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FOR: SB 600 Making an Emergency Appropriation for Kua o ka La Public Charter School and the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science Public Charter School

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2015

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE(S): Senate Committee on Education

ROOM: Conference Room 229

FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the intent of Senate Bill 600, “Making an Emergency Appropriation for Kua o ka La Public Charter School and the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science Public Charter School,” which appropriates emergency funds to Kua o ka Lā New Century Public Charter School (“Kua o ka La”) and the Hawaii Academy of Arts & Science Public Charter School (“HAAS”) for costs associated with the threat of lava flow on the island of Hawaii.

Due to the uncertainty of this natural disaster, the nature and full extent of the resulting impacts and costs are as yet unknown, but the charter school sector lacks funding sources that can be directed or diverted to emergency purposes akin to the impressive efforts that have been implemented by the Department of Education (“DOE”) as to DOE schools in the area.

Both HAAS and Kua o ka La report lower than projected enrollment as residents relocate away from the area. HAAS is in the direct path of the flow in Pahoehoe. Depending on the flow, HAAS could lose the use of its main campus facility. Alternative sites on both sides of the projected flow likely would require facilities investment or at least retrofitting for school purposes. In addition, HAAS staff and students may lose access to one or more schools sites. Providing instruction on both sides of the flow may entail additional staffing costs.

The impact to Kua o Ka La, the main campus of which is located on the coast south of Pahoia, so far has been costs associated with expanding its Hilo site in anticipation of some students being cut off from access to the main campus. The school also is concerned about a potential influx of students, depending on the trajectory of the flow and its impact on transportation.

The schools have been working directly with Senator Russell Ruderman on this legislation, and the Commission also has relayed the school's costs projections, on which this appropriation is based, to the Office of the Governor, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and the House Committee on Finance. Our understanding is that other potential means of providing support also are being explored, but at this time we strongly urge this Committee to report this measure out to preserve this legislative vehicle as an option.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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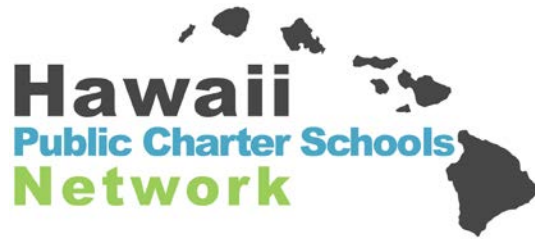
TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 600

February 6, 2015

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE KUA O KA LA PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL AND THE HAWAII ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Senate Bill No. 600 states that this Act is recommended by the Governor for immediate passage in accordance with Article VII, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The Department of Budget and Finance would like to point out that only the Governor can make a recommendation for immediate passage of a specific appropriation bill. It is our understanding that no recommendation has been made for this bill by the Governor as yet.



Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Education

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2015
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Education Committee,

Re: SB600 - MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR KUA O KA LA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AND THE HAWAII ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify ***IN STRONG SUPPORT*** of SB600. Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network (HPCSN) is committed to quality education for all public school students in Hawaii through our support of, and work with, Hawaii's public charter schools.

This bill appropriates emergency funds to Kua o Ka La public charter school and the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science public charter school for costs associated with the threat of lava flow on the island of Hawaii.

HPCSN strongly supports this effort to provide emergency funding to these two schools. Charter schools are expected to balance their own budgets and most practice sound financial management by having reserves. The Puna area has dealt with/is dealing with two natural disasters in a row, Hurricane Iselle and the lava flow. The HDOE was able to serve as a safety net to HDOE schools in this geographic area and promptly acted to relocate a whole elementary student body to a safe location with portables. No such help exists for charter schools when dealing with natural disasters. Kua o ka La and Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science need your help.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of this very important matter.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Z. Harimoto".

Lynn Finnegan
Executive Director

Attachment



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**MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR KUA O KA LA PUBLIC CHARTER
SCHOOL AND THE HAWAII ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE PUBLIC CHARTER
SCHOOL**

Senate Committee on Education

February 6, 2015

1:15 p.m.

Room 229

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **SUPPORT** on SB600, which provides emergency relief to two charter schools impacted by the Kīlauea lava flow.

Kua o Ka Lā and the Hawai‘i Academy of Arts and Science are two public charter schools that educate and nurture keikī in the Pāhoā region. Unfortunately, the Kīlauea lava flow has substantially disrupted the operation of these schools, along with their students’ academic development.

OHA has recognized the need for emergency funding to the Pāhoā area due to the Kīlauea lava flow, and has appropriated \$300,000 to provide a one-time donation of \$500 per Native Hawaiian household in the area. This measure is consistent with OHA’s concern for the impacts of the Kīlauea lava flow on the residents of Pāhoā, and believes that it will provide critical relief for the teachers and keikī of the affected charter schools.

OHA therefore urges the Committee to **PASS** SB600.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for EDU on Feb 6, 2015 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Holly Sumida	Kua o Ka la	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB 600. I have been working at Kua o Ka la for the past few years and it's been the best working experience of my life. We are treated as 'Ohana and the students have progressed so much. We are a hard working team that needs funds. This event has caused many hardships such as, lost school days and decreased student enrollment. The Pahoa community needs a school that provides quality education and most of all, a place they can call home.

