku, HI

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I oppose this bill. The DOE should not receive a legislation exemption.

Mahalo,

JennyLee Nakamura
Makawao, HI

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My son has tourettes syndrome and has multiple IEP meetings to help his teachers understand his neurological disabilities. I really would appreciate that there were more teachers who would take on the responsibility to actually study and know everything about certain students disabilities. Before taking on a teaching position with special needs kids. We as parents we need to take on the responsibility to take these kids to proper care as well as doctors psychologists and physicians to make sure that he can acquire certain needs or be able to function in the real world so I think that it's fair for us to say that our children's should be qualified at all times for the sake of our children and the future adults of this world. Thank you.

Thank you for your consideration,
Amber Jean Pascua
Waianae, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. I believe that it is our responsibility to ensure our keiki not only have access to applied behavior analysis but that the evidence based service that we know is medically necessary is provided by licensed, qualified, and certified professionals.

Mahalo,

Eliza Lipp

Wailuku HI 96793

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Thank you,
Brandi Kalaukoa
Kapolei, HI

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Mahalo,

Michelle Chait

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My son is 7 years old and has not been verbal until we started therapy with a highly skilled skills trainer under the supervision of a licensed BCBA. My son has been with the DOE since 3 years old and we had to fight to have a highly qualified ABA tutor on my son's team. We finally got one this year and it has made all the difference. The DOE does not train their staff nearly as much as an outside provider does. I have seen a significant progress with my sons language skills since hiring an outside provider who has a BCBA to over see his program. My son deserves an ABA program from a licensed and qualified provider. The DOE has not shown that they will ensure quality training as my son's experience with them proves. My son needs intensive ABA therapy from a highly qualified BCBA and from an agency that's sole purpose is to provide this systematically through applied behavior analysis therapy. ABA therapy is an evidenced based method to effectively teach children with brain deffeciets. If the treapy is not done by a highly qualified ABA tutor there is no guaranteed that the data is true or helpful.

Thank you,
Jennifer Teves
Hanapepe, HI

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We have a daughter who is now 16 and at Roosevelt HS in special ed. She has asperger. ABA helps our daughter, we have seen it first-hand. It is the only approach that we have seen that is effective. It does however, require a professional skilled in ABA. For example even our daughter's neurologist at Shriner's Hospital on Punahou would not be qualified or appropriate for ABA.

Mahalo,

Calvert and Emily Chun

Honolulu, HI

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and members of the committees,

I have a niece, Jennifer Felix, who grew up on Maui. Jenny has autism and has
required aid all of her life. There is NO WAY an untrained worker in her area of need
should be hired to care for her. I have witnessed many things in her care, both good
and bad.

Thank you,
Francine Lambeth
Seal Beach, CA

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I have a cousin in Hawaii with special needs. Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
Jessica

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As a special educator with a PhD in Education, with an emphasis in Exceptionalities, I understand the importance of having a licensed, trained behavior analyst implement, monitor, and evaluate the ABA educational programs for students with autism and severe behavioral disorders. I have extensive experience teaching children ages 4-18 with autism and with severe behavioral disorders. The importance of having ABA programs developed for these students by licensed, trained providers cannot be stressed enough. I personally taught students whose parents sued the DOE for licensed ABA therapists to develop their children's IEPs, and WON because the DOE didn't have anyone who could do that here. Instead of building capacity here and getting DOE people licensed and trained, the DOE paid for service providers from California to come here and do this for my students. The DOE has been using local agencies who have been trained and certified and these students can now receive appropriate services and supports here in Hawaii without the State having to pay companies from the mainland to do it for us. The DOE, and therefore the state, will be leaving itself open to thousands of upcoming lawsuits in the future for parents whose students deserve an IEP developed with the appropriately trained and certified personnel if this bill is passed. The thousands of teachers and students who need these specifically trained personnel to

teach students with autism and severe behavior disorders will also be losing out because they will not have the support of people who know applied behavior analysis and how to create effective ABA programs.

Mahalo,

Phaedra Ranges, Ph.D

Kailua, HI

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and members of the committees,

my sister is Jennifer Felix who with the fight of my mother, Frankie Servetti Coleman has had a huge impact and influence for special needs children of Hawaii. It is important for all children and adults with special needs to receive the right care from professionals. If my sister had received care from licensed professionals who really knew what would benefit her life from day one her story may have been very different. I think the passing of this bill would be discounting the careers of people who have done the work to become licensed and educated in this field.

Thank you,
Candace Coleman
Oakland, CA

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Our DOE does not have the internal expertise to help a group of children who will have much improved outcomes with an ABA approach to their education and remediation.

Mahalo,

Alfred M. Arensdorf, M.D.

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Hawaii children need certified and licensed providers to ensure they are provided
with the best care possible and are able to meet their full potential. Utilizing
untrained or unlicensed individuals may cause undo harm to our children in need.

Thank you,
Dominique Bale, Psy.D.
Pearl City, HI

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Mahalo,

Staci Fujimoto
Honolulu, HI

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I oppose this bill because a law was put in place to protect children in all settings to ensure they are receiving appropriate services from qualified and LICENSED professionals. Opening up opportunities for untrained people to provide services that they have not been credentialed to do so nor provide adequate supervision is irresponsible and dangerous to our community. Take for example the local school that is being investigated for tying down a preschooler. Is this what we want happening in our schools? We need qualified, liscenced professionals implementing and overseeing ABA services in all settings- as the law states. The DOE should not be an exception to a law that is in place to protect our children. It should be the leading example and held to the same standards as all services providers.

Mahalo,

Ashley Hogan

Honolulu, HI

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and members of the committees,

My mother was a teacher for over 20 years and she relied on her in class support
teachers to help with those extra attention students so that she could handle the
rest of her class.

Thank you,
Ashley Nowakowski
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

As a mother of a child with Autism, we need ABA therapists or BCBA's in the schools to be licensed so that they have the proper qualifications to help our children. If they don't need to be licensed to use ABA, how will we know if they are qualified? I strongly oppose this bill.

Thank you,
Brandi Picardal
Waipahu, HI

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Mahalo,

Tracy Ruggiero

Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

Would you opt for surgery from someone sans license?

Thank you,
Stephen Eric Bryden
Ft. Wayne, IN

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. I interact with children as a coach on Maui through cross fit classes. It is important for individuals to be certified, licensed, qualified, and receive ongoing training and specialize in the service they are providing. It is extremely important that we do not allow anyone to provide applied behavior analysis to our keiki in Hawaii!! Please help to make sure this bill does not go through and that our keiki have licensed, trained, and qualified professionals in the school. Please, think about our keiki!

Mahalo,

Adam Studzinski

Wailuku, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same
consumer protections. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
Chie Edwards
Honolulu, HI

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I oppose this bill because my daughter needs qualified BCBAs to work with her!
Please don't just let anyone work with our keiki with ASD. They truly need qualified
care. Thank you!!!

Masako Nakasone

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Thank you,
Derek Wilson
Kihei, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. Every child deserves to have a professional certification when implementing ABA. Those who do my know the full and true meaning of behavior analysis can actually do more damage the child's learning and well-being.

Mahalo,

Andrea Alesi

Hilo, HI

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and members of the committees,

All other professionals in schools need to be licensed-OT SLP Teachers. ABA should
be the same. Also behavior analysts can address life threatening behaviors-this
practice must be regulated!

Thank you,
Angela Craven

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I am a Licensed Behavior Analyst and I strongly believe that it is unethical to allow untrained, non-licensed individuals provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in the public school system. Children have the right to receive ABA from highly trained, competent providers. I oppose HB868.

Mahalo,

Amanda Lipinski

Honolulu, HI

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and members of the committees,

My daughter is 6 years old and has only recently been diagnosed with ASD. She has multiple behaviors and signs of autism but the DOE teachers are not able to distinguish that her behaviors were clearly autistic. My husband and I requested numerous times for an assessment but we were denied every time. Finally, my daughter did get some evaluations but the unqualified DOE personnel produced unreliable and questionable results. A newspaper article recently cited the woeful lack of qualified DOE personnel and noted that changes must be made to be up to federal standards. The bills being introduced aim to skirt around the federal guidelines. This would be completely detrimental for all of the children who depend on the DOE and the state to do the right thing and not sweep this under the rug. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is an intense regimented program designed to be highly individualized for each child. Only those who are educated and certified with the most latest requirements should be allowed to formulate each child's program. If ABA is not applied correctly, then the behaviors can easily get much worse. Non-qualified educators may cause many more problems for which the child would have to endure. ABA is the only program that the US Surgeon General approves for autism instruction. If we do not address autism correctly, the burden to society in the near future would be undeniable. The rates of autism is increasing and research has shown that early intervention is the best chance to improve the lives of autistic children. But early intervention must be done correctly with qualified ABA individuals. I strongly urge that these two bills be rejected. Please be an advocate for Hawaii's children who cannot speak for themselves!

