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Date: 02/08/2019
Time: 02:55 PM
Location: 229
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 1071 RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE FACILITIES ON STATE LAND AT KA'OHAO PUBLIC CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOL.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for a capital improvement project to state facilities on state land at Ka'ohao public conversion charter school.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports SB 1071 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our Board of Education approved budget.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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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CHAIRPERSON

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STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
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FOR: SB 1071 RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE FACILITIES ON STATE LAND AT KA‘ŌHAO PUBLIC CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOL

DATE: February 8, 2019

TIME: 2:55 P.M.

COMMITTEE: Committee on Education

ROOM: Conference Room 229

FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB1071**. The Commission is grateful for the continued support of this committee and the Legislature for the public charter school movement.

As this committee is well-aware, facilities costs for charter schools are one of the greatest challenges for Hawaii’s chartering system. With all of the complications that surround facilities funding, the Commission is encouraged to see the Senate’s efforts in using multiple approaches, such as utilizing the capital improvement project process in this measure, in supporting charter school facility issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 2:55:02 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

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

Comments:

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 5:26:14 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim G Hanson	Testifying for Ka'ohao Public Charter School	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Kim G. Hanson, CPA, MBA

Board Treasurer/Secretary

Ka'ohao Public Charter School

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Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:59:54 PM

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Dayna Ajala	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dayna Ajala

Mommy of 4th grader at Kaohao Public Conversion Charter School

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Sincerely,

Charles Young

Father of Student and COO for naked Retreats

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Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:06:59 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

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Raina Amey	Individual	Support	No

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Sincerely,

Raina Amey

parent at Ka'Ā• hao PCS

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Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:13:22 PM

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ellen onken	Individual	Support	No

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Sincerely,

Ellen Onken

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:15:38 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM



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Sheyna Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Sheyna Lee

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:27:48 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:21:16 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laurentnassif	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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laurent nassif

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Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:27:51 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

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Lilinoe Sterling	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Lilinoe Sterling

Hawaiian Studies / Music Teacher at Kaohao School

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:47:27 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marissa Treskon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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For all the reasons above, I strongly urge you to support SB 1071 to help provide a safe eating and social location for the deserving students of Ka'Ā• hao Public Conversion Charter School.

Sincerely,

Marissa Treskon

Kailua resident

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 5:20:43 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Jergovic	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:32:43 PM

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Evelyn Kauhola	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Evelyn Kauhola

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 1:31:03 AM

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Shiori Nesler	Individual	Support	No

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jill mclean	Individual	Support	No

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jill McLean

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Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:31:48 PM

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Ali Ross	Individual	Support	No

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Sincerely,

Alexandria Ross

Ka'Ā• hao Parent

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Submitted on: 2/7/2019 11:48:01 PM

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Elizabeth Cody	Individual	Support	No

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cody

Kailua Community member and parent of 3 Ka'ohao students

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 2:18:58 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacy Dees	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Engineer and Program Manager at Spectrum Photonics

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 5:46:54 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Melichar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:10:03 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Gentile	Testifying for Ka'Ohao Elementary School	Support	No

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:15:21 AM

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Susanne Daner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Susanne Daner

Parent at Kaohao Charter School

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:19:18 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Farnham-Pao	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Judy K. Farnham-Pao

5th Grade ELA/SS Teacher

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:20:31 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keri Powlison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Keri Powlison

Mother of a 7 year-old KaOhao student

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:21:12 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
R. Raychel Elicker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:29:04 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
heather lawitzke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Heather Lawitzke

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:32:48 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annie Kay McDermott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Annie McDermott

Kaohao Parent

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 6:50:56 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Demars Canevari	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Suzanne Demars Canevari

Parent of Ka'Å• hao students

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 7:27:50 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM



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Parker Sawyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Parker Sawyer

STEM & Leaf Dept.

Ka'ohao School

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 7:47:35 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miharu Ishikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Miharu Ishikawa

Kindergarten Teacher at Ka'Å• hao Public Conversion Charter School

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 7:33:51 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruth Maiwela	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Ruth Maiwela

Parent of student enrolled at this school

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:14:39 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Balick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Nicole Balick

Parent of 2 girls at Kaohao School - ages 5 and 11

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:19:56 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support our students at Kaohao School who do not have an adequate cafeteria to safely eat their lunch or assembly area to celebrate their learning.