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Testimony SB2516
Senate Education Committee
February 3, 2014 Conference Room 414 1:15pm
Support with one concern

Dear Chair Tokuda and committee,

I am elated that the legislature is recognizing the need to support charter school students with proper facilities. There is a direct correlation between student achievement and proper facilities including good lighting, good ventilation, proper temperature controls, and well maintained buildings and grounds. It is true that charters have used their educational funds to support the basic facility needs in the past. Since the 2008-09 funding year, our per pupil funds have decreased by 30-35%, while our facilities fixed costs have risen. This has put an extreme burden on our academic programs, especially in the arts and sciences. We will be very grateful to receive support for our facilities and will be accountable for reporting use of the funds in our annual financial audits.

I do have a concern with using Federal Impact Aid funds towards facility financing. It is like the State requiring putting in Federal Impact Aid funds into its CIP projects. The impact aid should have been distributed to the school in the year it was allotted for and not held for future use in a facility funding project. There are many needs operationally for the funds. One of the department's use of these funds is to subsidize the huge cost of substitute teachers. Charter Schools do not get any support for substitute teachers.

The debt service for the department is around \$1600 per pupil. Charters have gotten by with more modest facilities, so that figure may be unreasonable as a per pupil amount for charter school facilities. However, for the past 13 years (with exception of 2008), we have received zero dollars. There were two years where about \$200 per pupil was "carved" out of our per pupil allocation, but it did not add extra money to our budget. We ask you to support the children in our public charter schools as you do in other public schools in the State. They deserve this basic need of education. Food and transportation are the other basic needs that remain unsupported in charter schools, but we are willing to address these basics one at a time. This will be a major step forward for our children in public charter schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Steve Hirakami

Director, Hawaii Academy of Arts & Science PCS

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii Island School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments: Two of our finest Charter Schools on Hawai'i Island need your special attention this session. The loss of per-pupil funding will have devastating consequences. If we combine that with the stress of dual campuses, anxious parents, teachers, and children this adds up to special needs in this session for these two schools. Please support the families of our Puna Community by supporting this Bill. Mahalo, Nancy Redfeather Director Hawai'i Island School Garden Network FoodCorps Hawai'i Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Network The Kohala Center

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February 5, 2015

Dear Esteemed Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

Re: SB600

I write to encourage you to provide funding for the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science (HAAS) in regards to the June 27th lava flow in Puna.

As a history teacher for the HAAS InDigital program, I work with students on a daily basis whose lives have been and will continue to be greatly affected by the lava flow. During such times of uncertainty and change, one constant that should remain is these students' education. Along with the uninterrupted access to electricity, emergency services, food and other necessities should be the uninterrupted access to educational services. I encourage each of you to support funding for this bill.

Mahalo,

Nicole C. Sallee

History Teacher

HAAS-InDigital

Testimony SB600
Senate Education Committee
February 6th, 2015 Conference Room 229 1:15pm
Support

Dear Chair Kidani and Committee,

My name is Jordan Drewer and I am a Junior and the Student Representative on the Board of Directors at the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Sciences PCS (HAAS). I come before you today to speak in support of Senate Bill 600. Being a student representative, I hope to give you a different perspective into charter schools. Many people look at the costs of facilities, the cost of paying staff, and the education. But what isn't looked at very often is the success of students in schools.

I started at HAAS in 2010 as a sixth grader, and loved the school immediately. Being with HAAS for the last 5 years has greatly influenced my education and career plan. In seventh grade I joined the robotics program, and my Lego NXT team made it to states. Seventh grade also marked the beginning of my STEM career within HAAS. The STEM Program has been an extremely beneficial class to myself and fellow students. I found my interest in Science and Technology, as well as learned the valuable education to go far in life. This education led to the STEM group I was part of that were credited with inventing the HAAS Power Pole Protectors as well as the Vog Scrubber.

Charter Schools are amazing, the way they are put together creates an engaging environment for my fellow students. An environment without bullying, without fighting or a lot of the drama that some schools have. Students love going to these schools, even committing to lengths such as hitchhiking to get to school.

I want to ask the Chair and committee a question, when you were in high school what class do you remember most? At HAAS we have classes such as STEM, art, surf class and skate class that draw students to the schools. These classes motivate them to do well within the rest of the school. These are classes that the students all enjoy, that they take because it will help them with the career they have in mind. But not having the funding of public schools hinders the extent the schools can go to teach students. The three greatest hindrances are; No funding for transportation, not enough funding for food, and no facility funding. Any money that we have to put towards these three areas has to come out of our per-pupil funding that should be going towards facilities and equipment to educate the children.

Not having money for transportation greatly affects the lives of students. If they have no set way to get to school, they have to go to lengths such as waking up very early to catch the Hele-On bus that doesn't even always get to school before it starts, or even hitchhiking to get to school.

In the area of food, HAAS uses the Title 1 NSLP to bring in money for lunch, but we only get about \$3.45 when the average meal costs \$5.50. This is money that is paid for in public schools, but in HAAS it comes out of our per-pupil funding, taking money away from our learning.