Thank you,
Julie Ito
Honolulu, HI

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As a parent of a child with special needs, I strongly oppose HB868 and SB1311. He
needs to have support services that are provided by trained, qualified and
experienced BCBAs.

Thank you,
Jane Schramko
Honolulu, HI

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Mahalo,

Marni Dick

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and members of the committees,

Being a parent of a special needs child I am particularly interested in opposing this bill. I fought for and won qualified outside services to work with my son as a student and so happy I did. He is now 22 working and drives a car. To shortchanged our keikis with unlicensed, unqualified personnel to save a few bucks is a sin. Please do not allow this exemption. My son can now contribute to society with the skills he learned. Putting his life in the hands of unlicensed and uncaring personnel would have probably had a different result. Thank you.

Thank you,
Bill Pulliam

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I strongly oppose HB868 and SB1311. I have a nephew with special needs who is in
the DOE and he deserves the best support services possible provided by a trained
and qualified board certified and licensed behavior analyst.

Thank you,
Noel De Jesus
Honolulu, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. As a parent of Autistic kids and a professional in the field I wouldn't want my kids or anyone else's providing services without the necessary qualifications and training.

Mahalo,

Ember Whisler

Mililani, HI

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and members of the committees,

I am Catherine Wilson, a licensed BCBA in the state of Hawaii and the owner and operator of a behavioral company called ABA Positive Support Services. I have been a behavior analyst for over 20 years. I want to note that I do not currently or have intention in the future to hold a contract with the department of education for behavioral services. As a long time BCBA in the state of Hawaii I have a historical perspective of DOE services. I was a senior consultant of a company called BCRC for over 5 years. BCRC was a California company who was brought over to Hawaii as the result of the Felix Dissent decree. This was when Hawaii's DOE's services to children with disabilities was so poor that the federal government came in and took over. Bill HB868 and SB1311 is a clear demonstration that the state of Hawaii continues to try and skirt their responsibility to provide children with disabilities with appropriate and effective services. Act 199 are designed to protect children, to care for children, to assure effective treatment for children. What about this could the Department of Education possible disagree with. Will it be time consuming? Will it require some up front work on the part of the DOE? Yes. It was for my company but I was happy to do it. I knew it was raising the level of services for children here. Will it be expensive? It does not have to be. Parts of the DOE are completely ready for this legislation and to my knowledge are in compliance. The windward district has put their behavioral staff through the BCBA courses and even contracted with Dr. Partington to provide supervision. There is no reason why the other districts have not followed this model spear headed by Elitha Gomez. To vote for bill HB868 and SB1311 is a vote against the children of Hawaii. It's a vote against children with disabilities. It is a vote against effective treatment. It is not OK to "babysit" these children until they age out at 21.

Thank you,
Catherine Wilson

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It is imperative that children in Hawaii who receive behavioral analyst services, no matter what the domain, receive quality care from licensed, trained professionals. Hawaii should not allow unlicensed individuals to provide this level of care in the school setting.

Mahalo,

Stacy Kuhn
Honolulu, HI

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and members of the committees,

I strongly oppose HB868 and SB1311. I feel that it would be an injustice and
disservice to our keiki that deserve the best care possible from a trained, qualified
behavior analyst.

Thank you,
Caroline De Jesus
Mililani, HI

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Mahalo,

Laura Lipp

Wailuku, HI

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and members of the committees,

My daughter is writing this email for me. I had a severe stroke in August which has left me unable to write. But even with my deficits I can still smell a rat!!! I am 75 yrs. old. I have given up on believing, our elective representatives care about anyone, but themselves. Please vote no on this bill. By voting no. You all have the opportunity to place our children's needs above greed for power and money. I have only one question for you all. If not you all, then who will do the right thing for our children?!

Thank you,
Sandra Starbuck
Kula, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. Autistic children have the right to be treated humanely. My sister is an expert and works with autistic children in California. The stories coming out of Hawaii are a repulsive and prove some of our stereotypes to the mainland. It's shameful and embarrassing. Let's show that we are the loving community we claim to be. Aloha (does it mean anything to autistic children)

Mahalo,

Michelle Miyaki

Kahului, HI

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In my professional opinion, as a licensed Occupational Therapist, I oppose HB868 and SB1311. As it states: "RELATING TO EDUCATION. Allows an individual of a school-based profession to engage in the practice of behavior analysis without being licensed as a behavior analyst; provided the unlicensed individual does not use any title or description to state or imply that the individual is a licensed behavior analyst." The students deserve licensed and credentialed providers to implement strategies in their trained specialties.

Thank you,
Lynette Kanelos
Makawao, HI

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Come on you guys. Is this really your best?! If it is, please retire. We don't need
people like you helping our special needs community. Find you courage and do the
right thing! Vote no on this bill.

Thank you,
Jacque Ford
Kihei, HI

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Mahalo,

Barbara Puu-Koomoa

Makawao, HI

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MUST have trained ABA professionals that KNOW what they're doing!

Thank you,
Sandra Conner

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I oppose this bill. It is time our elected officials begin to represent the needs of their
community members!!! Would someone please step up and do the right thing?!
Please vote no on this bill. Our children need you.

Thank you,
Don Ford
Kihei, HI

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Thank you,
Chelsea Householder
Lahina, HI

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I am in opposition of HB868 and SB1311 bills. I am a Behavior Analyst and work primarily with children with Autism. One of the challenges I face is collaboration with the schools in better supporting our client in other settings. We all know that consistency across settings maximizes the learning potential and ability for our children to acquire and maintain the skills taught. During observations in the school setting, there are many circumstances when challenging and negative behaviors are heavily reinforced because there is not a qualified professional that can put an appropriate plan in place to address these challenges. Even when offering support for the child in the school setting at no expense to the school, the school often rejects the collaboration and support. How is this helping the student? Behavior Analysts are required to receive extensive education (Master's level and ABA coursework at an approved university or college), fieldwork supervision (1500 hours), and pass the board exam. We are also required to follow best practice based on ethical guidelines and code of conduct. Not many individuals who pursue this field easily meet these requirements, which clearly shows the rigor in the quality of the education, training, and exam. How can you say that anyone can provide behavior analytic services??

Thank you for your time,
Sheena Garganian, M.S., BCBA, LBA
Mililani, HI

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Thank you,
Brent Dell
Kihei, HI

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Thank you,
JennyLee Nakamura
Pukalani, HI

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Thank you,
Kī'ope Raymond
Kula, HI

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Our keiki deserve the best services to give them a chance to succeed in life. Not only do the children need the support but their families as well. I have seen first-hand what impact licensed and trained professionals can have within the school district.

Mahalo,

Rhenna Campbell

Waiehu, HI

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Castillo
Honolulu, HI

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Mahalo,

Tiana Mose

Kihej, HI

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I am writing in OPPOSITION of SB1311. Our keiki diagnosed with autism, and other developmental disabilities deserve the upmost adequate behavior services from a licensed BCBA. This bill will only succeed under the condition that our public schools employ licensed BCBA's whom will carry out the implementations of the behavior programs and school psychologists, teachers, educational assistants, occupational therapists, school social workers, guidance counselors, speech-language pathologists and audiologists acquire the RBT credential to follow through with the execution of behavior plans authorized by the school's designated licensed BCBA. Our most vulnerable population deserve treatment from a competent professional, which entails the supervision of a licensed BCBA. This bill is a direct target towards the failure of empowering our special needs keiki and their lives. Please modify this bill to the suggestion stated above, or stop this bill altogether.

Thank you,
Yasmin Kurdi, M.S., Behavior Analysis
Wailuku, HI

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Thank you,
Wennyzl Cabida

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. I work with a special needs for almost 10 years in Maui, and I am a Registered Behavior Technician and a Certified Prevention Intervention, trained by BCBA, gone thru a lot of test about Physical and Mental disabilities. And still continue my endeavor working and helping people with disability in our Community. "FOCUS ON THEIR ABILITIES NOT ON DISABILITIES" WE ALL do start on SCHOOLING!! The Department of Education SHOULD NOT BE allowed an exemption to previous legislation of the licensure of Behavioral Analyst.

Mahalo,

Danilyn R. Maguddayao

Kahului, HI

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Thank you,
Cassandra Welch
Kapaa, HI

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Mahalo,

Amanda Stieb

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Thank you,
Duke Keaunui
Ewa Beach, HI

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I strongly oppose the passing of this bill as it will directly effect the lives of hundreds of special needs individuals lives. ABA is an evidence-based practice shown to make meaningful changes in the lives of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities and the thought that the state would try and deprive students of a practice that allows them to make significant changes in their own life and function autonomously in society is absolutely ridiculous.

Mahalo,

Drew DiCocco

Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same
consumer protections. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
Dorothy Danaher
Honolulu, HI

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Thank you,
Israel Prieto
Mililani, HI

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and members of the committees,

I have been a public education high school science teacher for 21 years. Having
licensed professionals is critical in making the appropriate assessments and
individualizing their educational plan to ensure the best possible experience for
students needing specialized services.

