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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020  
10:30 A.M.**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2725, HD1  
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

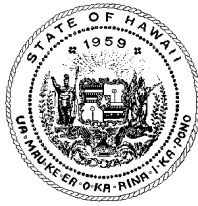
Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 2725, HD1. This bill appropriates funds for capital improvement projects of the Department of Agriculture. The Department supports this bill.

We respectfully request that CIP projects that were in the Executive Budget request be included in this bill. Items include funds for the development of the Kunia Agricultural Park, Kahuku Agricultural Park Improvements and Waimea Irrigation System Improvements. These projects will provide much needed repairs and upgrades to agricultural infrastructure and will facilitate an increase in local food production.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2725, HOUSE DRAFT 1,  
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

by  
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

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

Monday, May 11, 2020; 10:30 a.m.  
State Capitol Auditorium

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) respectfully requests the Senate Committee on Ways and Means' reconsideration of PSD's Supplemental FY 2021 CIP requests which were not authorized in House Draft (HD) 1 of House Bill (HB) 2725. None of PSD's Supplemental FY 2021 CIP requests were included in HB 2725, HD 1; however, the Department deems the following as high priority:

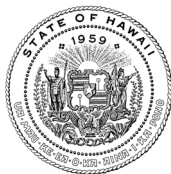
- \$30M to begin construction of the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) Consolidated Health Care Unit. This unit will replace dilapidated program structural areas that are currently separate and bring them together in a way that will greatly increase their effectiveness in providing much-needed mental health and suicide treatment services for inmates of the medium and high security facility.
- \$20M for professional services and support for the procurement and delivery of the new Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC). This will advance the urgently needed project towards the stage of issuance of a Request for Proposals.

- \$5M for planning funds for the Maui Regional Public Safety Complex.

These three projects will go a long way to assisting PSD's efforts to alleviate overcrowding and improve the conditions of confinement for offenders and the working environment of our staff, who are tasked to provide for the safety and security of all occupants of these facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2725, H.D. 1

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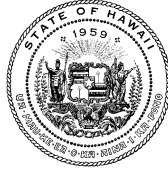
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Department of Budget and Finance supports the intent of House Bill (H.B.) No. 2725, H.D. 1, to appropriate additional funding for capital improvement program (CIP) projects to meet the needs of various State agencies.

H.B. No. 2725, H.D. 1, appropriates funds for supplemental CIP projects for FB 2019-21 by amending Act 40, SLH 2019, and other appropriations and authorizations effective during FB 2019-21.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020, 10:30 A.M.  
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H.B. 2725, HD1

RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 2725, HD1, to appropriate funds for supplemental capital improvement projects for Fiscal Biennium 2019–2021.

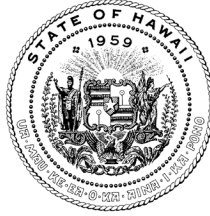
The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the Committee's favorable consideration of our request for \$17.0M for the State Finance System (Hawaii Modernization Initiative to modernize and replace all the State's financial management systems for Executive Branch departments).

We respectfully request for amendments to fund the following projects as included in H.B. 2725:

<p>AGS131</p>	<p>LUMP SUM HEALTH AND SAFETY, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES DIVISION, STATEWIDE</p> <p>This includes \$2.5 million for the on-going equipment upgrade for existing and new radio sites to ensure first responder connectivity with land mobile radios, and \$3.0 million for design and construction of the replacement critical microwave hub facility at Round Top for joint State, City and County of Honolulu and Federal use.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>6,000,000</p>
<p>AGS221</p>	<p>LUMP SUM STATE OFFICE BUILDING REMODELING, STATEWIDE</p> <p>This project includes renovation of the Keoni Ana building downtown for PSD relocation out of the AAFES building and the Waipahu Civic Center. Both renovations will help optimize the use of facilities to support programs that would otherwise need to lease private spaces.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>2,800,000</p>

DAGS appreciates your support of our request for resources for our capital improvement projects. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on  
WAYS AND MEANS

Monday, May 11, 2020  
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In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2725, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

House Bill 2725, House Draft 1 proposes to amend Act 40, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, and other appropriations and authorizations effective during Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 to appropriate supplemental capital improvements projects (CIP) for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure with amendments.**

The Department notes the following negative adjustments made by House Bill 2725, House Draft 1 to the Department's Executive Supplemental Budget:

Prgm ID	Project Title	FY21 Adjustment	MOF
LNR172	Septic System Improvements at Pua Loke Baseyard, Kauai	(220,000)	C
LNR172	DOFAW Oahu Baseyard Improvements, Oahu	(700,000)	C
LNR402	Lump Sum DOFAW Repairs, Maintenance, and Improvements, Statewide	(5,000,000)	C
LNR404	Deep Monitor Wells, Statewide	(500,000)	C
LNR806	Lump Sum State Park Improvements, Statewide	(3,600,000)	C

The Department respectfully requests that this measure be amended to restore all of the Department's Executive Supplemental Budget CIP requests.

The Department is appreciative of several projects added by House Bill 2725, House Draft 1, however, we have concerns of their impact on priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

The Department is fully aware that as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the State needs to be prepared for substantial economic and budgetary impacts. The Governor noted to the House Select Committee on COVID-19 Economic and Financial Preparedness that he wants to move ahead quickly with “shovel-ready” construction projects to boost the local building industry. The Department has identified the following projects that could fall into that category, should funding be provided.

