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**Date:** 02/06/2018  
**Time:** 02:18 PM  
**Location:** 016  
**Committee:** Senate Hawaiian Affairs  
Senate Higher Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** SB 2970 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, and Ka Papahana Kaiapuni program to collaborate to establish professional qualifications and develop training programs for the Ka Papahana Kaiapuni program's staff.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawai'i Department of Educations (Department) supports the intent of SB 2970, with suggested amendments. The Department recognizes that there are two colleges at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa that provide the necessary training required for preparation of Kaiapuni teachers. We look forward to further dialogue regarding any appropriations in relationship to this bill.

The Department suggests the following changes:

1) Replace the language on Page 2, Line 9 to Line 15 to read as follows:

"The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Education to work collaboratively with Kawaihuelani Hawaiian language college; and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's Ka Haka 'Ula 'O Ke'elikōlani, Kahuawaiola indigenous teacher education program; and Ka Papahana Kaiapuni program to establish professional qualifications and develop training programs for the Ka Papahana Kaiapuni program's staff."

2) Insert language on Page 2, Line 19, to read:

"the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Education and Kawaihuelani Hawaiian Language College."

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

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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).



## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Higher Education

Time: 2:18 p.m.

Date: February 6, 2018

Where: State Capitol Room 16

### TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk  
Kamehameha Schools

**RE: SB 2970, Relating to Education**

E nā Luna Ho'omalū Shimabukuro a me Kahele, nā Hope Luna Ho'omalū Galuteria a me Kim, a me nā Lālā Kenekoa o kēia mau Kōmike 'elua, aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Division of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support** SB 2970, relating to education. This measure appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, University of Hawai'i at Hilo, and Ka Papahana Kaiapuni program to collaborate, to establish professional qualifications and to develop training programs for Ka Papahana Kaiapuni program staff. Ka Papahana Kaiapuni provides students of all ethnicities a Hawaiian bicultural and bilingual education through the medium of 'ōlelo Hawai'i and is essential to the continuation of our Hawaiian language and culture.

Kamehameha Schools advocates for and supports the achievement of Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian public school students. As such, in 2016, Kamehameha Schools formed a partnership with the Hawai'i Board of Education ("Board") to identify mutual alignment of efforts for Hawai'i's Public Education System. One such area is the Board's policy on Ka Papahana Kaiapuni (105-8). As articulated in the policy, Ka Papahana Kaiapuni's success "is largely dependent on the capacity, capability and expertise of the program's professional staff." Furthermore, "the goal is for program professionals to be qualified in both English as a medium of instruction and Hawaiian as a medium of instruction and appropriately compensated for these additional qualifications." Adequate resourcing is necessary in order to further the goals and expectations set forth in the Board's Ka Papahana Kaiapuni policy.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

'A'ohē hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui

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Submitted on: 2/5/2018 10:43:58 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kapua Hao-Frantz	?Aha Punana Leo	Support	No

Comments:

**E OLA KA 'ĀCELELO HAWAI'!**

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Submitted on: 2/5/2018 3:22:46 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/6/2018 2:18:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
B. Noelani Iokepa-Guerrero		Support	No

Comments:

Kā• ko'o au i kā"ia pila no ka pono o ke a'o 'Ā• Ielo Hawai'i he 'Ā• Ielo kĀ«helu o ka moku'Ā• ina.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2018 5:06:11 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/6/2018 2:18:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anela Iwane		Support	No

Comments:

Kakoo au i keia pila.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2018 9:10:28 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/6/2018 2:18:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Krug		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kÄ• kou e nÄ• Luna Kenekoa,

I strongly support this bill and its intentions. I suggest, however, one emendation. The amendment would continue to suggest that the funding be given to the Kaiapuni teacher licensing programs of Kahuawaiola and the College of Education, however I would like to see both colleges of Hawaiian Language named in this bill as they are both very important to the development of an initiative such as this. Mahalo.

Kalehua Krug

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:53:35 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/6/2018 2:18:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keiki Kawaiaea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the transference of administrative authority for the Institute for Astronomy to the University of Hawaii at Hilo.