Thank you,
Iris Kahalelio
Waiialua, HI

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and members of the committees,

There are so many great teachers and EAs that deserve to be provided with training
in WHAT WORKS! This bill will allow the state to continue to not adequately train
professionals that serve some of our most vulnerable members of society.

Thank you,
Emaley McCulloch
Honolulu, HI

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Since movig to Hawaii from Utah, my son, who is now in 1st grade, has not had an aid that was qualified nor had adequate training to be able to really help my son. He has had sub after sub, and they have been just that- subs that do more babysitting then actual teaching. We finally have a consistent aid this school year, but his general ed teacher seems to be doing most of the assisting and teaching with my son, and for that I am very grateful. But the aid should be doing that, not the teacher, which is the purpose that she is there. Stop investing in projects such as the rail, where you are investing billions in a project that more than 50% of the people of Oahu will never use, and start investing in a life-long commitment to what matters most, our keiki with special needs. WE NEED OUR KEIKI TO THRIVE MORE THAN THE RAIL!

Mahalo,

Michelle Tevaga

Laie, HI

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Mahalo,

Bethany Gonyea

Ewa Beach, HI

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Thank you,
Kayla Fox

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It is unethical for someone who is not qualified in ABA (such as a teacher and not a BCBA) to provide services, write plans, and interventions. I have seen firsthand what happens to children who do not have qualified ABA professionals providing ABA; the children suffer, and quality ABA is not provided. I have also witness un-necessary behaviors escalate to the point of a child injuring themselves due to unqualified professionals writing and delivering these plans. As a graduate student of applied behavior Analysis (ABA), and a future BCBA, I know how much information is involved in the science and there is no way a person can deliver quality service without being a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. There are many BCBA's in the state which can provide great service to these kids. Special needs children are just as entitled, perhaps even more so to receive quality service. There have been countless studies done, which shows the effectiveness of Applied Behavior Analysis. Behavior analysis is a science, a science which trained professionals such as BCBA's have gone through to deliver the science effectively. BCBA's needed to complete a master's degree in a related field, extensive training, supervision, and exams to be qualified professionals in this field.

Mahalo,

Melissa Moniz

Aiea, Hi

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and members of the committees,

There are so many reasons why the passing of these bills would be largely unethical to our keiki and teachers in the school system. The licensure law was passed not only to protect the title "behavior analyst" but more so to protect our keiki so that they have access to ethical and evidenced-based treatment so that they can learn the skills they need for the best quality of life possible. There is so much research that supports not only that children will become more indistinguishable from their typical peers with ABA services implemented as soon as possible; but also that it will greatly reduce the reliance on public funding sources to support these individuals across the span of their lifetime. It is irresponsible in many ways for the proposition of these bills; not only it is a huge ethical problem which poses harm to our keiki, but it also places unrealistic expectations on teachers and school staff who do not have the proper training to implement behavior analytic supports and it is a huge waste of public funded monies. Teachers studied and are credentialed to become classroom teachers. Behavior analysts studied and are credentialed to target functions of behavior and implement behavior analytic strategies. It doesn't matter if the DOE decides to continue to contract out for ABA services or if they devise a model to hire more BCBA's and have their EA's become RBT's; change needs to happen in order for our keiki to thrive. I implore you to not pass SB1311 & HB868. There needs to be support in place to help the DOE to ethically support our keiki in the boundaries originally passed by the licensure law; they are not exempt.

Thank you,
Sara Dinkelo
Honolulu, HI

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Thank you,
Veronika
Kahului, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. Children with disabilities whom require extra assistance in schools should be given the proper care by someone who has the training required to work with them. I would think you would be lining up for lawsuits if someone got hurt and or worse by not having professionals assisting these children. Trying to cut corners is not fair and not right bottom line.

Mahalo,

Nicole Sanchez

Wailuku, HI

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I feel that our keiki's should have all the support they can get.

Thank you,
Kayla Akahi
Waialuku, HI

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and members of the committees,

ABA is a medically necessary treatment for people with Autism. Those of us who are licensed to practice ABA have gone through rigorous coursework, supervision, and testing. Not anyone can practice ABA. Just as children deserve licensed teachers and licensed physicians, they also deserve licensed ABA practitioners. Allowing untrained people to practice "ABA" is detrimental to our children, as untrained people truly do not understand the depths of ABA.

Thank you,
Liane Chu
Kaneohe, HI

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I **OPPOSE** this bill. It is important that individuals who are making decisions in the best care for children that have significant needs, and at times challenging behaviors that pose a risk to their health and safety be licensed and properly trained.

Mahalo,

Angela Broff
Kailua, HI

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and members of the committees,

The children of Hawaii deserve the very best. Our teachers deserve the best. Please
do the right thing. I oppose bill SB1311. Trained professionals are needed to serve
our children who need ABA services.

Thank you,
Charme Taksony
Makawao, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. Kids deserve quality services in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Gordon Broff
Kailua, HI

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The Hawaii DOE should be the last place unlicensed practitioners attempt to use behavioral analysis on our developmentally disabled and autistic children. This bill is irresponsible and dangerous to our keiki.

Mahalo,

Joe D'Alessandro
Wailuku, HI

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Thank you for your consideration,
Davalynn Ahuna
Kihei, HI

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The Department of Education should not be allowed an exemption to previous legislation of the licensure of behavior analysis. I oppose this to protect the people I work with every day. Our schools need trained and certified behaviorists to set up our keiki for success. Intervention is best when done correctly in the early years.

Mahalo,

Davalynn Ahuna
Kihei, HI

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Keep our kekei safe

Thank you,
Julia Thompson
Hawi, HI

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and members of the committees,

As a newly licensed BCBA I urge you to please oppose this bill. Our kids deserve and need licensed RBTs and BCBAs to provide the care needed to live independent lives. Lacking in the care early on will only create more of a deficit in children and adults needing therapy. This will cost thousands of dollars in the long run. Please oppose this bill. Our keiki deserve and depend on this!

Thank you,
Jena Watters
Honolulu, HI

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My son is special needs and without the professional experience of a BCBA he would not be where he is today. Happy, Learning, Cooperating, and Enjoying his life. The special needs kids/adults deserve licensed, trained, qualified providers. I strongly oppose bill HB868 and you should too.

Mahalo,

Colleen Pegg
Wailuku, HI

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Thank you,
Amanda Polk
Kihei, HI

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Thank you,
Sarah Cover
Kihei, HI

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Obtaining and receiving quality, effective and proven treatment services are all things that we look for when getting help and assistance. Sometimes, this assistance requires us to hire an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, a doctor, a teacher or even a plumber. It is imperative that we ensure the right licensed people are treating children with autism. Applied Behavior Analysis is proven to be an effective treatment for children with autism. There is a reason that there are high educational and practice standards to the field of Behavior Analysis. Please continue to protect our children and families by ensuring access to quality and proven treatment modalities.

Thank you,
Anastasia Keller-Collins
Ewa Beach, HI

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Thank you,
Dr. Susan J Licoan
Ookala, HI

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Mahalo,

Tyler Thompson

Kihei, HI

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Thank you,
Raenell Bacarro
Kihei, HI

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Dear Legislators, I am writing to reinforce your knowledge of the significant consequences of this bill. Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have been shown to respond very well to a particular form of therapy, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). The evidence is significant enough that insurance companies have begun to (and are now mandated) cover this particular therapy for individuals with ASD. ABA therapy requires a structured and consistent presentation that needs to transcend all environments, including home and academic settings. ABA therapy is a structured therapeutic method that requires training and close monitoring. It is imperative that trained therapists provide this intervention for these students in order to allow them to benefit from academic settings and show their true potential. To allow untrained, or poorly trained, individuals to provide these services would be doing a terrible injustice to these children who are already at a disadvantage in the academic setting. Please ensure that our children/keiki receive appropriate intervention and treatment by not allowing this bill to pass and schools to have untrained individuals attempting to provide these services.

Thank you for your consideration,
Janet Thomas, PsyD
Honolulu, HI

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Being a mother of a 28 year old autistic daughter I've seen and been a part of things just as ridiculous as this bill. If passed this would hurt every child/young adult who needs these services in order to function in this real world. It would be a nightmare and disservice to all persons needing this service as well as their caretakers, teachers and any other persons in contact with the child/young adult! I strongly appose this!!

Mahalo,

Hope Walters

Wailuku, HI

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Thank you,
Lissette Soni
Kihei, HI

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Thank you,
Danielle Tavares
Kihei, HI

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Thank you,
Laynette Ahsing
Honolulu, HI

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My son is autistic and he needs properly licensed specialist to work with him.

Thank you,
Victoria James
Kapolei, HI

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Mahalo,

Mel

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My son is autistic! I feel like anyone working with him should be TOP NOTCH and
certified! He deserves that and so does EVERY OTHER SPECIAL CHILD!!!!