The last of the three, and in some eyes the greatest of the three hindrances is facility funding. HAAS cannot afford the costs to build a cafeteria for students to eat in, a gym so students can have a dry place to do PE classes, or even enough classrooms for all the classes. The STEM class has to share the room with a math class, causing more cramped conditions as well as not letting STEM have all the room it needs to grow. We do not even have a chemistry lab in our science classroom.

In some charter schools, the students take it upon themselves to find money to have things like sports and other student programs. A great example comes from the student body of HAAS. In the fall of 2013, myself and a group of students came up with the idea to create a student run organization called Hope for HAAS to fund the programs that we feel HAAS should have. Programs such as a sports program, a drama program, and even the growth of the STEM program. These are all programs HAAS simply doesn't have the money to support and help grow. This project raised the morale and motivation of the students involved immensely.

When the lava started to head towards my school and we didn't receive emergency funding, we changed the direction from improving the programs to raising money for relocating our campus if the need arose. It's times like these when students take the initiative and decide to do everything they can for their schools, that make charter schools the way they are. It's times like these that make charter schools unique. I hope that this convinces you to support Senate Bill 600, for it will improve the stability of the schools in situations of emergencies such as the lava and provide many children in hawaii with a brighter future and a better education.

Thank you for my opportunity to testify, I invite you to ask any questions.

Jordan Drewier
Student Representative, Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science PCS.

Testimony SB600
Senate Education Committee
February 6, 2015 Conference Room 229 1:15pm
Support

Dear Chair Kidani and committee,

I am in support of Senate Bill 600, which will give more funding to charter schools, because the charter schools I have attended have done so much with the little they have, imagine what they could do if they had the funds they need. Charter school student's education would be better served if we could afford a sports center, a theatre program and/or a chemistry lab. I support this bill because charter school students deserve the same opportunities as public school students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Seanna Morgan
Student Council Representative at Hawaii Academy of Arts and Sciences



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

TO: Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Education

DATE: February 6, 2015
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
Hawai'i State Capitol

FROM: Kamehameha Schools

RE: SENATE BILL 600, RELATING TO MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR KUA O KA LA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AND THE HAWAII ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 600, relating to making an emergency appropriation for Kua O Ka La Public Charter School and the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science Public Charter School.

Kamehameha Schools offers comments in support of addressing on an emergency basis the costs associated with the threat of lava flow on the island of Hawaii.

Kamehameha Schools supports promoting the achievement and success of Hawai'i's public school students and, as such, has been a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe charter schools provide positive choices for education and ultimately enhance both achievement and engagement for students across Hawai'i.

Financial support for the charter school system is crucial in maintaining the services these schools provide. We ask that you help to provide our state's most innovative educators with the strong support and stable foundation they need continue their positive growth. We believe efforts to improve the public charter school system improve access to education and, ultimately, enhance education for all of Hawai'i's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