Prgm ID	Project Title/Brief Description	Funding Rqmt	MOF
LNR101	Hawaii District Land Office, Hilo, Hawaii - Construction for renovation of existing building for new DLNR Hawaii District Land Office	3,000,000	C
LNR141	Upcountry Maui Well, Maui - Plans, design and construction for water well in Upcountry Maui.	250,000	C
LNR141	Ala Wai Canal Wall Improvements, Oahu - Construction to stabilize and/or reconstruct failing portions of wall supporting the Ala Wai Canal.	4,000,000	C
LNR153	Anuenue FRC Sewer Line, Oahu - Construction of new sewer line connecting two existing restrooms to the existing city sewer, including a stub-out for future restroom/shower building	250,000	C
LNR172	DOFAW Makiki Baseyard, Oahu - Construction for wastewater system improvements	800,000	C
LNR402	Kawainui Marsh Levee Improvements, Oahu - Construction for stabilization of flood control levee	3,500,000	C
LNR407	West Maui Predator Proof Snail Fence, Maui - Construction of predator proof fence to prevent snail populations from extinction	200,000	C
LNR407	Alakai Rare Plant Bog Fences, Kauai - Construction of fence to protect multiple endangered plant species	75,377	C
LNR407	Haleakala Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary Predator Proof Fence Units, Maui - Construction of predator proof fence to protect endangered seabirds	518,000	C
LNR407	Kau Forest Reserve Boundary Replacement, Hawaii - Replacement of vog-damaged fence for watershed and ecosystem protection across multiple fence units	400,000	C
LNR407	Puu Waawaa Forest Reserve Kileo Alternate Fence, Hawaii - Construction of fence to protect native ecosystems and watersheds	966,488	C
LNR407	Kau Forest Reserve Fence, Hawaii - Construction of fence to protect native ecosystems and watersheds	850,000	C
LNR407	Kanahena to Kanaloa Fence, Maui - Construction of fence to protect native coastal ecosystems	1,221,000	C
LNR407	Puu Waawaa Forest Reserve Zanthoxylum II Fence, Hawaii - Construction of fence to protect multiple endangered plant species	817,238	C
LNR407	Ahihi Kinau Natural Area Reserve Boundary Fence, Maui - Construction of fence to protect native dryland ecosystems	1,051,208	C
LNR407	Baseyard Fence Security, Maui - Construction of fence to prevent vandalism and theft around baseyard	90,000	C



Prgm ID	Project Title/Brief Description	Funding Rqmt	MOF
LNR801	Lahaina Boat Harbor Ferry Pier, Maui - Construction for a ferry pier and related improvements at the Lahaina Boat Harbor. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement.	2,300,000 1,900,000	C N
LNR801	Kahului SBH, Maui - Construction of comfort station	100,000	C
LNR801	Heeiea Kea SBH, Oahu - Construction of wastewater system improvements	2,000,000	C
LNR801	Nawiliwili SBH, Kauai - Construction of Pier 400 floating dock improvements	1,500,000	C
LNR801	Lahaina SBH, Maui - Construction of range light modifications	200,000	C
LNR806	Malaekahana SRA Kahuku Section Park Improvements - Phase 1, Oahu - Construction of park improvements including access road, parking, comfort station, pot washing stations with grease interceptors, satellite restroom and miscellaneous related work.	5,000,000	C
LNR806	Sand Island SRA, Phase 2 Sewer System Improvements, Oahu - Construction for replacements of sewer mains and laterals, installation of grinder pumps, relocation of pump station, and related work.	2,000,000	C
LNR806	Makena State Park, Phase 2 Park Improvements, Maui - Construction for two new comfort stations, one at each parking lot of the beach park, including parking lot improvements, site improvements and related work	2,000,000	C
LNR806	Iao Valley State Monument Park Improvements, Maui - Construction for park improvements including replacing the water and electrical lines, parking lot and walkways.	3,500,000	C
LNR806	Hulihe'e Palace SM Improvements, Hawaii - Construction for various improvements, including walls, lanais, rockwalls, seawall and grounds.	2,500,000	C
LNR806	Waianapanapa SP, Maui-Construction for new comfort station and wastewater system, ADA and parking improvements	2,000,000	C
LNR906	Kahoolawe Education and Operations Center, Kihei, Maui - Planning, design and construction for Phase I, including completion of planning for development of educational features and exhibits, completion of construction drawings and specifications, and construction of bio-secure nursery to generate and prepare planting materials to continue Kahoolawe restoration.	4,250,000	C

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
HEARING ON MAY 11, 2020 AT 10:30AM IN AUDITORIUM

IN SUPPORT OF

**HB 2725, HD1 – RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

May 8, 2020

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2725, HD1 which appropriates funds for supplemental capital improvement projects for fiscal biennium 2019-2021. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this measure which appropriates \$35.85 million in CIP funding. DHHL is appreciative of the proposed level of CIP funding in this version of the bill, and notes that any additional funding for shovel ready CIP projects could also be deployed.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission approved the “Sufficient Sums” budget request, which DHHL submitted to the Governor and the Legislature as detailed in our budget testimony that can be reviewed at: [https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2020/testimony/Info\\_Testimony\\_WAM-HWN\\_01-13-20\\_HHL.pdf](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2020/testimony/Info_Testimony_WAM-HWN_01-13-20_HHL.pdf). While DHHL’s obligation to make this request is clear, the budget included in the Governor’s Supplemental Budget request is an appropriate base line given our current staffing levels and funding.

