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SB 826 – RELATING TO THE PUNA DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

Both the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and the University of Hawai'i Community College System support SB 826 to fund a distance learning center in the District of Puna.

There is a critical need to strengthen rural outreach, education and economic development in Puna which is one of the most underserved areas in the state and also the fastest growing district on Hawai'i Island. It would be most feasible and beneficial for the residents of Puna for the Center to be under the University of Hawai'i, with UH Hilo and Hawai'i Community College collaborating and partnering to provide higher education and career options to the people of Hawai'i Island.

We would request that the bill be amended to include Hawai'i Community College, as we are trying to move Hawai'i Community College into being a distributed campus: Hilo, Palamanui, North Hawai'i Education and Research Center and potentially, Puna. Hawai'i Community College is best suited to manage and deliver programs from UH Hilo, Hawai'i CC and other UH campuses as needed.

We support SB 826 on the condition that any requested funds do not supplant any portion of the University's Biennium Budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 826. Aloha.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Pele Lani Farm LLC	Support	No

Comments: Puna is the fastest growing district in the state of Hawaii and the most underserved. Please appropriate funding. Mahalo.

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Geoffrey Lasr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I HAVE LIVED HERE IN PUNA FOR 32 YEARS THE COMMUNITY IS GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS MORE POPULATED THEN HILO OUR ROADS ARE PACKED WITH PEOPLE DRIVING TO HILO FOR THESE SERVICES WE DESERVE TO HAVE THIS SERVICE HERE IN PUNA I TOTALLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE SINCERELY GEOFFREY LAST

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Rosemary Karlsson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

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Cody Butler	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Dencker	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: As a retired preschool teacher I am all in favor of all things that support education. Our Puna area is very poor and has the least amount of services and educational support in the state. Our parents however are very hopeful their children will be able to have opportunities to advance in the world in positive ways. This bill can make this possible. We much appreciate funds that come for this bill to make it possible. Thank you, ckd

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Deborah Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. It will give Puna residents additional access to secondary education. This is important. Thank you very much!

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Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments: Support as long as UH remains ethically uncompromising.
www.WeAreOne.cc

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