Thank you,
Karen Tower
Honolulu, HI

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Mahalo,

Robert and Deborah Krekel
Kaneohe, HI

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I am a pre-service teacher at Chaminade University and I believe that all students deserve a quality education. I have observed classrooms with students with special needs it is extremely difficult to teach a class of 20 when there aren't any one-on-one's or when those one-on-one's are not properly trained. I myself am a ParaProfessional who feels I have not received adequate training. My sister and two of my friends are trained professionals for this program. I know they receive training before stepping into the classroom. They are well prepared and equipped with tools and skills to properly approach their clients/students. I on the other hand receive on the job training. Sometimes it can be overwhelming because I just do not know how to handle a situation. Much of the responsibility falls back to the Special Education teacher, but she oversees two entire grades. Having licensed, trained, qualified professionals would make the world of a difference. This should not be a concern of money or politics, it should be a concern of our keiki's future and quality education.

Thank you,
Danny Rhey Acidera
Honolulu, HI

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I believe this bill should not be passed because those with special needs do have an ability and the right to recieve education and a better life. But in order to recieve education and a better life, they need the right help and support and without it, it is unethical and a neglect in education and support to students who deserves to be educated and supported no matter their disorder. Without ABA's they cannot achieve their goals in life and this take away opportunities for them. ABA's has truly made a diiference in a child's life. With the consistency of the right behavior intervention plans, these children can succeed.

Thank you,
Alannah Coratibo
Makawao, HI

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It is important that we follow that trained people with proven skills work with special needs children. Trying to save money is not the goal of the school system, the goal is to make sure that we provide the best service that we can, with qualified individuals. What will be next, that we all of a sudden dont need qualified teachers for regular ed kids!!! Really Does the DOE really think that they can find substitute workers to implement a quality program with the special needs student in our school system? Please, oppose the Bill. " we the people..... deserve to take care of our special needs children, we the people.....have an obligation to help children get the best education and services that we can. Legislators need to represent its constituents. NOT a self serving unsuccessful government entity like the DOE wanting to cut costs by dishonoring the successful work done by Behavior Analysts. Please make a stand for what is right. DO not approve this Bill. Be in the right, vote against the bill.

Mahalo,

Anne Martin
Lahaina, HI

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in strong OPPOSITON to HB868 HD1. My name is Jackie Baker Belding and I am a certified special education teacher and licensed behavior analyst. I have been providing applied behavior analysis (ABA) services as a licensed BCBA in Hawaii schools since 2009. ABA has been endorsed by the National Institute of Health and has been identified by the Surgeon General as the most effective way to treat autism. We know that children with autism can make dramatic progress when their programs are designed and supervised by a licensed BCBA. When unsupervised and unlicensed staff provides ABA services, our children's progress and safety are at risk. BCBAs must undergo rigorous training supervision requirements and pass a board exam to become licensed. BCBAs are also required to recertify, acquire continuing education, and comply with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's ethics requirements. BCBAs have a unique skill set that other professions do not possess and it is imperative that our children have access to services from licensed professionals. Our teachers' plates are already full; do not ask them to provide ABA services without support from a licensed BCBA. Please stand up for our keiki and OPPOSE HB868 HD1.

Respectfully,
Jackie Baker Belding, M.Ed., BCBA
Lihue, HI

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I've seen the education needed to do a good job and to learn how to treat people with autism. It has taken every minute and hour of my husbands life for the past 3 years and that is working full time in the field AND school and he still has a lot to learn. Even some trained in ABA but have little experience do a terrible job and terrible things happen. Why would you allow untrained people to take care of vulnerable people? This is dangerous. Please stop this.

Thank you,
Lydia Steury

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Rhonda Rainwater
Kihei, HI

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These are our children, all need the best we can give them.

Thank you,
Barb Bosz
Kailua-Kona, HI

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Our keiki need the best quality education , and this bill will undermine those efforts.
Education trumps money.

Thank you,
Kai Funahashi
Buffalo Grove, IL

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It is ridiculous and ignorant to think that untrained people can perform the same function as trained professionals. ABA are educated trained individuals who follow very concrete principles with proven success in getting effective behavioral results, especially with children in the special needs sector. To think that just any one , without training will be able to implement a successful program is moving backwards as a society. Do not be sucked into the mis information that has got this bill into a voting point. Mark my words, those of you who approve it do so with ignorance in your hearts. Be informed, really understand the consequences of your actions in this vote. If you are being influenced to Approve the bill, then think long and hard. OUR TAX MONEY is being well spent on ABA services. Ask any parent of a special needs child, should we as a society be taking care of, to the best of our ability our children with special needs? If their answer is yes, then lets stop this bill. Vote NO. I AM NOT an ABA. I do not have a special needs child, I do however really care about children. I have witnessed teachers trying to do ABA work, thinking they are authorities and they do not know how to follow through with creating an effective program, as they are untrained in this field. For the sake of the children and for the sake of the knowledge we have of effective methods that can assist special needs children to learn, lets not move backwards in a world that knows better. I urge you to hold strong, do not be misled. Keep trained individuals working in a capacity that untrained individuals can not.

Mahalo,

Sue Martin

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Our kids deserve the best provides in Hawaii to work with them.

Thank you,
Steph Garcia
Haiku, HI

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Thank you,
Suzanne Gustavson
Kailua-Kona, HI

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I wouldn't let my dentist Perform open heart surgery, and I wouldn't let my child receive ABA from someone who wasn't even certified. Allowing anyone to claim they are practicing such an important field with which they have received no extensive training, experience, and supervision, is irresponsible and dangerous.

Thank you,
Kyle Steury
Fort Wayne, IN

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The Department of Education should not be allowed an exemption to previous legislation of the licensure of behavior analysis.

Mahalo,

Keenan D. Smith
Kihei, HI

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With my minimal involvement in the ABA field, I cannot imagine letting a non-trained, unlicensed person shaping the behavior of our children. Hawaii requires a license for fishing to protect its marine life but would not require licensing for shaping and molding the behavior of its residents? It is senseless to not require licensing and certification for all those providing ABA instruction.

Thank you,
Mona Steury
Leo, IN

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Mahalo,

Linda Lange
Honolulu, HI

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Thank you,
Lacey Kea
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony for consumer protection. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
Marie LeBoeuf
Kihei, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. ABA services need to be provided by board certified behavior analyst. It is important that these individuals who are implementing behavior change be trained and educated in science based procedures. A lot of harm can be done by allowing those who are not trained in the science of behavior analysis to implement behavior change procedures.

Mahalo,

Randi Lee
Honolulu, HI

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I am a RBT in Indiana. Training and licensing is important.

Aimee Grider
Ft. Wayne, IN

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I worked along side with excellent DOE staff that was not trained in ABA their training was based on personal experience and personal ethics. I also work along side trained professionals in ABA and she a completely professional, trained employee who react appropriate to situations in a much better way than untrained staff. I say provide training for all who provide care.

Mahalo,

Donlyn Santos
Wailuku, HI

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I am a psychologist who strongly believes in adequate training and licensure for
individuals in positions that provide services to special needs children.

Thank you,
Bria Dunkin, Psy.D.
Honolulu, HI

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This could be very dangerous.

Thank you,
Sabrina de la Fe
Miami Lakes, FL

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and members of the committees,

If this is allowed there might be some teachers who will use this bill as an excuse to hurt children some with special needs and could get away with it. I, myself have an autistic child I am already scared to send my child to school.

Thank you,
Juri Ishida
Mililani, HI

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As a licensed RBT, I think it is absurd that just anyone without having the proper ABA training can be working with these children. There are necessary techniques and strategies designed to help these children, and it is unfair that they not get a professional that is licensed and able to help them progress to their fullest potential. If this is allowed then why not let me perform the next surgery? Fill in the patients cavity? Give birth to the baby? Fix the transmission on the car? The simple answer to this is because I don't have the raining and schooling to be knowledgable on how to do any of these correctly and unlike the car, but including all of the other examples, these are human lives in our hands. These children have meaning and a purpose and by stating that it is not necessary for them to be taught by an ABA licensed person, is saying that they don't deserve the highest offered protections that they could be receiving. I hope that this is strongly taken into conservation.

Thank you,
Cassandra Gucciardo
Waipahu, HI

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I **OPPOSE** this bill. I am a RBT and skills trainer and I know first hand how important it is to have a trained professional working with a student. I am being replaced with someone who is unqualified and I am afraid for what will come for my client.

Mahalo,

Abby Hightower
Pearl City, HI

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and members of the committees,

Hawaii school system is failing children as it is. Having non-licensed, non-certified providers for behavioral analysis to work with special needs children is inadequate and simply a cost-saving measure at the expense of our children. Special needs children deserve appropriate care, not-substandard care.

Thank you,
Judith Rocap, Psy.D.
Honolulu, HI

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Thank you,
Laura Becker
Honolulu, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. This is a critical bill that allows students who would otherwise be marginalized, get the services by qualified professionals--the Keiki deserve this.