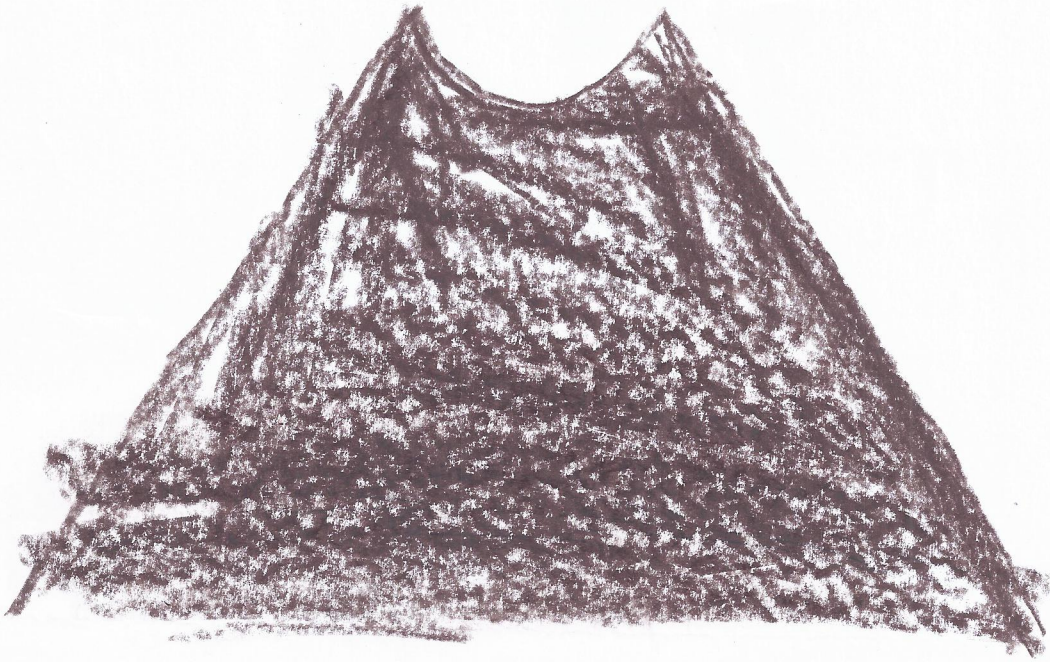
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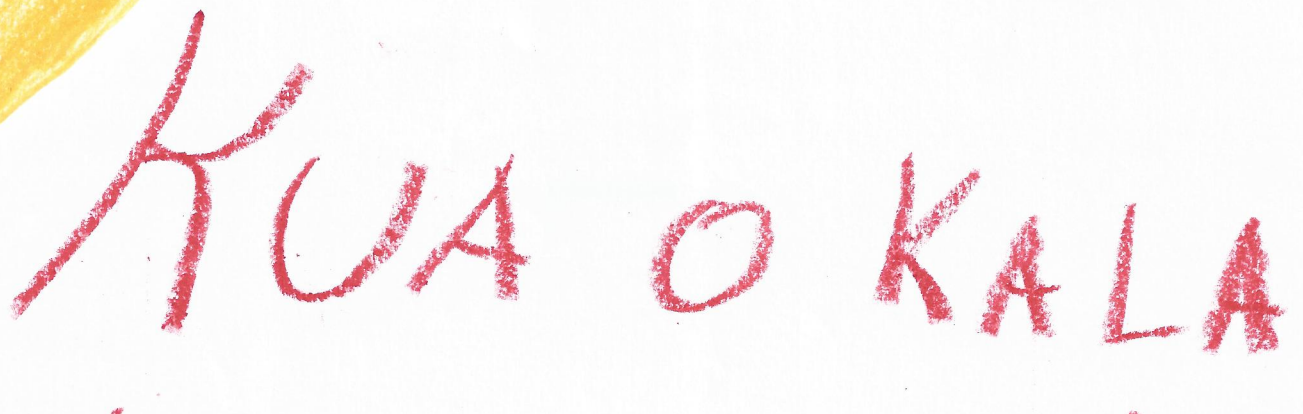
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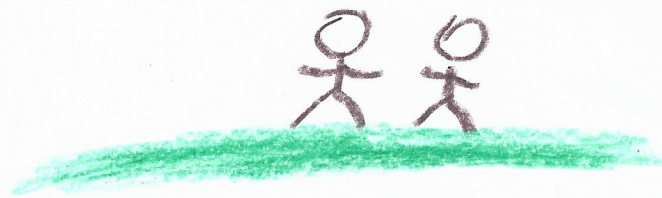
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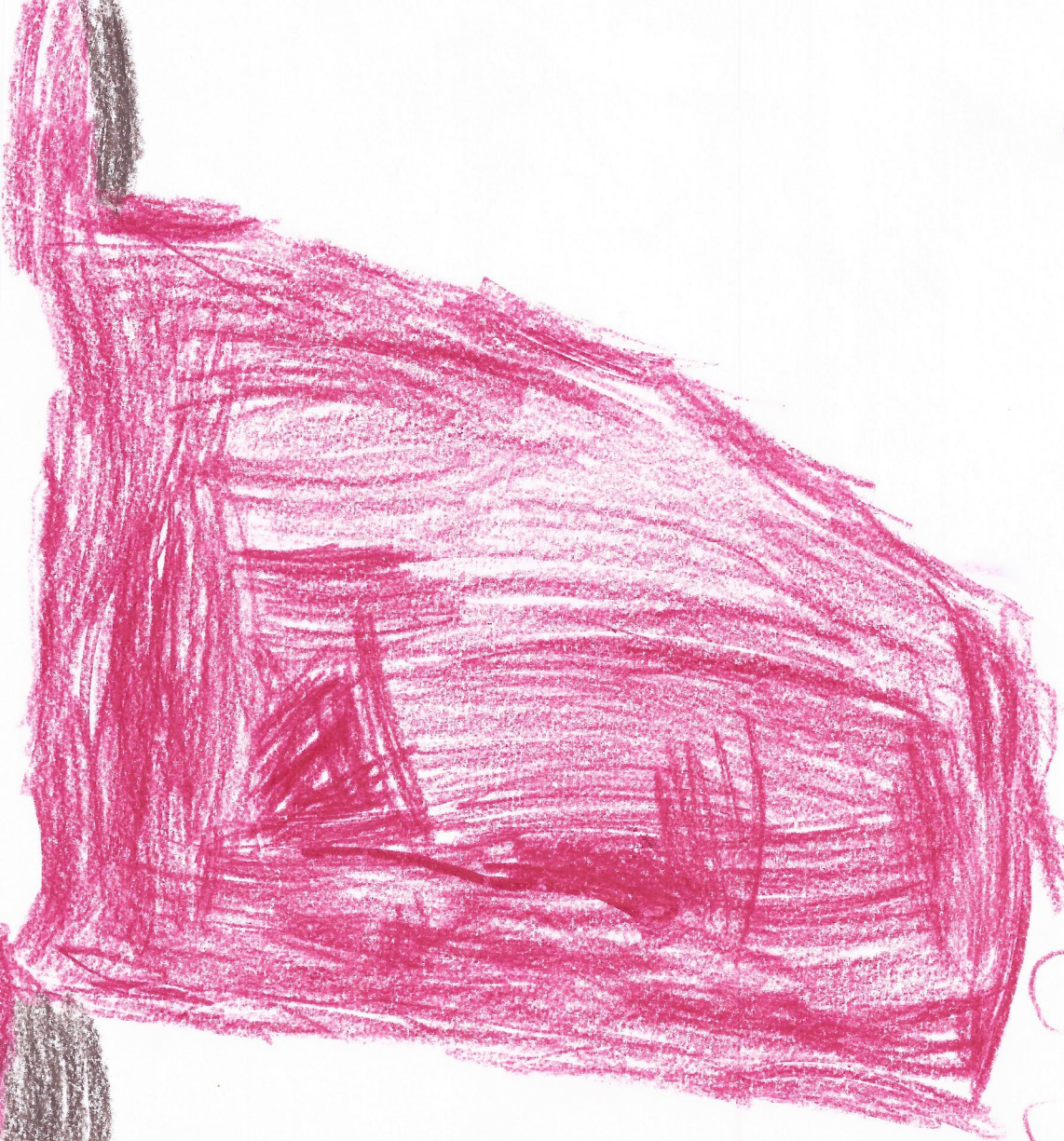
