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FOR: SB2349 Relating to Education

TIME: 3:00pm

COMMITTEE: EDU/TRE, WAM

FROM: Denise Yoshimori-Yamamoto, University Laboratory School Governing Board Member

Honorable Chairs Kidani and Vice-Chair Harimoto,

As a parent, community member and University employee, I would like to request that your SB include not only DOE public schools but BOE public charter schools as well. The University Laboratory School (ULS) serves the University of Hawaii as well as the DOE and other national/international educational institutions as a test bed for educational initiatives. ULS would be the perfect opportunity for incorporation of energy savings pilot initiatives, studies on interior climate and learning, etc. to be observed and integrated into their "laboratory" educational environment!

ULS has elementary classrooms, art classrooms and all of the classrooms in their Building 3 naturally ventilated in the heart of Manoa! It gets really hot and muggy in those rooms!

ULS has submitted a request to UH Manoa Facilities to add PV AC to their Building 3 and are awaiting approval or comments to move forward, however, major fundraising would have to occur to fund this initiative. ULS, like all charter schools does not receive any facility maintenance funding and has to fundraise for initiatives like these.

Please consider including public charter schools in your bill and please keep ULS in mind for your pilot program!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify!