



Native Hawaiian Education Council

March 18, 2018

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
State of Hawai'i Senate
Senate Committee on Education

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**RE: SCR92 - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A
REPORT ON UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR
PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Aloha 'olua mai,

The Native Hawaiian Education Council (NHEC or the Council) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SCR92 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION** based on the Council's platform and priorities to intensify systems engagement, including continuing advocacy regarding the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), pursuit and optimal utilization of federal resources for the country's only single State Education Agency (SEA)/Local Education Agency (LEA) and the increased resources for charters and Hawaiian language medium education.

The Native Hawaiian Education Council was established in 1994 under the federal Native Hawaiian Education Act. The Council is charged with coordinating, assessing and reporting and making recommendations on the effectiveness of existing education programs for Native Hawaiians, the state of present Native Hawaiian education efforts, and improvements that may be made to existing programs, policies, and procedures to improve the educational attainment of Native Hawaiians.



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Please feel free to contact the Council's Executive Director, Dr. Sylvia Hussey, directly via e-mail (sylvia@nhec.org), office (808.523.6432) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino, Chair

cc: Policy & Advocacy and Executive Committees and staff





**Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
PO Box 1135
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96807**

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The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs - **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SCR92 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION** and requires the department of education to prepare a report identifying any unused federal funds, based on the attached Resolution 17-47 REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE OF UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, passed by the House of Delegates at its 58th annual convention in Seattle, Washington, November 2017.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grass roots organization founded in 1918 by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, Delegate to the United States House of Representative; and is a confederation comprised of fifty-eight (58) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai`i and in the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, Washington State, Tennessee and Texas. AHCC is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors and is a strong voice at city, state and federal levels. AHCC advocates for improved welfare of native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood, to name a few; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other cultural traditions. The vision of the AHCC is to remain a recognized voice of the Native Hawaiian people and make the organization self-sustaining; and the mission is to serve with pono in advocacy of culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare and nationhood.

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Sincerely,

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Sylvia M. Hussey, Chair
AHCC Education Committee

Attachment



ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2017 - 47

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE OF UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

WHEREAS, federal funds are allocated to Hawaii for public education through formula block or competitive discretionary funding sources; must be utilized for specific purposes within specified periods of time; or be returned to the federal government (e.g., lapsed funds); and

WHEREAS, federal funds have an identifying Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number categorizing funding and identifying its federal intended purpose and compliance guidelines; and

WHEREAS, a clear understanding of all federal funds available for public education in Hawaii, their purposes and expiration date is critical to inform decisions regarding the total funding of public education in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Audit reports of the State of Hawai'i, Department of Education, contains a Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget and Action (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) – Federal Fund schedules for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013, 14, 15, and 16, reported an “Unfavorable Variance” (actual revenue less than budgeted revenue) of \$179,445,025, \$177,229,372, \$224,689,126, \$184,373,825 respectively, for federal grant revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 58th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Mahealani, this 4th day of November 2017, that we request the State of Hawai'i, Department of Education submit a report to the Board of Education (BOE) and Hawai'i State Legislature of unutilized, lapsed federal grant revenue for public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the report should identify, for the most recent five fiscal years, all federal titled, discretionary and formula driven funds, by CFDA number, that were not expended or “drawn down” resulting in the funds lapsing and no longer being available to the State of Hawai'i; and

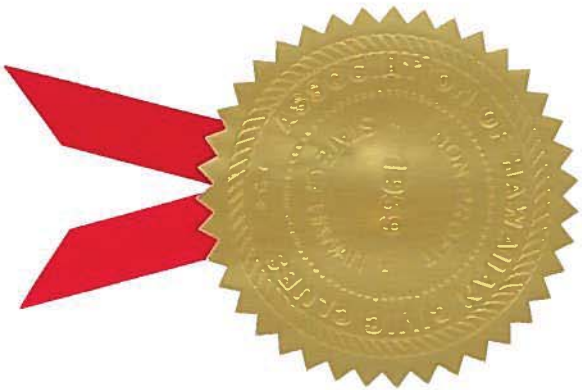
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution and the final report will be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of the Department of Education, the Chair and Executive Director of the State Public Charter School Commission, Education Chair of the State Senate and Education Chair of the House of

Representatives as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all County Mayors.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani on the 4th day of November 2017, at the 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Seattle, Washington.

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Annelle C. Amaral, President



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Submitted on: 3/18/2018 5:39:23 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:20:58 AM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taffi Wise	Testifying for KANU O KA AINA	Support	No

Comments:

KANU O KA AINA STRONGLY SUPPORTS SCR92 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION and requires the department of education to prepare a report identifying any unused federal funds, based on the attached Resolution 17-47

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:22:09 AM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janlyn Ryusaki-Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:13:41 AM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Levenson	Testifying for Na Lei Naauao Charter Schools and Friends	Support	No

Comments:

The 20 plus schools that makeup Na Lei Naauao and friends strongly support SCR92-REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:42:00 AM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katie Benioni	Testifying for Kanu o ka Aina Learning Ohana	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 1:11:05 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edith Kawai	Testifying for Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 4:32:14 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
W. Mapuana Waipa	Testifying for Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 1:50:52 PM

Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Osborne	Testifying for Kua O Ka La NCPCS	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly recommend that this bill be passed. The issue of Lapsing Federal grants for public education should be transparent. This has been an ongoing issue, especially with Charter Schools trying to have access to public funds.