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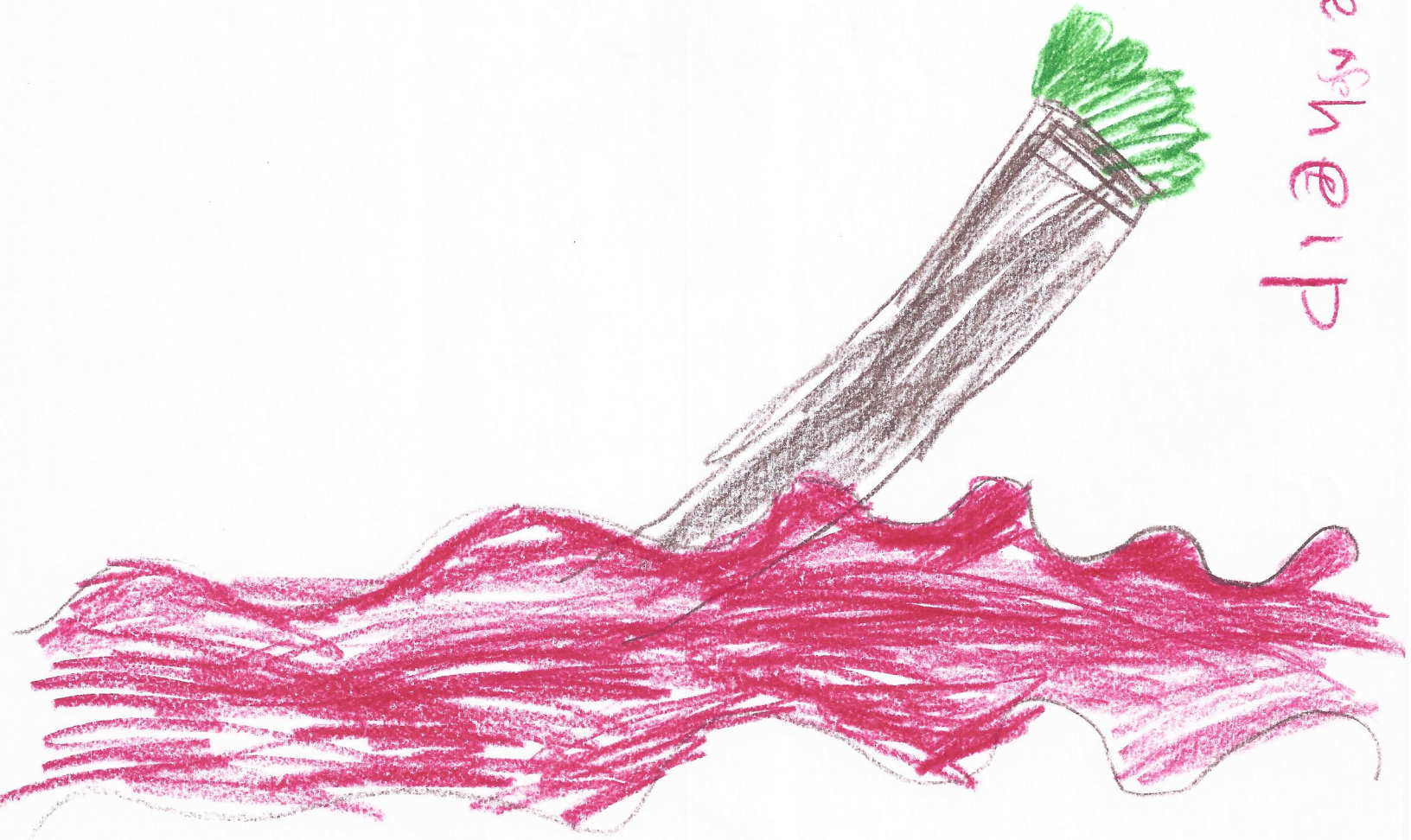
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because sometimes we can hear
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Dear friends

