



Repair, Remodel, Restore Our Schools

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Time: 12:30 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama
Secretary/Treasurer, Hawaii 3Rs

Re: H.B. 1465, Relating to Public Schools

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee, my name is Linda Chu Takayama, and I am the Secretary/Treasurer of Hawaii 3Rs. Hawaii 3Rs is a private nonprofit started by the late U.S. Senator Dan Inouye in 2001. It stands for Repair, Remodel and Restore our Schools. In the last 18 years at least one project has been completed in almost every school in the State...and every project was one taken off the DoE backlog list. Over the years, we estimate about 500 projects were completed at a savings of about \$40 million to the state.

Work completed has spanned the gamut of the backlog list; from major overhaul of termite-ridden classrooms into science labs to replacement of dangerous electrical outlets near classroom sinks. Other projects have included campus beautification – planting grass sods, installing irrigation systems, re-stripping parking lots and painting non-skid walkways between classes.

The underlying concept behind Hawaii 3Rs was the belief that schools would benefit and the backlog would be reduced if we could integrate community volunteerism (“sweat equity”) with professional expertise paid for with grant dollars from Hawaii 3Rs.

Most of the funding for 3Rs comes from private donations and a \$2 check off from tax refunds (line 43a, Hawaii Schools Repairs and Maintenance fund).

Although the lack of Federal funding in more recent years has caused the program to scale back on the number, size and complexity of projects undertaken annually, Hawaii 3R’s has, over the years, perfected the review and approval process to address repair and maintenance projects at DOE schools in collaboration with the DOE itself.. We would like to use our experience to scale up the program again, especially in light of recent news reports that the DOE’s backlog is now estimated to be in excess of \$800 million.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

House Committee on Finance
The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
12:30 PM, State Capitol Room 308

HB1465 HD1 – Relating to Public Schools

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters – Support for HB1465 HD1

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters supports HB1465 HD1, which appropriates \$5,000,000 for the next two fiscal years for the Hawaii 3R's school improvement fund for the repair and maintenance of public school buildings, grounds, and facilities in the State.

The Hawaii 3R's program has been very effective in helping the Department of Education to address its extensive repair & maintenance backlog since it was started in 2001. Through this program, the 3R's fund provides small grants to schools throughout the State, and volunteers from business, community, military, student, and other organizations provide manpower to complete minor projects such as repainting classrooms, refurbishing playgrounds, replanting fields and gardens, and installing computer equipment. The 3R's Board reviews all project requests to ensure that they comply with applicable departmental standards.

We appreciate the work of the 3R's board and organization, its numerous volunteers and donors, and the Department of Education for their efforts to improve our public schools.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Testimony of
Christopher Delaunay, Government Relations Manager
Pacific Resource Partnership

House Committee on Finance
The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

HB 1465 HD1 Relating to Public Schools

Tuesday, February 26, 2019
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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) **supports** HB 1465 HD1, which appropriates \$5 million for the next two fiscal years to be deposited into the Hawaii 3R's School Improvement Fund (Fund) for the repair and maintenance of public school buildings, grounds, and facilities in Hawaii.

Hawaii 3R's, a Hawaii nonprofit, has established meaningful partnerships with volunteers from business, neighborhoods, military and student organizations who provide "sweat equity" matched with dollars from Hawaii 3R's to complete projects which improve the quality of Hawaii's public schools for our children and youth.

The \$5 million appropriation for the next two fiscal years is a worthwhile investment for the State for the following reasons:

- Hawaii 3R's has a track record of success—it has completed hundreds of projects and saved the State millions of dollars
- Hawaii 3R's could assist with the repair and maintenance of DOE's aging facilities—The DOE is the 10th largest school district in the nation (292 schools) consisting of facilities with an average school age of 65+ years
- Hawaii 3R's could help with the DOE's current repair and maintenance backlog which is approximately \$868 million (as of December 2018)

As such, we respectfully ask for your favorable passage of HB 1465 HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



HB-1465-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 10:32:51 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/26/2019 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/25/2019 12:33:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/26/2019 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Takaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in **SUPPORT** of HB1465 HD1.

Hawaii 3Rs program is an effective way to provide much needed maintenance at our schools by partnering with schools, community groups, businesses and other organizations.

HB-1465-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 3:26:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/26/2019 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
alan oshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testofying in strong support of HB1465 which if passed will provide for needed funding to repair and maintain our aging public schools throughout the State of Hawaii. With many others, I was one of the founders of Hawaii 3Rs, the non-profit that matches "sweat equity" in the form of community volunteers and funds with Hawaii 3Rs funding to repair and maintain our schools. The "sweat equity" component is the key to build a sustainable support base for caring for our facilities and making public school facilities reflect the high expectations of the communities. I continue to serve on the board of Hawaii 3Rs and am proud that together with other supporters, the organization has saved the State more than \$40 million in making projects a reality. Mahalo for your support. Alan Oshima



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 308
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 12:30 P.M.**

To The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair;
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Finance,

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1465 HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support of HB 1465 HD1.

We all agree that we want an excellent public school system in Hawaii and want to repair and maintain school facilities. Given this, we support this bill that will appropriate funds for needed school infrastructure maintenance and repairs.

However, the Maui Chamber of Commerce and our membership has long felt that not enough money is trickling down to the classroom. We encourage an independent audit of the Department of Education for transparency and to provide the public with a thorough explanation of how funding is spent as many feel the department is top-heavy and they want to see the funds are being used for priorities.

Ultimately, the audit would contribute to having a holistic look of overall DOE funding versus having to have a very specific bill like this on just the repair and maintenance in the future. That said, this year we support this bill and ask that it move forward.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

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RE: HB 1465 HD1, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 1465 HD1, which appropriates funds to be used by the Department of Education (DOE) for the repair and maintenance of public school buildings, grounds, and facilities in the State.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Founded in 2001 by the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii 3Rs is a private nonprofit that helps to address the repair and maintenance backlog that is facing Hawaii's public schools. According to their website, Hawaii 3Rs has completed more than 500 projects across the state which has resulting in savings to the state at more than \$40 million for repair and maintenance costs. Additionally, this program helps to provide the business community with the chance to help lend resources and support our schools. We must ensure that Hawaii students are given every opportunity to receive a quality education that will prepare them for college and their future roles in the workforce. Addressing the reported \$800 million backlog for repair and maintenance projects will allow DOE to better fulfill its mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

DAVID Y. IGE
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Date: 02/26/2019

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 308

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 1465, HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds to be used by the Department of Education for the repair and maintenance of public school buildings, grounds, and facilities in the State. (HB1465 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports HB 1465, HD1. The Hawaii Three R's program is an effective way to provide needed maintenance at our schools and foster community engagement with our families and business partners. Furthermore, the program reduces the draw on fiscal and human resources of the Office of School Facilities and Support Services.

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.



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RE: SUPPORT FOR HB 1465 – Relating to Public Schools

Dear Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair, and distinguished members of the Committee:

The Kaua`i Chamber of Commerce supports HB 1465.

Since it was formed in 2001, the 3Rs program has effectively helped the State of Hawai`i Department of Education provide needed maintenance to our schools. HB 1465 would appropriate \$5 million for the next two fiscal years to the Hawai`i 3Rs Improvement Fund.

Ensuring that our public-school facilities are modern and well-maintained fosters an environment where students can learn. This leads to a better trained, educated, and technologically skilled workforce. Ultimately, strengthening and increasing business competitiveness in the state.

Please call (808) 245-7363 if you have any questions. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MP".

Mark Perriello
President & CEO
Kaua`i Chamber of Commerce