



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/27/2018

Time: 11:05 AM

Location: 211

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Resolution: SCR 092 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON UNUTILIZED, LAPSED FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

**Purpose of
Resolution:**

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of SCR 92, yet respectfully requests to address specific concerns in the proposal.

The Department has made every effort to wisely spend all federal funding provided. As such, clarification of the statement about the underutilization of \$175,000,000 of federal funding per year is incorrect. The United States Department of Education (USDOE) has provided the Department an amendment called Tydings which allows the Department to expend these federal funds over a 27-month period of time to appropriately spend the federal funding. The Department utilizes these funds through the Tydings waiver to fully expend over 27 months.

The Department also makes every effort to fully expend all appropriated federal funds, which are provided by Congress as supplemental funds for our neediest students, and does not usually lapse any federal funding.

Education is a key investment in the state's economic development and an investment in its local employee base capacity for all Hawaii industries. The Department respectfully suggests that all federal funds are expended appropriately to support an equitable high quality instructional system, and as such, the proposed resolution is not necessary.

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.



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

March 27, 2018

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
State of Hawai'i, Senate
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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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 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





Native Hawaiian Education Council

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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





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Aloha Chair Cruz and Honorable Members,

The Prince Kuhio Hawaiian Civic Club **SUPPORTS** SCR92. The resolution requests that the department of education of the state of Hawaii prepare a report identifying any unused federal funds. Audits have been conducted that indicated that millions of dollars in federal funding have been underutilized. We believe this report will help the department and other decision makers make better and more effective use of the resources available to them for the education of our communities.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Ke aloha no,

Anthony Makana Paris
Pelekikena

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Submitted on: 3/27/2018 9:13:09 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/27/2018 11:05:00 AM

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: 3/27/2018 8:00:49 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/27/2018 11:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/27/2018 8:34:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/27/2018 11:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaiulani Pahio	Testifying for Na Lei Na'auao	Support	No

Comments:

Na Lei Na'auao Alliance for Native Hawaiian Education strongly supports SCR 92.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2018 8:19:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/27/2018 11:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Levenson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SCR92. Use of federal funding is a crucial part of funding education. it is imperative that funds are accounted for and used to serve the Kaiki of Hawaii,