Please support SB600. It will help
our community and our
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because you can learn
Aloha from Montana.

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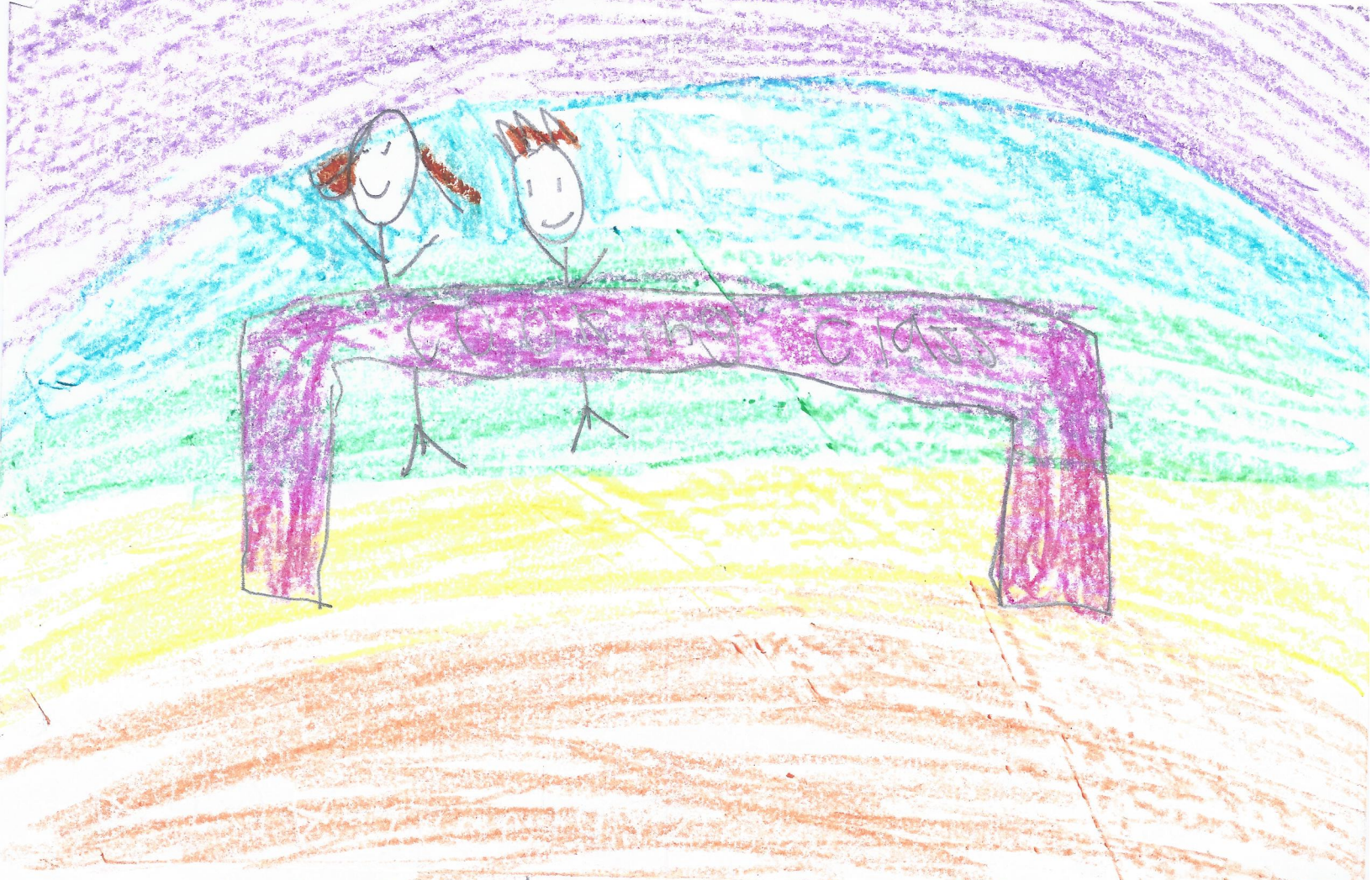
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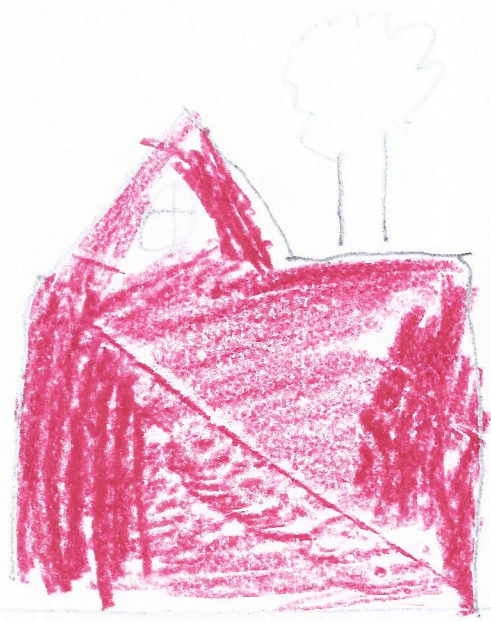
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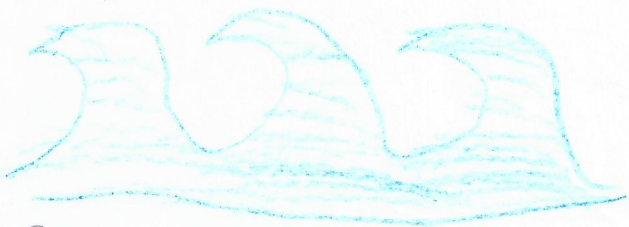
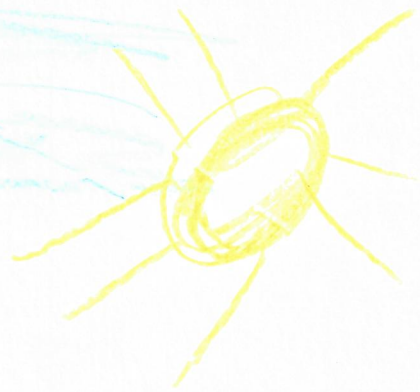
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our school I like my school
because I love it. Love
Prashanti Kelly. xoxoxoxo ♡♡♡