We are most grateful for the support given by the Legislature to the Hawaiian homes program. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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Statement of  
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

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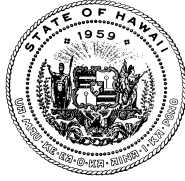
In consideration of  
**HB 2725, HD 1**  
**RELATING TO CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) respectfully offers comments on HB 2725, HD1, which appropriates funds for capital improvement projects.

We believe that additions to the capital improvement budget that includes shovel ready projects will provide a boost to Hawaii's economy given the impact of COVID-19.

During the COVID-19 crisis, distance learning, telemedicine and telework became more important than ever. Building infrastructure to increase broadband access to the islands is critically important for economic recovery, especially in the rural areas. We request the addition of \$10,000,000 to fund the broadband cable landing station. This will provide lasting benefits to our State in terms of broadband capacity to drive our new technology economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 2725 SD1 PROPOSED  
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: May 13, 2020  
Time: 10:30am

Room Number: Auditorium

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Sufficient appropriations are required to assure that health and the  
2 environment of all those in Hawaii is protected and enhanced, and in particular that emergency  
3 ambulance services are continued, the health of families and our kupuna remains a priority, our  
4 precious water resources are protected, that we are providing a comprehensive continuum of care  
5 for those in need of mental health and substance abuse treatment, and that we are optimizing  
6 opportunities for Federal fund match and reimbursement. HB 2725 SD1 PROPOSED provides  
7 \$3.545M for design and construction to close the Kalaupapa landfills and \$930K in additional  
8 capital improvement projects for improvements statewide for Fiscal Biennium 2019 – 2021. The  
9 Department of Health (DOH) would like to emphasize its support of the DOH appropriations  
10 included in the Governor’s Executive Supplemental Budget Request for FY21.
- 11 **Department Testimony:** The DOH supports the Governor’s Executive Budget Request for  
12 capital improvement requests with a modification for construction funding, as follows:

Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	ACT 40, SLH 2019		NEW REQUESTS		SUPPLEMENTAL TOTALS	
				FY 20	FY 21	FY 20	FY 21	FY 20	FY 21
HTH430	430201	HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OAHU	C	8,445,000	8,997,000			8,445,000	8,997,000
HTH710	710201	HAWAII STATE LABORATORIES IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C	4,422,000	6,227,000			4,422,000	6,227,000
HTH840	840201	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	C	2,487,000	2,487,000			2,487,000	2,487,000
HTH840	840201	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	N	12,431,000	12,431,000			12,431,000	12,431,000
HTH840	840202	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	C	2,221,000	2,221,000			2,221,000	2,221,000
HTH840	840202	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	N	11,107,000	11,107,000			11,107,000	11,107,000
HTH907	907201	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH AND SAFETY, STATEWIDE	C	1,945,000	14,414,000			1,945,000	14,414,000
HTH907	907203	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, STATEWIDE	C	1,647,000	-	-	-	1,647,000	-
HTH100	100211	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT, CLOSE LANDFILLS, MOLOKAI	C				7,090,000	-	7,090,000
HTH100	100212	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS, MOLOKAI	C				860,000	-	860,000
HTH907	907211	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C				1,930,000	-	1,930,000
<b>TOTAL - NEW REQUESTS</b>				<b>44,705,000</b>	<b>57,884,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,880,000</b>	<b>44,705,000</b>	<b>67,764,000</b>

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2 Please see Attachment A which is a copy of Table 4 (Operating Budget Requests) and Table 15  
3 (Capital Improvement Budget Requests) of the briefing materials as a summary of the DOH's  
4 requested budget appropriations broken down by Program ID.

5 The DOH wishes to highlight several capital improvement project priorities:

6 Capital Improvement Projects:

- 7 • In FY21, \$7,090,000 in construction funds is requested to close the second of two  
8 landfills at Kalaupapa - the C&D (Construction and Demolition) landfill (2.9 acres).  
9 Design is already funded and in progress. The DOH would like to utilize this funding for  
10 projects that are in the design phase with potential to move into construction quickly to  
11 provide economic benefits in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effect on the  
12 economy for the State. The table below lists projects that are ready to start the  
13 construction phase:

HTH Request to Substitute Shovel Ready Projects for Requested Construction Funding to Close Kalaupapa Landfills at Kalaupapa										
Dept.	Project Name	Description	Total Construction Cost for Project	Additional Construction Funding Needed	Priority	Shovel Readiness (note barriers)	Allotted	Encumbered	Project Length (shovels in ground to complete)	COMMENTS
HTH	WAIMANO RIDGE- HALE C, CONVERT FORMER DORMITORIES INTO OFFICE SPACE, DAGS JOB NO. 12-20-0706	Convert former Waimano dormitory to office space for DDD staff presently located in Diamond Head Health Center	\$8,207,000	\$1,000,000	1	Project in design. FY21 construction funding (\$7,207,000) will be appropriated in Item E-11. Barriers- issuance of bldg permits asap.	Y for design	Y for design	400 days	Project must go out to bid and permits must be issued. Approx 1 year until NTP.
HTH	CLUBHOUSE- NEW AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, DAGS JOB NO. 12-20-	Install new air conditioning system. Upgrade electrical service to accommodate equipment.	\$1,590,000	\$1,590,000	2	Project in design. No construction funding appropriated. Barriers- issuance of bldg permits asap.	Y for design	Y for design	180 days	Project must go out to bid and permits must be issued. Approx 1 year until NTP.
HTH	HALE KAUKA VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS, DAGS JOB NO. 12-20-2725	Convert former Waimano residence to office space for AMHD staff presently in leased space	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	3	Project in design. No construction funding appropriated. Barriers- issuance of bldg permits asap.	Y for design	Y for design	240 days	Project must go out to bid and permits must be issued. Approx 1 year until NTP.
HTH	BUILDING 9, CONVERT DORMITORY INTO OFFICE SPACES, DAGS JOB NO. 12-20-2726	Convert former Waimano dormitory to office space for FHSD staff presently located in Wilcox and Wilcox Annex Bldgs.	\$9,707,000	\$2,500,000	4	Project in design. FY21 construction funding (\$7,207,000) will be appropriated in Item E-11. Barriers- issuance of bldg permits asap.	Y for design	Y for design	400 days	Project must go out to bid and permits must be issued. Approx 1 year until NTP.
				\$7,090,000						

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The much smaller MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) landfill (1.5 acres) was successfully closed in October 2016 for \$1.6 million.