Mahalo,

Sungalina Lee
Honolulu, HI

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Our children need programs that are created and overseen by licensed professionals (Board Certified Behavior Analysts). Teachers, counselors and other DOE professionals already have so much on their plate and have their own expertise. Leave the ABA programming to the BCBAs it is their expertise.

Thank you,
Colin Campbell
Wailuku, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. The department of education should not be allowed an exemption to previous legislation regarding the presence of licensed behavior analysts in our schools.

Mahalo,

Lynn DAlessandro

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Working with adults with special needs, I strongly oppose this bill. It will directly
effect the quality of service provided to our most vulnerable population.

Thank you,
Jessica Laloulu
Wailuku, HI

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and members of the committees,

Our children need highly skilled, trained and licensed professionals to help them recover from autism, not teachers aids who have taken a few ABA classes. This is a very serious matter and should be taken as such. Many treatments for autism are not covered and now if the DOE is exempt, we open the door wide open to allow a lower standard of care.

Thank you,
Denise Pronesti
Ewa Beach, HI

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and members of the committees,

ABA is a difficult field that takes lots of experience, training and education. Behavior Analysts have worked hard to become certified by the BACB and now licensed by the state. Behavior Analysis should only be practiced by experienced providers that know the field. This license does not mean people cannot work with children and provide reinforcements, it prevents people who are not trained in ABA from claiming they are trained practitioners. Children will lose quality of care if people not trained in ABA are able to provide ABA services.

Thank you,
Jennica Orme
Wahiawa, HI

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I oppose this bill, I feel behavioral analysis is absolutely necessary to move Hawaii's Keiki forward. The BCBA's here on island work very hard and their efforts make us all better. Please do not give the DOE an exemption.

Mahalo,

Marshall Gallen
Kihei, HI

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I work as both a Registered Behavioral Technician for Tri-Care as well as a contracted skills trainer within the DOE. My professional training in ABA has been extremely valuable in my ability to provide quality services under my supervisors. In my experience, mere outside consultations by professionals who are not the face-to-face providers do not suffice and create inconsistencies in service which are detrimental to the special needs individual.

Thank you,
Laura Ann Stirling
Honolulu, HI

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I believe all children need a licensed and qualified provider for behavioral analysis.
They deserve a quality program that can only be provided by trained professionals.

Thank you,
Kayla Christensen
Kaneohe, HI

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As a registered employee in the behavior analysis field, I feel as though it is extremely important to be aware of our children's ultimate goal: to be able to learn new skills that will help to grow and function in every day life. By allowing anyone to come into the field and practice, this opens the door for unethical situations, and improper utilization of basic ABA principles. This would also be doing an unfair injustice to the licensed individuals who work hours on end to provide the best possible environment for our children who not only need, but deserve proper ABA services.

Mahalo,

Maureen Kelly
Wahiawa, HI

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My child with autism was placed in the DOE for two years with little to no progress in any of his life skills or academic goals. It wasn't until he entered into an full time ABA program that we saw actual progress. Upon his evaluation by trained Board Certified Behavioral Analysts that we found out his immediate needs were and could address them. The special education staff within the DOE ws not able to do that for him. Six months later and my child has made more progress with ABA than his entire time in the DOE. Effective ABA is tailored and specific to each individual child. It requires more than just a couple hour class a couple times a week. Our kids deserve the best and not having someone who understands ABA and Behavioral Analysis is a science and ABA could do more harm to our already fragile kids.

Thank you,
Gabrielle Valdes
Honolulu, HI

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Thank you,
Leah Minium
Kihei, HI

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Applied Behavior Analysis, otherwise referred to as ABA, is a science. Board Certified Behavior Analysts are the scientists of Applied Behavior Analysis. Currently there is a private Board, the BACB, which certifies, oversees and defines the field. There are ethical guidelines and principles which are required of BCBA's to follow. DOE teachers are not required to adhere to these ethical codes of conduct, will not be overseen by the board, and is not apart of the ABA field. With that being said, Applied Behavior Analysis is also one of the only recognized treatments for autism. Autism is a multifacted disorder affecting many areas of development. In schools (DOE/public), the behaviors of autism can be so severe that a child's safety is at risk. ABA can help these kids with severe needs; but only if a qualified professional is providing services. There are two bills which the DOE has submitted which would allow anyone in school settings to legally practice Applied Behavior Analysis. As a graduate student studying Applied Behavior Analysis, I can assure you that there is so much to the science, that someone who is unqualified cannot fathom to implement or understand. Many special needs teachers (probably most for that matter), have not studied Applied Behavior Analysis...What is worse, is that our special needs keiki are at risk since they will not be receiving these treatments,interventions, and assessments from a licensed professional such as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. These kids matter, and they do deserve quality care, given by qualified professionals.

Thank you,
Melissa Moniz
Aiea, HI

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As a parent of a special needs son, I understand their unique challenges better than most. To have someone unqualified to teach behavior analysis to my son is insulting and certainly not on his best interest. Most aides hired by DOE are paid minimally and not even getting benefits and just going through the motions. I have never entrusted my son to anyone other than trained personnel from outside services because DOE does not spend the time or money to train their own people. This tells me they either don't care or understand the needs of our special children. That is why I oppose this bill.

Mahalo,
William Pulliam
Pukalani, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. If the professionals are not licensed, trained, or qualified, this is putting the child at risk of being abused by some one who does not know how to interact with the child. The professional will not be able to provide a safe learning environment for the child if they are not trained and licensed. This also puts other children at risk because if the professional doesn't know how to handle a situation that may come up, it may create an unsafe environment for learning. This bill is similar to saying our school driving instructors don't need a drivers license to teach us how to drive.

Thank you,
Victoria Berry
Pearl City, HI

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Thank You,
Fred Yuen
Honolulu, HI

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Applied behavior analysis can be a life-changing intervention. As such, there are many intricacies of the science and methods that are unique to behavior analysis. Many hours of training derived from data-based research are put into educating ABA providers on how to best utilize these methods. Without proper training and experience, applied behavior analysis can be haphazardly and improperly administered, thus further exacerbating a problem that a well-intended yet untrained teacher/tutor could be trying to help. It is important that only persons who have received proper training are practicing applied behavior analysis.

Mahalo,

Hannah Laviana
Kaneohe, HI

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This is dangerous!

Thank you,
Martin Myers

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. ABA should be provided by trained and licensed providers to ensure our children are receiving the best evidenced-based therapy to promote positive behavior change and improve quality of life.

Mahalo,

Erika Enomoto
Honolulu, HI

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As a teacher I oppose this bill. Teachers are not qualified to conduct ABA unless they are licensed or certified by a qualified body. This puts our children at risk and it puts our teachers at risk of lawsuit. Please rethink this bill. You would not let a teacher conduct occupational or physical therapy, so why would you allow them to do ABA?

Thank you,
Kim
Solana Beach, CA

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. It is important that children get the correct help they need! I have close friends whose children are directly affected ; I can observe every day how trained and qualified professionals help the son and daughter of my friends , how much they are improving and how much better their quality of live can be. These children need these services like sick people need doctors and nurses! Please do not remove any of these services from the ones in need!

Mahalo,

Birgit Schaefer Weber

Haiku, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Robin

Kihei, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. children are important and need the best possible service providers

Mahalo,

Paul Brown
Wailea, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. These children need someone who is licensed to ensure they are properly cared for. Anyone can provide care to a child, it takes someone licensed to understand the needs that specific child with special needs has. Meeting these needs and providing education that aligns will only be met by licensed providers.

Mahalo,

Melanie Earle

Kihei, HI

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Mahalo,

Chantel
Kihei, HI

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For the DOE to not support research based practices for students with autism is a direct violation of FAPE. Students who have autism should be supported with professionals who are trained specifically to work with these individuals because it is the most effective means of treating behavior in kids with autism. To provide a research based practice to these students by people who are not professionals or trained in ABA would be equivalent to giving surgery to someone without a license. It is not ethical for DOE to allow individuals who are not trained or certified in something so specific and life changing for a child who has autism. In order to provide FAPE, the DOE must provide these services to students who qualify for special education services in the category of Autism Spectrum Disorder, and not doing this is breaking the law. Why would the DOE even want to get itself into a mess by providing essentially therapy to kids by unlicensed people? Is that really what the DOE wants to skimp money on? Our students who have Autism? The message that this sends is that our special education students do not deserve to get the best services to make them as successful in the least restrictive environment- which is illegal. Please consider the children who will miss out and potentially never receive therapy which has been scientifically proven to improve student`s lives. Passing a bill like this would be a disservice to students who can not afford to get private practice and deserve the same education as students without disabilities. Please do not pass this bill-for the sake of our keiki.

Thank you,
Ryan Suero
Wahiawa, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Joshua Nichols

Wailuku, HI

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and members of the committees,

My daughter Jennifer would have benefited greatly from a Behaviorrest early on in
her schooling!! So I feel they are greatly needed.

Thank you,
Dan Coleman
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

The youths of Hawaii need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools.
I'm submitting a testimony to ensure all youths that receive ABA have the right to
the same consumer protections.

