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Date: 02/12/2018
Time: 02:10 PM
Location: 309
Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2238 RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the safe keiki grant program to award funds to qualified DOE schools to purchase supplies for students to remain at school shelters for 48 hours in the event of an emergency. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) is in support of HB 2238 that establishes the Safe Keiki Grant Program to award funds to qualified HIDOE schools to purchase supplies for students to remain at school shelters for 48 hours in the event of an emergency. These emergency supplies would not only cover approximately 167K students but also the 40K school and support personnel.

Utilizing the optimum and recommended school item emergency supply list, it would cost approximately \$12 million (\$500 per classroom per day, times 12,000 classrooms) to purchase 48 hours worth of supplies for 256 schools. Paring down the list slightly could reduce this figure to \$7.2 million (\$300 per classroom per day, times 12,000 classrooms). Currently, HIDOE does not have the funds and, as such, receiving funding support from the Safe Keiki Grant Program would significantly contribute to HIDOE's efforts of ensuring schools are prepared. However, HIDOE would also require funding support in future years to replace the perishable supply items (i.e. food, water, etc) when shelf life has expired and possibly the need for constructing storage spaces for these supplies.

Also note, these calculations do not include Public Charter Schools.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2018 2:56:44 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Monday, February 12, 2018

2:10 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 309

FOR **RE: Testimony in Support** of HB 2164, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION
PUBLIC EDUCATION

To the Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Chair; the Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Education:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2164, relating to school-level funding for the Department of Education.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2164 and support its passage.

House Bill No.2164 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates \$250,000,000 to the Department of Education for school-level funding.

The DPH Platform states that the "[w]e believe that the future of our state, as well as our country, depends upon an educated and knowledgeable citizenry. We support the prioritization of our resources toward providing quality public education and library services to every student, regardless of learning capacity or ability to pay, in an environment conducive to the learning process. These resources shall be made available at every level, from pre-school through higher education, including life-long learning." (Platform of the DPH, P. 6, Lines 296-300 (2016)).

We believe a major role of education is to develop critical and creative thinkers who are knowledgeable about issues and able to evaluate and solve real-world problems. The curriculum also should emphasize cultural learning, the arts, career and trade skills, and physical education so that we may preserve our health and rich cultural history. A variety of learning strategies should be used, including, group projects, cooperative learning, discussion, games and technological innovations. (Platform of the DPH, P. 6, Lines 310-314 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2164 provides for school-level funding for the Department of Education, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

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HB-2238

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Testimony for EDN on 2/12/2018 2:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Delylah Pagaduan		Support	Yes

Comments:

To: Chairperson Justin H. Woodson

Chairperson Sam Satoru Kong

Members of the Education Committee

Chairperson Sylvia Luke

Chairperson Ty J.K. Cullen

Members of the Finance Committee

From: Delylah Pagaduan

Kailua, Hawaii

Date: Thursday, February 8th, 2018

Subject: Support of House Bill 2238, Relating to emergency preparedness for 48 hours in DOE schools using the safe keiki grant program.

Aloha! My name is Delylah Pagaduan and I am a Junior at Kalaheo High School in Kailua, Oahu. I strongly support this bill for emergency preparedness allowing schools to have students to be able to survive for 48 hours using the safe keiki grant program.

Public schools in Hawaii often have protocols for certain situations like fires, bombs, school threats and earthquakes, but they aren't enough especially since there are more threats than these. Even the protocol itself just isn't enough like for earthquakes, which is to crawl under a desk with hands over your head, is that very reassuring for students, staff and parents? According to the Live Science, natural disasters are becoming more common, it states "Scientists believe the increase in hydro-meteorological disasters is due to a combination of natural and made-made factors. Global warming is increasing the temperatures of the Earth's oceans and atmosphere, leading to more intense storms [of all types](#), including [hurricanes](#)."

Recently, the state of Hawaii had a terrifying threat that ended up being false. The National Emergency Services had informed us that a missile was coming to Hawaii and that it wasn't a drill. Luckily, it was a Saturday but if we had been in school, would we be prepared? Our school, Kalaheo High School, has no supplies for emergencies like this. Violence and threats in the U.S. has increased significantly, not just from the outside. According to a recent study done by Harvard, school shootings have tripled since 2011. Not only do we have natural disasters to worry about, but man made ones as well. Although school shootings and other man made threats are only common on the mainland, it doesn't mean threats haven't been made or can't be made here in Hawaii. Last school year, Kalaheo High School, Castle High School and multiple schools on the West side of the Island had bomb threats as well as school shooting threats. Although, no threats were followed through, doesn't mean it won't happen, violence is significantly growing in communities and schools throughout Hawaii.

Thank you for listening, please take this into consideration and support HB 2238.

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HB-2238

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau		Support	No

Comments:

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HB-2238

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Testimony for EDN on 2/12/2018 2:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avis Nanbu	Mililani Mauka Elementary School	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the Committee on Education,

I write in strong support of HB2238, Relating to Emergency Preparedness. This measure creates a Safe Keiki Grant program for public schools that have regular drills and detailed plans in case of emergencies.

Recent events in Hawaii have highlighted the need for public schools to be prepared to shelter students in place should an emergency situation occur. As the nature and timing of emergencies cannot be predicted, practicing emergency drills and having a detailed plan in place is necessary for all schools. Having money set aside for a grant program to motivate public schools to put such initiatives in place shows the need for schools to prioritize these activities. We must be ready to provide care for our keiki should a tragedy occur. Please pass this measure in support of our schools.

Thank you,

Avis Nanbu