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- In FY21, \$860,000 in construction funds is requested to reroof the warehouse and care facility at Kalaupapa. These buildings must remain in operation until there are no longer patients at Kalaupapa. Design is already funded, and the project is ready to bid.

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- In FY21, \$1,930,000 is requested in design funds for fire alarm/electrical systems improvements at the four major Oahu Health Centers (Diamond Head, Lanakila, Leeward, Windward) and for sewer system improvements at Waimano Ridge.

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The DOH would also like to highlight several operating adjustment priorities by Administration:

Health Resources Administration:

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- The Family Health Services Division is requesting to change the Title X Family

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Planning Program from MOF: N to MOF: A for 3.00 positions and other current

1 expenses to continue to assist in the establishment and operations of voluntary family  
2 planning projects offering comprehensive family planning methods and services. (-3.00  
3 positions and -\$2.2M; MOF: N) (3.00 positions and \$1.6M; MOF: A)

- 4 • The Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch is requesting  
5 additional general funds to meet collective bargaining requirements and recurring  
6 personnel cost for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency  
7 medical service. (\$15.7M; MOF: A)

- 8 • The Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch is also  
9 requesting additional general funds to meet recurring other current expenses cost  
10 requirements for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency  
11 medical service. (\$3.9M; MOF: A)

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13 Environmental Health Administration:

- 14 • The Environmental Management Division is requesting an increase appropriation ceiling  
15 for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (Clean Water State Revolving  
16 Fund; CWSRF) to enable full utilization of loan funds for water pollution control  
17 infrastructure. The funding enables construction of water pollution control infrastructure  
18 to protect and abate pollution of ground and coastal water resources and to protect and  
19 promote public health and safety in the State of Hawaii. (\$50M; MOF: W)
- 20 • The Environmental Management Division is also requesting a one-year increase of \$5M  
21 in appropriation ceiling for the Deposit Beverage Container Special Fund. This non-  
22 recurring increase will enable transition of annual start date from July to August for

1           recycler contracts to avoid delays in payment. This will enable the DBC program to  
2           avoid a delay in invoice payments to the recycling companies. (\$5M; MOF: B)

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4   Behavioral Health Administration:

- 5           • The Adult Mental Health Division is requesting an increase in the appropriation ceiling  
6           for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund for implementation of services  
7           on a fee basis and for related improvements that expand short term-stabilization beds,  
8           mental health crisis diversion and related intensive case management services that were a  
9           needed component of the mental health system before the pandemic and will be even  
10          more vital as result of COVID-19. (\$45M; MOF: B)
- 11          • The Developmental Disabilities Division is requesting to extend and increase the  
12          expenditures ceiling for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Medicaid  
13          Waiver Administrative Claiming Special Fund per Act 165, SLH 2019. The expenditure  
14          ceiling in Act 165, SLH 2019 is set at \$900,000 for FY 2020. The request is to make this  
15          special fund recurring in Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division's  
16          (DOH-DDD) base budget beyond FY2020, and request to increase the expenditure  
17          ceiling from the current \$900,000 to \$2,500,000. This will allow the DOH-DDD to  
18          maximize the use of federal Medicaid administrative claiming to operate HCBS waiver  
19          for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and ensure  
20          compliance with all federal Medicaid requirements. In addition, the new expenditures  
21          ceiling includes the estimates of Special Fund Assessments Pursuant to Sections 36-27  
22          and 36-30, HRS. (\$2.5M; MOF: B)



1 General Administration:

2 • The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is requesting to add \$1.5M in general funds for  
3 the Kupuna Caregiver Program (KCGP). Act 126, SLH 2019 revised the KCGP benefit  
4 to qualified caregivers from \$70 per day to a maximum of \$210 per week. With the  
5 flexibility of a weekly allotment and the directive to serve additional caregivers  
6 statewide, EOA projects to serve an additional 95 new individuals for a total of 155  
7 caregivers/care recipients per year in FY20 and would like to continue in FY21 and  
8 beyond. (1.5M; MOF: A)

9 • The EOA is also requesting to extend the Executive Office on Aging Administrative  
10 Claiming Special Fund beyond FY 2020. Act 089, SLH 2019 established the Executive  
11 Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund. EOA is requesting to extend the  
12 funds beyond FY20 as it seeks to obtain Federal matching funds on administrative  
13 expenditures incurred by the ADRC that pertain to Medicaid administrative activities.  
14 (\$1.4M; MOF: B)