Currently, the school does not have any building on campus that can accommodate all 350 students. Despite original blueprint plans from 1962 that indicated a full size "cafetorium", the existing structure only has a seating capacity of 116 persons. That is only one third of our total population! Clearly, there needs to be a suitable physical space that is to standard elementary school specifications, just like any other public elementary school in the State of Hawai'i.

All school-wide assemblies are held outside and subject to weather. There have been many events that have been canceled or thwarted due to inclement weather. And even more urgent is the need to provide proper cover during our students' lunch period. Due to the capacity issue of the current cafeteria, only a fraction of the student body can eat indoors while the remainder of the students are subject to the harmful rays of the sun, as well as wind, dust, and rain. Our students deserve better!

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Sincerely,

Anna Moody

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:36:12 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Palmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

On behalf of Ka'Ā• hao Public Conversion Charter School, I am writing to respectfully urge you to support our students who do not have an adequate cafeteria to safely eat their lunch or assembly area to celebrate their learning. The word Ka'Ā• hao means joining together and it seems ironic that the school does not have a protected place to gather for the students or community.

Currently, the school does not have any building on campus that can accommodate all 350 students. Despite original blueprint plans from 1962 that indicated a full size "cafetorium", the existing structure only has a seating capacity of 116 persons. That is only one third of our total population! Clearly, there needs to be a suitable physical space that is to standard elementary school specifications, just like any other public elementary school in the State of Hawai'i.

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Sincerely,

Jamie Palmer

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:03:50 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua Madin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Dr. Joshua Madin

Associate Professor

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:04:51 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aga Westfal-Conboy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Aga Westffal-Conboy

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:21:49 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesko Onken	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Jesko Onken

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:11:37 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CYNTHIA L HUNTER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

On behalf of Ka'Ā• hao Public Conversion Charter School, I am writing to respectfully urge you to support our students who do not have an adequate cafeteria to safely eat their lunch or assembly area to celebrate their learning. I serve as a member of the Ka'Ā• hao School General Board.

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Mahalo,

Cynthia Hunter

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:12:28 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Lorraine Khan

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:12:44 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
crystal minnick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Crystal Minnick

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:23:30 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michelle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Michelle Hoover

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:29:43 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie E Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Campbell

Mother of 2 Ka'ohao students

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:37:37 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Espie Chapman	Testifying for Kaohao Charter Public School	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Espie Chapman

Parent Community Network Coordinator

Ka'eo Public Charter School

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 9:57:44 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Cody	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

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Sincerely,

Brandon Cody

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:02:25 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rev. Dr John H. Moody	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 7, 2019

TO: Hawai'i State Senate

FM: Rev. Dr. John H. Moody

RE: SB 1071

I am writing to urge your support of SB 1071 that provides funding for needed space for Ka'ohao Public Conversion Charter School in Kailua. The space is for large school learning programs, meals, public events and cover for our children from the sun and inclement weather.

Currently, the school does not have any building on campus that can accommodate its 350 students. In 1962 a full size "cafetorium" was planned for the campus. Had the structure been constructed, it would accommodate the current student population of approximately 350 individuals. The existing structure that serves as the "cafeteria" only has a seating capacity of 116 persons. In other words, only one third of the student body is able to be adequately protected and have adequate learning space at any one time.

Supporting SB 1071 will allow completion of a project that was originally identified as a high priority nearly 60 years ago. My children attended this school and now my granddaughter attends. The space was inadequate when my children were there, and it remains inadequate today. Approval of SB 1071 will provide facilities that are long overdue and badly needed.

President Obama recognized the school for its innovative and significantly important learning programs. The Ka'Å• hao has regularly received one of the highest ratings for the elementary schools in our State. Creating a campus at Ka'Å• hao Public Conversion Charter School that allows educational opportunities to further develop and flourish is

most important. Passing SB 1071 would provide support for the school to continue the great progress in learning that has been achieved to date.