Thank you,
Alexandra Berry

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. Qualified people should be providing services to children in order to ensure that the are receiving quality services.

Mahalo,

Danielle

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and members of the committees,

ABA should only be used by trained and licensed individuals. Not doing so causes danger. Allowing this shows that the kiddos are not what matters, but rather money is what matters. Would you let a someone without a medical license practice medicine? Would you let any random person on the street be a teacher without a teaching license? I find this bill pathetic.

Thank you,
Matt Amsutz
Solana Beach, CA

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and members of the committees,

I strongly oppose this bill. Currently my 6 year old daughter receives ABA therapy from the most professional and qualified people. They are doing the most wonderful job. My daughter has tremendously benefited and improved since her therapy started. The quality and professionalism of these educated folks are beyond my expectations. Having just anyone provide this kind of services for my daughter would greatly impact such quality and most importantly my daughter will not where she is today. Please do not pass this bill!!!! It will degrade the quality of ABA services!!!!

Thank you,
John Taman
Wahiawa, HI

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

I am Uncle to Twin special needs children. I have a lot of friends who work with
special needs children. They Need all the Help they Can get.

Thank you,
Mike McNeace
Waialua, HI

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Our children deserve evidence-based, best practices to support their development. By exempting providers in the schools from a requirement for ABA training and support when offering behavioral-analysis-based supports, we would be denying our most vulnerable keiki and families a practice that works, and one that will save the state money in the long-run. To deny informed implementation of ABA in the schools is a travesty that will hurt children, families, and teachers. The Department of Education in Hawaii should not get an exemption from best practice simply because it will cost money or is inconvenient to implement. Do not vote for this bill.

Mahalo,

Peggy Brandt
Honolulu, HI

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and members of the committees,

The DOE should not be exempt from the licensure law. Exemption will put our
children at risk.

Thank you,
Mary Jossem
Honolulu, HI

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and members of the committees,

My child is 10 as been neglected and has not made any progress since starting school. She still cant talk and needs 24 hour care. Nothing the schools have done works and all they do is baby sit which is pretty sad. If she had qualified teachers she would be different for sure. Please help

Thank you,
David Liu
Honolulu, HI

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and members of the committees,

Not all autistic kids are the same. Their needs are not the same. The help they need is not the same. The idea that an untrained person would have the skills to deal with the wide range of issues and severity involved is ludicrous. As the parent of two autistic children I cannot help but view this bill with horror. My children have made incredible gains due to ABA services and I know that ignorant help, even well intended, would send them quickly spiraling in the wrong direction. This is bad for my kids. This is bad for my family. This is bad for the military. But of primary concern to you should be how bad it will be for society at large when we have to deal with the consequences of ineffective help. Given the sheer number of kids being diagnosed on the spectrum we, as a society, and you, as our leaders, have two choices: deal with the cost of raising these kids into socially appropriate and financially independent adults, or deal with the Long term costs to our society when they are not.

Thank you,
Rebecca White
Kailua, HI

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

My name is Lindsey Shepherd, and I am a licensed Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Before I became a Behavior Analyst I was hired by the Kauai school district as a Behavior Specialist, consulting with teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents on students diagnosed with Autism. I had no experience prior to being hired on, but was lucky enough to get to shadow a current behavior specialist. We taught paraprofessionals how to deliver ABA instruction, worked with teachers on developing behavior plans based on ABA strategies, and taught parents how to deal with students in their own home using ABA strategies. I enjoyed the work I did so much that I went back to school to get my masters in applied behavior and autism and pursue my BCBA. During my schooling I was incredibly embarrassed and shocked at the amount of things that I was doing incorrectly. The training that I had delivered to teachers and families was not up to par with standards of practice. Since then I have still worked with the school district as a contracted provider on the Island of Kauai, and I am constantly faced with situation where people who are given less training then I was when I was hired are designing and training ABA programs. Many of the Behavior Specialist employed are emergency hires who were paraprofessional and have no formal training in designing ABA programs, functional behavior assessments, or even the diagnosis that they work with most often, Autism. The school district is unable to hire or maintain skilled staff and the staff that are skilled are pulled so thin that their services become ineffective. It is crucial to the students with Autism in the department of education that they are required to hire and train staff to the reasonable standards that are already put forth in the law. It is logical that a licensed professional be the person delivering training to a teacher, instead of someone who has received no formal training or practice in the area. I strongly oppose HB868 and SB1311 and support delivering quality services to keiki in our school districts.

Thank you,
Lindsey Shepherd, BCBA, LBA
Koloa, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony for consumer protection. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
Arnel Kea
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

I strongly oppose unlicensed personnel administering ABA therapy to my son who has Autism. He is already years behind and needs intensive therapy by licensed trained personnel. It's bad enough that the DOE continues to cheat us and deny services but whats more ironic is to fight so hard to get the service only to find out it is worthless.

Thank you,
Tracy Littlefield
Kaneohe, HI

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Thank you,
Ziara Emmsley
Makawao, HI

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The science of Applied Behavior Analysis has come a long way since the days of behavior modification and unlicensed individuals practicing "behavior interventions." We need to avoid going back in time and continue to progress forward with stricter qualifications. A licensed individual in this field spends hundreds, if not thousands of hours learning data-based research, interventions, and methods in order to be an effective practitioner. Although an individual in a public education setting may have well-intended actions, they may not be utilizing interventions that are evidence-based and further harm the keiki. I **OPPOSE** HB 686.

Mahalo,

Michelle Thorstad
Honolulu, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

Please make sure that children have a behaviorist to help them and to help teachers.
Special Ed students have a differcult time as is. If you deny them access to behavior
intervention you will be making their lives much more differcult and the lives of
their teachers and the community in the long run.

Thank you,
Candace Coleman
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony for consumer protection. I OPPOSE this bill. These kids
deserve qualified licensed professionals.

Thank you,
Gitte Gonzalez
Haleiwa, HI

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

My friend Jenny is special needs. If she would of had this kind of support she could
have learned to communicate better. Please don't give up on our Keiki's future!

Mahalo!

Mary Adsit
Kihei, HI

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My son has speech delay and receives ABA services we pay for out of pocket. Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Danita Meredith-Sanchez
Pearly City, Hawaii

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

Only a licensed provider should be teaching our higher needs children. A lay person
does not have the education and learned skills to make such a decision.

Thank you,
Jan Farmer
Kihei, HI

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and members of the committees,

My daughter who is non verbal & has been at the DOE has fallen through the cracks.
She NEEDS highly qualified BCBAs and STs to make necessary improvements.

Thank you,
Nancy Liu
Honolulu, HI

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson and members of the committees,

Our children NEED licensed professionals only. Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Amy Grant
Haleiwa, Hawaii

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson and members of the committees,

I am a parent of a special needs child and we need trained personnel to work with them like teachers need to be trained!!!! Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Karin Engert
Kahului, Hawaii

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson,
and members of the committees,

My twin boys are Autistic and need ABA services. The schools need professionals
not people whom tie up 6 yr olds in our Mililani Elementary schools. DOE needs to
train the principals too.

Thank you,
Olympia Frink
Waialua, HI

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Honorable Chair Belatti, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Woodson and members of the committees,

I STRONGLY oppose the Department of Education (DOE) seeking exemption and amending Act 199(15). I have an autistic child and this bill is NOT a help to our kids or anyone else who has contact with our kids! Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Daniel Walters
Kihei, Hawaii

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and members of the committees,

Children, families, and behavior analysts should be given the same consumer
protection through licensure of that given to other professions. I oppose this bill.

Thank you,
Colten Brittain Kapani
Makawao, HI

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and members of the committees,

Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm
submitting testimony for consumer protection. I OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,
John Gelert
Kihei, HI

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Children with special needs deserve to have qualified and licensed providers.
Behavior analysis should be treated the same as nursing, occupational therapy,
speech therapy, and physical therapy. Please do not grant the DOE an exemption.

Thank you,
Jeffery Gillstrom
Kihei, HI

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I work with special needs everyday. I can't stress enough how important it is for these individuals to have qualified personal working with them each day. Success starts with intervention at an early age. These children deserve to have success and need professional help to achieve it. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Meredith Rider
Kihei, Hawaii

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It is very dangerous for someone with no training to implement ABA procedures. There is a reason why doctors and other trained medical professional can prescribe the medication, designing, implementing and evaluating any ABA procedures are the same way, if someone without proper training does it, it may harm the children and takes away their opportunity for proper treatment. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Yuri Hasegawa Lee
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Aloha! ABA programs need to be implemented by professionals who are qualified to do so. If teachers have taken a series of ABA courses and pass the BACB exam, then they can go ahead and provide ABA services. If not, certified individuals need to be hired to do the job. ABA is a science, individuals need to learn about it before giving services to students. Our students deserve the best, which is having behavior analysts provide behavior services. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Jade Torres

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HB868 is an attempt to undermine previous legislation that can easily result in improper and harmful methods being used to deal with children, particularly those with autism, in public school settings. Only individuals licensed and trained to deal with these children are qualified to provide for these keiki and their special needs -- and the Dept of Education is playing politics and finance with the long-term lives, with lifelong productivity, that these children deserve -- if you truly care for Hawaii's future and these children you will vote no on HB 868!!