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



























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						FY 20			FY 21			FY 20			FY 21			FY 20			FY 21		
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<b>OTHER REQUESTS:</b>																							
GI		HTH 560/CW	GI-1	Change MOF from N-Title X Family Planning Program to A-General for 3.00 positions (#116875 Prg Spc VI, #23937 Sec II, #117164 Acnt III) and other current expenses.	N				(3.00)		(2,222,418)				(3.00)		(2,222,418)				(3.00)		(2,222,418)
GI		HTH 560/CW	GI-1	Change MOF from N-Title X Family Planning Program to A-General for 3.00 positions (#116875 Prg Spc VI, #23937 Sec II, #117164 Acnt III) and other current expenses.	A				3.00		1,621,081				3.00		1,621,081				3.00		1,621,081
FY		HTH 595/KM	FY-2	Housekeeping request for full year funding for OA III (#122188)	B						23,098						23,098						23,098
OR		HTH 730/MQ	OR-3	Add General Funds to meet collective bargaining requirements and recurring personnel cost for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency medical service.	A						15,776,780						15,776,780						15,776,780
OR		HTH 730/MQ	OR-4	Add General Funds to meet recurring other current expenses cost requirements for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency medical service.	A						3,997,494						3,997,494						3,997,494
OR		HTH 440/HT	OR-5	Trade-off funds within Treatment and Recovery Branch (HTH 440/HT) to add 1.00 permanent Program Specialist Substance Abuse (SA) IV.	A						(26,478)						(26,478)						(26,478)
OR		HTH 440/HT	OR-5	Trade-off funds within Treatment and Recovery Branch (HTH 440/HT) to add 1.00 permanent Program Specialist Substance Abuse (SA) IV.	A				1.00		26,478				1.00		26,478				1.00		26,478
OR		HTH 595/KM	OR-6	Add 3.00 positions (Public Health Educ V, Prg Spc IV, Investigator V) and funds for Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation.	B				3.00		188,492				2.00		93,428				3.00		135,793
OR		HTH 610/FN	OR-7	Add One (1.00) Office Assistant III and Funds for Hawaii District Health Office for Vector Control Clerical Support.	A				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120
OR		HTH 907/AL	OR-8	Establish 1.00 permanent Office Assistant III (#91301H) position for the Hawaii District Health Office (HDHO).	A				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120
OR		HTH 501/KB	OR-9	Extend and increase the expenditures ceiling for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Medicaid Waiver Administrative Claiming Special Fund per Act 165, SLH 2014	B				-		2,500,000						2,500,000						2,500,000



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OR		HTH 420/HN	OR-14	Convert temporary positions to permanent positions	A				2.00	(2.00)									2.00	(2.00)			
OR		HTH 460/HE	OR-15	Convert 1.50 positions from temporary to permanent in Oahu Services Branch.	A				1.50	(1.50)									1.50	(1.50)			
OR		HTH 460/HF	OR-16	Convert 6.00 positions from temporary to permanent in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Administration.	B				6.00	(6.00)									6.00	(6.00)			
OR		HTH 590/KK	OR-17	Convert a Planner V Position (#121378) from Temporary to Permanent	A				1.00	(1.00)									1.00	(1.00)			
OR		HTH 840/FF	OR-18	Change Two (2.00) Positions from Temporary to Permanent for Greenhouse Gas Program	B				2.00	(2.00)									2.00	(2.00)			
OR		HTH 760/MS	OR-19	Request Modular Workstations, Equipment, and Furniture for Workspace Improvement in the Office of Health Status Monitoring	A																406,000		
OR		HTH 440/HO	OR-20a	Transfer funds Out from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF for 2.00 positions.	A																(100,764)		
OR		HTH 440/HU	OR-20b	Transfer funds In from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF from federal to general, and convert from temporary to permanent for 2.00 positions #122749 and #122750.	P					(2.00)											(153,161)		
OR		HTH 440/HU	OR-20b	Transfer funds In from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF from federal to general, and convert from temporary to permanent for 2.00 positions #122749 and #122750.	A				2.00												100,764		
OR		HTH 440/HU	OR-20b	Transfer funds In from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF from federal to general, and convert from temporary to permanent for 2.00 positions #122749 and #122750.	P																(153,161)		
OR		HTH 720/MP	OR-21	Request additional funds to eliminate negative personal services adjustment	A																256,713		
OR		HTH 100/KJ	OR-22	Add funds to offset negative turnover savings budget line in Public Health Nursing Branch.	A																543,293		
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	N				(3.00)												(317,261)		
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	N																317,261		
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	A				3.00												198,288		
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	A																(198,288)		
OR		HTH 590/GR	OR-24	Establish a Permanent 1.00 FTE Secretary II in the Primary Prevention Branch.	A				1.00												19,110		
OR		HTH 560/KC	OR-25	Request to convert from temp to perm and increase FTE from .50 to 1.00 for Office Asst III (#120452)	A				1.00	(0.50)											15,120		







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<b>SUBTOTAL OTHER REQUESTS:</b>						-	-	-	36.50	(21.00)	83,125,580	-	-	-	25.00	(19.50)	81,133,713	-	-	-	26.50	(19.50)	91,176,078

<b>Request Category Legend:</b>	
GI	Governor's Initiatives
HS	Health, Safety, Court Mandate
FY	Full Year Funding for New
SY	Second Year Funding
OR	Other Requests