I thank you for your consideration of this message and encourage your support in this legislative session.

Rev. Dr. John H. Moody

President Emeritus

Pacific Health Ministries

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:16:14 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darraghlynn Lee	Testifying for Kaohao Elementary School	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Darraghlynn Lee

Technology Teacher, Kaohao Elementary School

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:18:11 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex So	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Alex So

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:24:46 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirsten Julia Esibill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Kirsten Esibill

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:28:28 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JENNIFER MEDEIROS	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Medeiros

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:33:22 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Chung	Testifying for kaohao school	Support	No

Comments:

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Respectfully,

David Chung

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:39:47 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Darrow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Laura Darrow

MEd Elementary Education

Ka'Å• hao Librarian and Teacher

Parent of Children at Ka'Å• hao School

Concerned Citizen

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:42:01 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Holly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely, Holly Bacci

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:44:49 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Candice Gillett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

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We have just arrived on the island and our daughter has commenced her schooling at Kaohao. I was disappointed to see that there is insufficient cover for her to protect her from the outside elements. We should be protecting our children by providing them with the necessary shelter required for them.

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LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:46:57 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

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Steve Strawser	Individual	Support	No

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Sincerely,

Steve Strawser

Parent, Volunteer, 2014-2016 Ka'ohao School PTSA President

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:47:07 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wylie H Nash	Testifying for Ka'ohao School	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Wylie H. Nash

Parent

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 10:58:59 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christina Webb	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Christina Webb

Parent of Ka'ohao PCS student and Lanikai resident

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 11:10:56 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip A Whitesell	Testifying for Ka'ohao Elementary School	Support	No

Comments:

The Governing Board of Ka'ohao Elementary Charter School fully endorses the supportive testimony submitted by School Director Ed Noh. The Board anticipates that the greatly needed cafetorium will be the preeminent structure on campus and the heart of our flourishing school community.

Philip A. Whitesell, President, Ka'ohao School Governing Board

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 11:13:32 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jean riehl doyle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support funding for Kaohao’s cafeteria and needed renovations for the safety, health, and happiness of the kids. This school has been producing productive citizens and as a former teacher I am impressed with the staff and work ethic of Kaohao!

Jean Riehl Doyle

LATE

SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 11:14:19 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terese Bagley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Terese Bagley, mother of two at Ka'ohao School

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SB-1071

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 11:21:34 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Bagley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 11:22:46 AM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Lemes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Respectfully,

Amanda Lemes

6th Grade Teacher and Parent

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 12:09:35 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Hazzard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Troy, Michelle, Jaia, Shae, and Tarik Hazzard

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 12:47:25 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tasha Garcia Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Tasha Garcia Gibson

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 12:58:01 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandi Yamasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Brandi Yamasaki
Parent

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 1:49:58 PM

Testimony for EDU on 2/8/2019 2:55:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Dear Chair Kidani and members of the Committee on Education,

I have two children who attend Ka'ohao Public Conversion Charter School and I am writing to respectfully ask that you support SB 1071, which would give our kids a safe place to enjoy their lunch as well as a space where they can bond and grow their relationship in a unified environment.

Currently, there is no building that can accommodate all of the school's students. The cafeteria can hold only a third of the population, meaning a fraction of the students are able to eat indoors, while the remaining are left to eat outside and subject to wind, dust, and rain. All assemblies, as well as functions that include friends and families, are held outdoors. Often these events are cancelled due to weather. Imagine being in Kindergarten, and you have worked hard for weeks on a special performance that you are excited to share with your family, and then your performance is cancelled because of rain. This can be devastating to a five-year-old. And although we are fortunate to live in Hawaii, where we can often enjoy the beautiful weather, the sun and its harsh rays can also be a hinderance and distraction, especially for children.

Our keiki deserve to have a clean, dry place to eat and somewhere they can showcase their many talents and academic success without the fear of cancellation. They deserve the same facilities as other public schools across the state. I urge you to think about their sweet faces, and support SB 1071.

Thank you for your consideration.