Cindy Vanover

Mililani, HI

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This bill could cause severe harm to these kids who are already at risk. i would hate to see so many amazing kids suffer because they can't get the help they need. Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Jaclyn McCormick
Haleiwa, Hawaii

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Mahalo,

Denise-Rae de Guzman

Ewa Beach, HI

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I am the parent of a special needs young adult writing to strongly oppose HB 868. Exempting the Department of Education from the bill that requires the practice of behavior analysis to be licensed is inappropriate, dangerous and will cause undue harm. Some of our children have very serious and complex behavioral issues that require the services of someone who is trained and licensed. If the DOE does not have enough board certified behavior analysts working for them, they need to figure it out and meet the requirements of the law. It's an unacceptable excuse, and one that DOE special needs students shouldn't have to pay the price for. Using unlicensed personnel will only lead to more long term problems not to mention the pain and suffering of our already vulnerable children. . I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Joanne Tanaka
Wailuku, Hawaii

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The Department of Education should not be allowed an exemption to previous legislation regarding the presence of licensed behavior analysts in our schools. I have friends with a special needs child and I see first hand the progress their child is making due to these professionals.

Mahalo,

Gina Dunker

Maui

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As a licensed and board certified behavior analyst (BCBA), I know how many years of education and training it takes to become a qualified professional in ABA. Our keiki at school deserve the same quality standards used by insurance providers for home and clinic based services. This bill would prevent our keiki from receiving real ABA. This is the equivalent of letting a school nurse practice surgery. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Sara Mayne-McClay
Honolulu, Hawaii

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As an educator for over 41 years who worked in and actually retired from the Hawai'i DoE, I strongly oppose any bill that would allow just ANYONE in a public education setting to provide behavior analysis, exempt from the licensure law. I believe in consumer protection for all keiki, no matter the setting. All keiki receiving behavior analysis deserve licensed, trained, and qualified providers. I OPPOSE HB868 and any bill that would allow anyone to provide ABA in a public education setting without proper licensure and qualifications. As a citizen, I am also concerned that the DoE is opening itself up to lawsuits from parents and organizations by attempting this end-run around the law—trying to get itself exempted from a licensure law does NOT exempt it from hurting our keiki. No matter what exceptions on paper they want to make for themselves, hurting a child in this way is still actionable in a lawsuit. I don't want to pay for the DoE's damages, monetarily or more importantly, in real terms for our kids.

Mahalo,

E. Morita

Keaau, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Gillienne Nadeau
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. These children deserve licensed professional help and nothing less than that. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Jorge
Waialua, Hawaii

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As the parents of a child receiving ABA treatment, we can personally attest to the benefit of a PROFESSIONAL, TRAINED, LICENSED provider. We have seen attempts by private companies and public agencies who do not have licensed, trained, qualified providers. The difference is night and day in terms of efficacy, professionalism, and money—as anyone who has ever fixed someone’s bad job can tell you, it costs more to correct someone’s work than to do it right in the first place. Untrained, unlicensed persons attempting to provide these specialized services have NOT been able to achieve results or adjust their methods in a knowledgeable and timely way, in the moment and specific to the child—instead, they do DAMAGE that must be reversed or corrected. Providing ABA services requires the knowledge and training to be able to work with the child in the moment, not defer to another authority for “review at a later time”. This is not slapping on a bandage at the school nurse--this is working with a child’s brain, behavior, and emotional life. Our family has worked in the DoE, retired from it, and all are shocked that HB868 is an actual proposal. Our family and I strongly oppose HB868. If you have ever had a child in need of these services, you do too. If you have not ever had a child in need of these services, PLEASE defer to the testimony of those who have and do. Would you go to a dentist who has “read up on dentistry,” tells you “I have someone I can call if I need to,” or hides behind “but I work for Kaiser/Queens/etc.” as a shield against actually BEING a dentist? No? So why does the DoE think that our keiki deserve less than a back molar? Shame on you, DoE, for trying to scam our keiki and families. Well-meaning is NOT well trained. HB868 should die the shameful death it deserves, and its authors should apologize to families--this ridiculous attempt at cutting corners by shorting children who need protection the most is beneath all of us.

Mahalo,
The Wolfe Family
Honolulu, HI

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It's important that our Keiki are taken care of by getting the best possible services. The Keiki are our future so we need to #malamaourkeiki. Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Ariel Keaunui
Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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Licensed, trained, and qualified professionals are important to provide appropriate and safe plans to develop skills for the keikis in our schools. Traumatic experiences would be alleviated/prevented from occurring when licensed and trained professionals are involved. Unfortunate events in our Hawaii school system which has been recently featured on our news media can/could have been prevented when a BCBA professional can help advocate for our children.

Mahalo,

Meliza Manuel

Waipahu, HI

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ALL of Hawaii's keiki matter. Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified,
professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that
receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Christy Torres
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Behavior analysis is a scientific discipline, and those who work on the applied branch with children, teenagers, or adults have received extended training in the field to be able to put in practice all scientific principles and procedures discovered through basic research. It is very, very important that we have qualified, and trained professionals receiving ABA.

Mahalo,

Cibele Abelin Cechella

Honolulu, HI

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We need to have qualified specialist in the system. I'm pregnant with my first child, and I want to know that if my child needs special help in school, someone that is licensed to make these assessments will be in place.

Mahalo,

Robyn Smith

Kihei, HI

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Mahalo,

Allison Koehnen
Wailuku, Hawaii

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony for consumer protection. I **OPPOSE** this bill. It affects my family.

Mahalo,

Josh Wilson

Honolulu, HI

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My son has been diagnosed with hypotonia, advanced bone growth, autism, sensory processing disorder, possible ADHD and central processing disorder. We are still in the process of testing and seeing multiple specialists monthly so he can hopefully receive the care he needs to eventually become a successful independent adult. He needs one-on-one help in school along with speech therapy and occupational therapy. In schools the special-needs helpers that are supposed to be helping him have fallen short in both care and professional behavior because they say he is frustrating, difficult, and tiring and he tells me they are grumpy and don't like him. I believe this kind of attitude is only because they have not been properly trained and I cannot even imagine an ABA therapist who is less than qualified giving care and direction to my child. We have had an ABA therapist for a couple years and with the right one who is qualified and trained properly my son has seen huge growth in social behavior as well as speech and language and is able to express himself in a more proper manner. It takes a very special and patient person to work with a special needs child and the more education and training they have the better and quicker the results in progress are for the child. Without the proper training and education for ABA therapy I feel it would be cheating the child of quality services and therefore be unexcusable. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Mahalo,

Tara Elkin
Wahiawa, Hawaii

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If passed, this will cause harm to our keiki. Applied behavior analysis is backed by over 50 years of research and can be effectively implemented by properly licensed professionals. Professionals in the DOE setting can not effectively use evidenced-based practices without proper training and support from licensed professionals.

Mahalo,

Sara Dinkelo

Honolulu, HI

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Before I worked in this field I had no idea how important this really was. Now I understand not only does it ensure the childrens success, the children deserve the very best life they can have. The children reach their goals with licensed, trained, qualified, ABA professionals in the schools. I **OPPOSE** this bill.

Lacey Morris
Wailuku, Hawaii

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Mahalo,

Seana Andrzejewski

Honolulu, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill. It is important because we are talking about our sons or daughters our brothers or sisters. Would you like an unqualified, untrained, unlicensed individual taking care of your family? I think not. Do what's right and oppose this Bill.

Mahalo,

Cody Lopez

Haleiwa, HI

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Hawaii keiki need licensed, trained, qualified, professionals in the schools. I'm submitting testimony to ensure all keiki that receive ABA have the right to the same consumer protections. I **OPPOSE** this bill. Licensed professionals are the only people qualified to work with this fragile population. It's not babysitting. Progress can be made after proper assessment. I'm a licensed R.N. For the record.

Mahalo,

Deborah Aldrich

Haleiwa, HI

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These children deserve to be given the proper services to meet their needs. In order to make sure that the needs of these children are met they deserve qualified providers that can implement these teaching strategies to them, this means that providers should be required to be licensed in order to provide services.

Mahalo,

Kayla Jones

Honolulu, HI

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Mahalo,

Carolyn Penland

Kailua, HI

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Mahalo,

Desiree Sabas

Makawao, HI

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Mahalo,

Ben Penland

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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

Lawson Cosseboom

Haleiwa, HI

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I have a daughter with multiple special needs - she's Down Syndrome, Autistic, Profoundly Deaf and Legally Blind. The DOE is NOT above the Law!!! Under no circumstances may HB868 pass! We all work too hard to protect our keiki and if this passes it will not only put our children in danger but will actually put their lives and the lives of the people who take care of them in danger. Not to mention their dignity! This was too hard won - No no No!!! All of our special needs kids need and deserve licensed, trained and qualified providers - just like you expect to receive when you need a professional in some capacity.

