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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 13, 2017

TIME: 2:45pm

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State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education

Regarding:

**SB 553**

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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Requires remote schools to be allocated funds using categorical allotments, rather than through the weighted student formula. Defines a remote school as any public school that is a high school located at least a one-hour drive away from the next nearest high school or a high school located on the island of Lana'i, Moloka'i, or Ni'i'hau. Specifies minimum number of teachers for Hana high and elementary school.

My name is Jennifer Kaaikala from Lanai High School Schools. I am in strong support of SB553. We need a minimum of offerings to prepare our students for adulthood like auto etc. with things now we are skeleton crew of teachers and failing our children's big time as many vocational courses have been Eliminated for other positions. College first cores first but kids still need 26 credits including electives we can't offer. Not enough money. Also k-12 , each area has different needs and needs to be staffed that way not split the pot up with p-5, 6-8, 9-12. We need to be funded as three different schools so we don't rob from Peter to pay Paul.

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