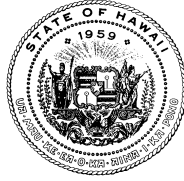
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	General	A	-	-	-	37.00	(6.50)	26,461,810	-	-	-	20.50	(10.50)	23,533,422	-	-	-	22.00	(8.50)	23,533,422	
	Special	B	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	9,842,409	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	9,816,526	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	19,858,891	
	Federal Funds	N	-	-	-	(10.50)	(2.50)	(2,956,856)	-	-	-	(5.50)	(0.50)	(2,222,418)	-	-	-	(5.50)	(0.50)	(2,222,418)	
	Other Federal Funds	P	-	-	-	(1.00)	(5.00)	(401,898)	-	-	-	(1.00)	(1.50)	(173,933)	-	-	-	(1.00)	(3.50)	(173,933)	
	Private	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	County	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Trust	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Inter-departmental Transfer	U	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	
	Revolving	W	-	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	
	Other	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		<b>By MOF</b>																			
	General	A	-	-	-	37.00	(6.50)	26,461,810	-	-	-	20.50	(10.50)	23,533,422	-	-	-	22.00	(8.50)	23,533,422	
	Special	B	-	-	-	10.00	(7.52)	9,842,409	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	9,816,526	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	19,858,891	
	Federal Funds	N	-	-	-	(14.25)	(2.55)	(1,750,289)	-	-	-	(9.25)	(1.50)	(1,015,850)	-	-	-	(9.25)	(1.50)	(1,015,850)	
	Other Federal Funds	P	-	-	-	(6.25)	(7.76)	(4,721,731)	-	-	-	(6.25)	(5.50)	(4,493,776)	-	-	-	(6.25)	(7.50)	(4,493,776)	
	Private	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	County	S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Trust	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Inter-departmental Transfer	U	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	
	Revolving	W	-	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	50,000,000	
	Other	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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<b>GRAND TOTAL = BASE + TRO/TRNF &amp; CONV UNBGT PSN + ALLOW NON-DISCR + FED ADJ + OTHER REQ</b>						2,762.47	486.75	1,138,316,684	2,919.97	455.54	1,141,363,625	2,762.47	486.75	1,138,316,684	2,908.47	452.75	1,139,371,748	2,762.47	486.75	1,138,316,684	2,909.97	452.75	1,149,414,123
<b>By MOF</b>																							
	General	A				2,279.26	249.50	518,498,292	2,446.26	243.00	534,889,962	2,279.26	249.50	518,498,292	2,429.76	239.00	531,961,574	2,279.26	249.50	518,498,292	2,431.26	241.00	531,961,574
	Special	B				144.50	26.00	205,083,404	154.50	18.48	215,487,769	144.50	26.00	205,083,404	154.50	18.00	215,461,886	144.50	26.00	205,083,404	154.50	18.00	225,504,251
	Federal Funds	N				198.76	82.90	131,624,385	184.51	80.35	82,372,455	198.76	82.90	131,624,385	189.51	81.40	83,106,894	198.76	82.90	131,624,385	189.51	81.40	83,106,894
	Other Federal Funds	P				81.95	125.35	66,428,008	75.70	108.09	41,746,950	81.95	125.35	66,428,008	75.70	110.35	41,974,905	81.95	125.35	66,428,008	75.70	108.35	41,974,915
	Private	R				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	County	S				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Trust	T				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inter-departmental Transfer	U				10.00	3.00	5,025,426	11.00	4.00	5,209,320	10.00	3.00	5,025,426	11.00	4.00	5,209,320	10.00	3.00	5,025,426	11.00	4.00	5,209,320
	Revolving	W				48.00	-	211,657,169	48.00	1.62	261,657,169	48.00	-	211,657,169	48.00	-	261,657,169	48.00	-	211,657,169	48.00	-	261,657,169
	Other	X				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Department of Health  
Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Requests

Table 15

<u>Prog ID</u>	<u>Prog ID</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Dept- Wide</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Senate</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Rep.</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>MOF</u>	<u>FY20 \$\$\$</u>	<u>FY21 \$\$\$</u>
HTH430	1	1	24	49	HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OAHU	C		8,997,000
HTH710	1	2	17	35	HAWAII STATE LABORATORIES IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C		6,227,000
HTH840	1	3	0	0	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	C		2,487,000
HTH840	1	3	0	0	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	N		12,431,000
HTH840	2	4	0	0	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	C		2,221,000
HTH840	2	4	0	0	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	N		11,107,000
HTH907	1	5	0	0	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH AND SAFETY, STATEWIDE	C		14,414,000
HTH100	1	6	7	13	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT, CLOSE LANDFILLS, MOLOKAI	C		\$ 7,090,000
HTH100	2	7	7	13	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT, IMPROVEMENTS, MOLOKAI	C		\$ 860,000
HTH907	2	8	0	0	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH AND SAFETY, STATEWIDE	C		\$ 1,930,000



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 2725 SD1 PROPOSED  
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: May 11, 2020  
Time: 10:30am

Room Number: Auditorium

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Sufficient appropriations are required to assure that health and the  
2 environment of all those in Hawaii is protected and enhanced, and in particular that emergency  
3 ambulance services are continued, the health of families and our kupuna remains a priority, our  
4 precious water resources are protected, that we are providing a comprehensive continuum of care  
5 for those in need of mental health and substance abuse treatment, and that we are optimizing  
6 opportunities for Federal fund match and reimbursement. HB 2725 SD1 PROPOSED provides  
7 \$3.545M for design and construction to close the Kalaupapa landfills and \$930K in additional  
8 capital improvement projects for improvements statewide for Fiscal Biennium 2019 – 2021. The  
9 Department of Health (DOH) would like to emphasize its support of the DOH appropriations  
10 included in the Governor’s Executive Supplemental Budget Request for FY21.

