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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Okamura	DOE	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to add my testimony in support of SB2051. My name is Ron Okamura and i am the Principal of President William McKinley High School. The bill supports our CTE programs to where our students will truly be able to operate a business like in the real world. Our programs cannot grow unless we are able to find additional funding sources to provide for materials and training that replicate a normal private business. We feel that it is through these types of experiences that we can provide on our campuses that will make our students truly real world ready. So once again, please support the passing of this bill as it will give all of our students and schools an opportunity that they can get right on our campuses.

Mahalo, Ron Okamura

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Disa Hauge	Waianae High School	Support	Yes

Comments:

February 8, 2018

To: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair

Senator Kaiali`i Kahele, Vice Chair

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT OF SB2051: RELATING TO EDUCATION

Submitted by: Disa Hauge, Principal, Wai`anae High School

Aloha Honorable Senators Kidani, Kahele and Committee members:

I am Disa Hauge, principal of Waianae High and I am requesting your support of SB2051: Relating to Education as it will allow the sale of school products and services to be cycled back into the school's programs.

The better we are able to facilitate students' engagement in relevant, real-world experiences, the more thoroughly and at a higher level is their understanding of the content. Towards this end we provide students with many real-world experiences from ogo production in the Marine Science Learning Center (MSLC) to media production in Searider Productions to produce and eggs in the agricultural program to catering in our culinary program, to name a few.

It costs about \$12,000 a year for our MSLC to provide its students with experiences in the community that includes an overnigher for team-building, a week long excursion around 'Oahu that includes working with scientists at Coconut Island, learning at He'eia and Hawaii Kai fishponds, participating in community service at Kahana Valley and in several other locations which focus on environmental and cultural preservation, and culminates in a mahalo evening program for the students' families in which they share all that they have learned. The amount of work involved in fundraising this money simply detracts from the work we need to do.

Ogo sales that can be cycled back into our programs would allow funds to build the program, support community-based field trips, and allow expansion of the program. For example, students are studying the feasibility of establishing a hatchery to replenish our 'anae, or mullet.

Our school is in the process of developing an overarching business curriculum for all of our programs. It will include business planning, human resource management, financial systems, and regulatory compliance. We have no intentions of competing with community businesses as we fully expect student-run quasi-businesses in a school setting to be where students can safely make financial mistakes. We expect to be in compliance with applicable regulations and will develop an elective class that conducts mock-OSHA and DOH inspections, 'fines' companies, collects 'taxes', analyzes our operations, and issues End of Year Financial Reports.

Thank you for your consideration in support of SB 2051. It will support our efforts to provide our students with real-world experiences that prepare them for their place in our community.