Thank you - Joanne and Hannah Hopper

Haiku, HI

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Mahalo,

Heather Ihlen

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Aloha, I'm briefly taking a moment to oppose this bill. I don't believe the department of education should be allowed exemption to the previous legislation of the behavior analysis. Why eliminate the BCBAs that have already been established to pour out themselves to those who are unable to do so themselves? We are taking a stand to be a voice of our present clients and our future ones as well. We are sincere compassionate people that wholeheartedly and patiently respond and care for those in need. We stand in qualified united together and professionally trained. The Keiki of Hawaii deserve to continue to move forward in life and we are the ones to lead them. So please let us continue to move forward and not backwards taking the ones who need us along with us a step behind. Your claim is that there's not enough BCBAs, why do away with the ones Hawaii does have? This will ultimately delay our Keiki for a better tomorrow thus leaving them in the dark.

Mahalo,

Mitierra

Kihei, HI

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Mahalo,

Suzanne Machos

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Mahalo,

Sam Burgos

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The children of Hawaii should be given the best when it comes to education. The Department of Education should not be exempt to previous legislation of the licensure of behavior analysis. I strongly oppose HB868.

Mahalo,

Aileen Manglaylay

Kihei, HI

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Mahalo,

Elaine Cortes

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These are our children and every child deserves not only love and compassion but the right to access the best possible care. You and I wouldn't allow a non certified doctor to operate on us or a non licensed nurse to draw our blood. So why are we letting non certified individuals providing treatment to our children with autism and other disabilities. Behavior analysis is not just education; it is the only proven method of treatment that demonstrates positive results for our kids. These are our kids. Do we want to live in a world where all children with autism have very little access to proper treatment? I don't. If you disagree, then you are also supporting all other medical professionals such as dentists and cardiologist to provide service to you unlicensed. Please, these are our children. Let's make this change now. Let's make this world a better place now.

Mahalo,

Kim Wolff

Haleiwa, HI

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I have worked in and with the DOE for the past 17 years servicing children diagnosed with Autism. There has always been and continues to be a significant difference in training and competency between DOE staff and contracted providers. More so, when compared to a BCBA. Although the DOE reports that their staff members are trained in ABA, I can assure you that they are not. This has led to inappropriate treatment of our Keiki. I currently continue to encounter the miss-use of punishment procedures, inappropriate placement, and schools without Fully Self Contained (FSC) classrooms forcing students to transition during every class into classes that are 3-4 times above their academic level. I continue to encounter teachers that would rather allow there students to hit themselves with a bloodied face using extinction (a popular but not always ethical ABA treatment) rather than implementing a Functional Behavior Assessment and appropriate Behavior Support Plan that would use more ethical and humane procedures. I continue to see the promotion of paraprofessionals and the transformation of untrained DOE personnel into ABA consultant positions without nearly the ABA education needed to create and monitor an ABA program. This is a continua frustration that I encounter. On the positive side, I continue to work with teachers and staff members that are so stressed and in need of help. These are the providers that ask for help. These are the providers that willingly express that the help from a BCBA consistently surpasses the help that they receive from DOE staff members. Teachers themselves will agree that a BCBA is needed to confidently and successfully create and monitor ethical ABA programs. Without a licensed professional, I can assure you that Teachers and staff will use the limited interventions that they have been taught in the past to treat suffering children. Such inappropriate interventions as ignoring a child that hits herself until bloodied. Inappropriate interventions such as restraint just to gain compliance (not recommended in ABA). Interventions that will not just lead the DOE into more law suits but will create undo pain and suffering upon our children and continue to hinder their learning and reduce their potential in life. Please continue to hold the DOE at the same standard as everyone else. If the law doesn't, neither will they.



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**RE: SB1311 SD2 WHY WE ABSOLUTELY NEED HIGHLY TRAINED,
LICENSED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR STUDENTS
in the DOE...**

HELLO. MY NAME IS AUBREY.

I AM 17 YEARS OLD.

I AM MISS HAWAII PRINCESS UNITED STATES 2015!

I HAVE DOWN SYNDROME.

TODAY, MARCH 21, 2016 IS WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY!

THIS IS MY MOM, DESI.

PLEASE LISTEN TO MY MOM.

Aubrey has Down syndrome, Autism and is mildly hearing impaired. Aubrey's disturbing case is a typical example of how behavioral intervention by non-licensed personnel is not effective for students on the Autism spectrum. Aubrey is a Senior at Pearl City High School and she has shown marked regression in all areas of development as a result of ongoing, intentional educational neglect for the past four years.

Though highly respected Neuropsychologist, Dr. Karen Tyson, made very specific recommendations to the Hawaii DOE that Aubrey must have BCBA level autism behavioral

intervention almost three years ago, PCHS continues to refuse to provide it. Aubrey has had multiple personnel (she has had at least 30 different teachers, substitutes, educational assistants, skills trainers etc that we are aware of) overseeing her Behavior Support Plan including those who are labeled as "autism consultants." Per data that they collect and are repeatedly reluctant to share--her behaviors in school have not improved throughout her entire journey in high school. How is that even possible with effective intervention?

We discovered recently that Aubrey, who is also hearing impaired, has not been wearing her hearing aids almost all year long in school (also documented in previous years) because of supposed non-compliance. This includes when her Speech Therapist is conducting speech therapy! We have no problem with her wearing them for us at home. This lack of follow through with compliance is unacceptable. It is neglect and nothing less.

The greatest irony is that for the most part, Aubrey is quite a different person than what the DOE's data says--outside of school. The poor behavioral intervention in school has fueled a non-compliant person in that environment and it is becoming increasingly frustrating when it overflows into the home environment. *In addition, I now truly believe that her behaviors in school are also her desperate attempt to communicate there--because she still has no regular access to receptive or expressive communication—hearing aids, FM system, and an Interpreter while housed at the only high school nearby for the hearing impaired. (Note HSDB rejected her placement there because they do not use ASL in English Language Order as Aubrey was taught to communicate with in Elementary and Middle School.)*

Thus, as a result of this neglect, when Aubrey retreats into her autistic world talking to herself more and more every day-- it is proof positive that this is not re-directed enough in school, and that she has received the clear message reinforced over and over again to her--that only imaginary people sincerely care enough to meaningfully interact with her and listen to what she has to say. This is a huge barrier to developing her self-worth, her meaningful socialization, let alone to learning! She has regressed to seeking out Barney videos who she says is her only friend.

We value what she is trying to communicate at home and thus she tries harder at home to work with us and to comply. Many of you have seen how she is able to focus and interact with others in her community while visiting senior citizens, the only PCHS student greeting donors at PCHS's "Fans from Fans!" drive event, and performing on stage with amazing compliance for the Hawaii Walk Now for Autism Speaks event, to raise monies for the Laulima Giving Drive in front of hundreds, and so much more!

But no matter how hard we try at home now, the behaviors her school is enabling by ignoring all the multiple experts' recommendations for BCBA level licensed behavioral intervention for years now--are coming home with her and getting more and more difficult to redirect at home and in the community with every passing day--which is causing increasing anxiety for her single mother including the onset of extremely high blood pressure symptoms.

We should also mention that my daughter is being treated like a ping-pong ball when we desperately go to the DOH for BCBA level intervention--who then says that the DOE should be providing behavioral intervention and thus balk and delay services intentionally as well. Please tell me how this is helping her work toward an independent and productive life? Without appropriate intervention NOW she and others like her--will become an even greater financial burden to our state in the future especially if their parents are no longer healthy enough and able to provide for them.

Our family has paid an extremely high price for our advocacy here in Hawaii in the past year particularly after Senator Michelle Kidani intervened on Aubrey's behalf. My daughter has been stripped of almost all semblance of FAPE. Aubrey's placement in the only program for the hearing impaired near us has been denied for four years, her bus service has been stripped, she has no SPED teacher, she has had little or no meaningful access to receptive or expressive communication, no meaningful behavioral intervention--thus no meaningful learning.

We need to speak of safety now. Aubrey had one horrible meltdown (that I am aware of) in school throwing chairs and hiding under a desk after alleging inappropriate touching by a teacher and to this day--no one in the DOE has done anything to help her communicate this or work through this emotionally. As a single parent, who has no choice, every single day that I have to drop her off at PCHS, my body literally tremors with fear for her safety. She will walk with her friends of the past six years, two months from today and will hopefully move on to an educational environment that will want her, respect her and educate her.

Our haumana who so desperately need highly trained licensed providers in school deserve so much more from our legislators! Stop enabling the Hawaii DOE to neglect our children. Start working with families like Aubrey's who would much rather spend our energies raising funds for the DOE rather than spending countless hours advocating only to *see our child crying in the front of her school office saying that she no longer wants to go to school because--"Mommy, no one listens to me!"*

WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME NOW?



Desi and Aubrey McKenzie