11 **Department Testimony:** The DOH supports the Governor’s Executive Budget Request for  
12 capital improvement requests, as follows:

Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	ACT 40, SLH 2019		NEW REQUESTS		SUPPLEMENTAL TOTALS	
				FY 20	FY 21	FY 20	FY 21	FY 20	FY 21
HTH430	430201	HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OAHU	C	8,445,000	8,997,000			8,445,000	8,997,000
HTH710	710201	HAWAII STATE LABORATORIES IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C	4,422,000	6,227,000			4,422,000	6,227,000
HTH840	840201	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	C	2,487,000	2,487,000			2,487,000	2,487,000
HTH840	840201	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	N	12,431,000	12,431,000			12,431,000	12,431,000
HTH840	840202	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	C	2,221,000	2,221,000			2,221,000	2,221,000
HTH840	840202	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	N	11,107,000	11,107,000			11,107,000	11,107,000
HTH907	907201	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH AND SAFETY, STATEWIDE	C	1,945,000	14,414,000			1,945,000	14,414,000
HTH907	907203	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, STATEWIDE	C	1,647,000	-	-	-	1,647,000	-
HTH100	100211	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT, CLOSE LANDFILLS, MOLOKAI	C				7,090,000	-	7,090,000
HTH100	100212	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS, MOLOKAI	C				860,000	-	860,000
HTH907	907211	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C				1,930,000	-	1,930,000
<b>TOTAL - NEW REQUESTS</b>				<b>44,705,000</b>	<b>57,884,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,880,000</b>	<b>44,705,000</b>	<b>67,764,000</b>

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2 Please see Attachment A which is a copy of Table 4 (Operating Budget Requests) and Table 15  
 3 (Capital Improvement Budget Requests) of the briefing materials as a summary of the DOH's  
 4 requested budget appropriations broken down by Program ID.

5 The DOH wishes to highlight several capital improvement project priorities:

6 Capital Improvement Projects:

- 7 • In FY21, \$7,090,000 in construction funds is requested to close the second of two  
 8 landfills at Kalaupapa - the C&D (Construction and Demolition) landfill (2.9 acres).  
 9 Design is already funded and in progress. The DOH Hansen's Disease Branch entered  
 10 into a Consent Agreement with the DOH Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch in 2002,  
 11 agreeing to close the landfills at Kalaupapa, and the National Park Service will not  
 12 assume the management of the settlement unless the landfills are closed. The much  
 13 smaller MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) landfill (1.5 acres) was successfully closed in  
 14 October 2016 for \$1.6 million.

- 1       • In FY21, \$860,000 in construction funds is requested to reroof the warehouse and care  
2       facility at Kalaupapa. These buildings must remain in operation until there are no longer  
3       patients at Kalaupapa. Design is already funded, and the project is ready to bid.
- 4       • In FY21, \$1,930,000 is requested in design funds for fire alarm/electrical systems  
5       improvements at the four major Oahu Health Centers (Diamond Head, Lanakila,  
6       Leeward, Windward) and for sewer system improvements at Waimano Ridge.

7       The DOH would also like to highlight several operating adjustment priorities by Administration:

8       Health Resources Administration:

- 9       • The Family Health Services Division is requesting to change the Title X Family  
10      Planning Program from MOF: N to MOF: A for 3.00 positions and other current  
11      expenses to continue to assist in the establishment and operations of voluntary family  
12      planning projects offering comprehensive family planning methods and services. (-3.00  
13      positions and -\$2.2M; MOF: N) (3.00 positions and \$1.6M; MOF: A)
- 14      • The Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch is requesting  
15      additional general funds to meet collective bargaining requirements and recurring  
16      personnel cost for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency  
17      medical service. (\$15.7M; MOF: A)
- 18      • The Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch is also  
19      requesting additional general funds to meet recurring other current expenses cost  
20      requirements for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency  
21      medical service. (\$3.9M; MOF: A)

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1 Environmental Health Administration:

- 2 • The Environmental Management Division is requesting an increase appropriation ceiling  
3 for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (Clean Water State Revolving  
4 Fund; CWSRF) to enable full utilization of loan funds for water pollution control  
5 infrastructure. The funding enables construction of water pollution control infrastructure  
6 to protect and abate pollution of ground and coastal water resources and to protect and  
7 promote public health and safety in the State of Hawaii. (\$50M; MOF: W)
- 8 • The Environmental Management Division is also requesting a one-year increase of \$5M  
9 in appropriation ceiling for the Deposit Beverage Container Special Fund. This non-  
10 recurring increase will enable transition of annual start date from July to August for  
11 recycler contracts to avoid delays in payment. This will enable the DBC program to  
12 avoid a delay in invoice payments to the recycling companies. (\$5M; MOF: B)

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14 Behavioral Health Administration:

- 15 • The Adult Mental Health Division is requesting an increase in the appropriation ceiling  
16 for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund for implementation of services  
17 on a fee basis and for related improvements that expand short term-stabilization beds,  
18 mental health crisis diversion and related intensive case management services that were a  
19 needed component of the mental health system before the pandemic and will be even  
20 more vital as result of COVID-19. (\$45M; MOF: B)
- 21 • The Developmental Disabilities Division is requesting to extend and increase the  
22 expenditures ceiling for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Medicaid

1 Waiver Administrative Claiming Special Fund per Act 165, SLH 2019. The expenditure  
2 ceiling in Act 165, SLH 2019 is set at \$900,000 for FY 2020. The request is to make this  
3 special fund recurring in Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division's  
4 (DOH-DDD) base budget beyond FY2020, and request to increase the expenditure  
5 ceiling from the current \$900,000 to \$2,500,000. This will allow the DOH-DDD to  
6 maximize the use of federal Medicaid administrative claiming to operate HCBS waiver  
7 for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and ensure  
8 compliance with all federal Medicaid requirements. In addition, the new expenditures  
9 ceiling includes the estimates of Special Fund Assessments Pursuant to Sections 36-27  
10 and 36-30, HRS. (\$2.5M; MOF: B)