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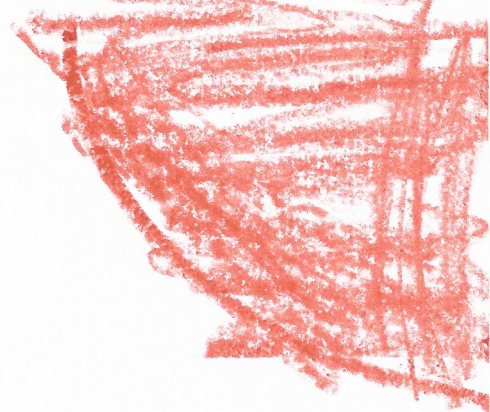
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Aloha Nefestasi

Dear Friends

Please Support SB600.
It will help our community
and our school. I like my
school because where we have
recess is fun. Aloha Lauren

I am Sunny



Dear Friends Please
support SB 600. It will
help our community and
our school. I like my
school because cooking class
is a fun activity. I like cooking.



Love winter

Dear Friends please support
SB600. it will help our
community and our school
I like my school because I have friends



Dear friends, Please support SB600,
It will help our community and our
school, I like my school because
I have nice friends.

Aloha, from Sarah



Dear Friends please
support SB 600. it will
help our community
AND our school
Because of hurricane
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my school Because I learn
A lot. Aloha, from FARINAS

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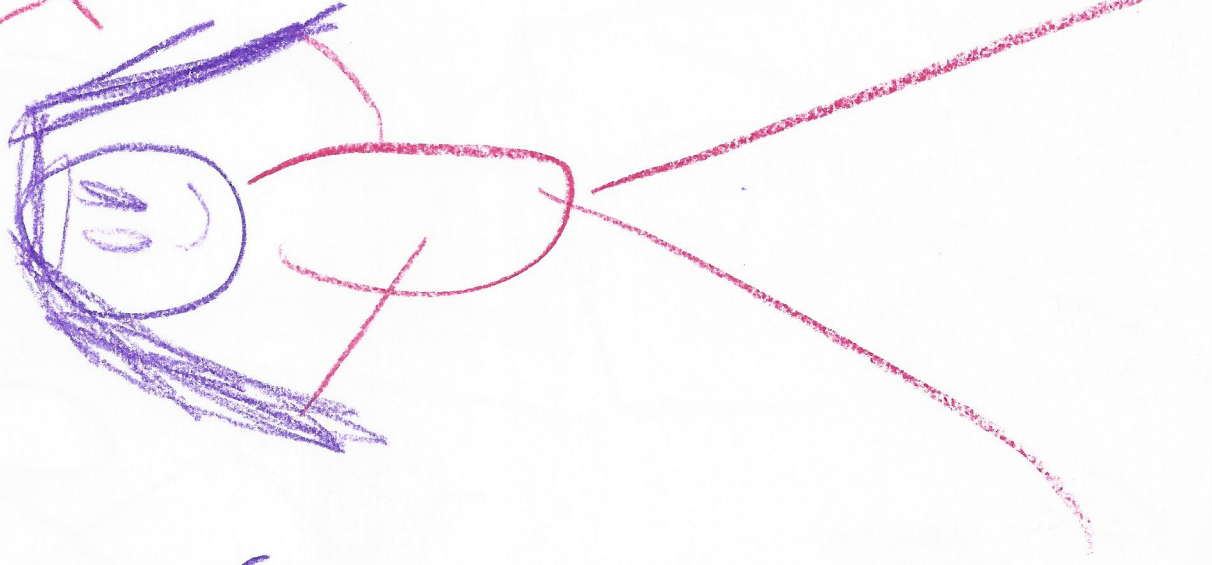
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the emergency appropriations to Kua O Ka La and HAAS. Both schools provide an alternative learning environment to our public schools where students have a chance to experience learning that is more tailored to their strengths and learning styles. They create options for students to learn and thrive and make positive impacts on our community. Both schools are an important and positive part of our community and they need our help.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Raye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
elton mow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: as charter schools do not receive funds for facilities HAAS requires extra help to relocate to other areas and/or make improvements to existing buildings such as air conditioning rooms to provide services to their students.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenna Way	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to support this bill. The lava emergency in Puna has had much greater impact on the charter schools than the DOE schools. The charter schools need this support in order to continue to offer their students the same opportunities as those attending DOE schools. If the funding is not received, the kids will suffer. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marta Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: What an amazing opportunity to do right by our Puna community. Thank you for choosing to help our youngsters' school, such a positive And secure environment for so many.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barry Mizuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kua O Kala Charter School has been impacted by the current lava flow and needs help. The lava threat has been a terrible burden on an entity that fills a public need and purpose. I support SB600. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angelina Crusat	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kua O Ka La NCPCS is one of two public charter schools that serve as alternatives to Pahoia Schools in the expansive Puna district. Kua O Ka La NCPCS provides individualized Hawaiian Culture project-based learning for K-12 students. It's continued educational programs are desperately needed for the Puna school age students who do not fit in to the "standardized" DOE role. Please support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelaukila Estabilio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our school is very imperative to our community, and need to have stability for our children

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
timothy fitzpatrick	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Lower Puna has been hit very hard by first, the two tropical storms, and further by the ongoing complications of the impending lava flow. The families of our community are dealing with the stresses of an unknown future. Some are uprooting after countless generations in fear of the safety of the very young and very old. Our school itself has split campuses in order to provide for our families both north and south of the flow. Kua O Ka La is more than a school for K-12. Our school is a source of pride, a meeting place, a certified Red Cross distribution center, and a safe place for people to come, both young and old. Kua O Ka La has taken on increased operational costs, while losing income from family displacement. Our enrollment has decreased by roughly 20%. Please find it in you to appropriate the funds necessary for Kua O Ka La to continue serving our community. Mahalo Tim Fitzpatrick

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Rachel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB 600, it would offer stability and security to a rural area devastated by natural disasters last year.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri York	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support providing funds for these schools. They have been through a lot this school year with hurricane and lava, and there are no contingency funds (like DOE schools have) set aside to help charter schools in situations like this. This money will help them keep the students safe.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian York	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Both these charter schools operate without facility funding and have had to cope with the immediate and possible extended impacts from the June 27th lava flow. They have both incurred extra costs with securing new sites and planning for possible separation of their students and faculty from their current classrooms. Both charter schools have shown restraint and fiscal sense in their reactions to and plans for any lava impacts. They have emphasized maintaining normalcy and educational focus for their students during these difficult times. Please pass this bill so both schools can be prepared to provide strong continual support for their students and the Puna community!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Tumin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As someone who lives on the Big Island and works at a charter school that has gotten no funding during this crisis, I ask that my students receive funding like the other students in the area to help support their learning during a very trying time. This school year has been extremely difficult and while some select schools that were close to the impact areas got funding to move and keep their students safe, the Department of Education did not help fund charter schools in the same area. My students deserve better. They deserve to be treated with the same dignity and respect that was offered to the other schools. This funding would help restore a sense of equity for students in this disaster stricken area. With all due respect, please help to right an injustice that has been happening during the last few years and most evidently during this school-year.

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Nadia Ranne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These charter schools need support to continue to provide essential services to the community now more than ever. They must have so many unplanned expenditures as a result of the lava, in addition to being underfunded compared to DOE schools, and not having facilities funding unlike DOE schools. Their ability to be flexible, provide different educational options, and be responsive to community needs during these uncertain times is a tremendous resource that must be supported now and for future generations.

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February 5, 2014

Committee on Education
Hawaii State Senate

Dear Committee on Education:

I am a long-time resident of Hawaii, and have been teaching in Hawaii for over 7 years. My time in the classroom has only served to reinforce the concepts of Maslov's Hierarchy that I learned while in college. This hierarchy suggests that a student's basic needs must be met in order for higher learning to occur. These basic needs include being safe, being fed, and being loved. The students who attend the Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science know that the faculty and staff at the school care for them. We are working as hard as we can to provide the best quality of education for our students. We have also developed an amazing food service program to help the students receive the nourishment that they need.

However, many of the students have concerns about their health and safety. Their concerns stem from not knowing where they will be or what will happen when the lava advances. They know that it is an eventuality. They understand that the administration at the school is doing as much as they can to prepare for the situation that we face. But, we need help! We need help securing the funding that will help us provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. Our limited budgets are stretched already, and our students want to stay in our school. Closing our doors isn't the right option.

Please support us, but helping give funds to charter schools.

Sincerely,

Amanda Conner

February 4, 2015

Dear Legislators,

I am lending my support for SB 600, which is MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR KUA O KA LA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL.

Kua o ka La is a well-loved school in our community that has been under threat of isolation from the lava flow and has incurred extra expenses in operating under these conditions. It needs the financial support that this bill will provide in order to continue to provide quality education to our community.

By signing this petition, I request that this bill be approved.

Mahalo

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Dear Legislators,

" support for your local charter school

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Kua o ka La.

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Kua o Ka La Charter School

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Comments: Support SB600. In elections, government leaders and legislators all voice as one of their top priorities support for Education. Here's an opportunity to walk the talk. In times of hardship like that expressed in the bill, the State should expend the necessary funds to assure that education for children continue. This is especially necessary on Hawaii Island whose residents have experienced an inordinate amount of natural disasters. Mahalo, Leimomi

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