11 General Administration:

- 12 • The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is requesting to add \$1.5M in general funds for  
13 the Kupuna Caregiver Program (KCGP). Act 126, SLH 2019 revised the KCGP benefit  
14 to qualified caregivers from \$70 per day to a maximum of \$210 per week. With the  
15 flexibility of a weekly allotment and the directive to serve additional caregivers  
16 statewide, EOA projects to serve an additional 95 new individuals for a total of 155  
17 caregivers/care recipients per year in FY20 and would like to continue in FY21 and  
18 beyond. (1.5M; MOF: A)
- 19 • The EOA is also requesting to extend the Executive Office on Aging Administrative  
20 Claiming Special Fund beyond FY 2020. Act 089, SLH 2019 established the Executive  
21 Office on Aging Administrative Claiming Special Fund. EOA is requesting to extend the  
22 funds beyond FY20 as it seeks to obtain Federal matching funds on administrative

1 expenditures incurred by the ADRC that pertain to Medicaid administrative activities.

2 (\$1.4M; MOF: B)

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





















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<b>FEDERAL FUND ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS:</b>																										
FA		HTH 100/DI	FA-1	Request for 1 temporary federally funded Epidemiological Specialist IV position	N					1.00		84,730					1.00		84,730					1.00		84,730
FA		HTH 100/DI	FA-1	Request for 1 temporary federally funded Epidemiological Specialist IV position	N							(84,730)							(84,730)							(84,730)
FA		HTH 100/DI	FA-2	Housekeeping to correct an error in Act 5, SLH 2019.	P							765,891							765,891							765,891
FA		HTH 131/DJ	FA-3	Housekeeping to delete position that was abolished due to federal defunding and to realign budget.	P						(1.00)	(832,867)					(1.00)		(832,867)					(1.00)		(832,867)
FA		HTH 131/DC	FA-4	Housekeeping to delete positions that that were abolished due to federal defunding.	N					(1.00)	(1.00)	(105,734)					(1.00)	(1.00)	(105,734)					(1.00)	(1.00)	(105,734)
FA		HTH 131/DC	FA-4	Housekeeping to delete positions that that were abolished due to federal defunding.	P							(66,594)							(66,594)							(66,594)
FA		HTH 460/HO	FA-5	Housekeeping request to trade-off/transfer funds within Other Services, Including POS and GIA (HTH 460/HO) to delete negative Personal Services Adjustment in Personal Services.	N							(15,192)							(15,192)							(15,192)
FA		HTH 460/HO	FA-5	Housekeeping request to trade-off/transfer funds within Other Services, Including POS and GIA (HTH 460/HO) to delete negative Personal Services Adjustment in Personal Services.	N							15,192							15,192							15,192
FA		HTH 560/CC	FA-6	Fold into the budget non-appropriated grant titled Newborn Screening State Evaluation Program (NSSEP) with project period 9/1/19 - 8/31/21.	P						0.50	150,000					0.50		150,000					0.50		150,000
FA		HTH 560/KC	FA-7	Housekeeping request to increase other federal fund ceiling to align with anticipated federal awards.	P							431,000							431,000							431,000
FA		HTH 560/CW	FA-8	Housekeeping to delete the Disparities in Perinatal Health-Border Initiatives (Malama Grant) from BJ2 tables.	P							(743,398)							(743,398)							(743,398)
FA		HTH 560/KC	FA-9	Change MOF from P (PHHS Block Grant) to N (MCHS Block Grant) for position #120339 Epidemiologist II.	N					1.00		121,053					1.00		121,053					1.00		121,053
FA		HTH 560/KC	FA-9	Change MOF from P (PHHS Block Grant) to N (MCHS Block Grant) for position #120339 Epidemiologist II.	N							(121,053)							(121,053)							(121,053)
FA		HTH 560/KC	FA-9	Change MOF from P (PHHS Block Grant) to N (MCHS Block Grant) for position #120339 Epidemiologist II.	P					(1.00)		(121,053)					(1.00)		(121,053)					(1.00)		(121,053)
FA		HTH 560/KC	FA-9	Change MOF from P (PHHS Block Grant) to N (MCHS Block Grant) for position #120339 Epidemiologist II.	P							121,053							121,053							121,053
FA		HTH 560/CT	FA-10	Housekeeping to correct error in Act 5, SLH2019, Legislative Budget Worksheets, SEQ #3000-001, which duplicates SEQ #81-001.	P						5.00	55,949					5.00		55,949					5.00		55,949
FA		HTH 560/CT	FA-10	Housekeeping to correct error in Act 5, SLH2019, Legislative Budget Worksheets, SEQ #3000-001, which duplicates SEQ #81-001.	P					(5.00)		(55,949)					(5.00)		(55,949)					(5.00)		(55,949)
FA		HTH 560/CZ	FA-11	Housekeeping to correct error in Act 5, SLH2019, Legislative Budget Worksheets, SEQ #6-002.	P							1,020,344							1,020,344							1,020,344
FA		HTH 560/GI	FA-12	Request to abolish 3.00 positions (#24756 WIC Nutrition Asst, #36355 WIC Nutrition Aid, #36363 WIC Nutrition Aid) and realign budget.	N					(3.00)		(162,643)					(3.00)		(162,643)					(3.00)		(162,643)
FA		HTH 560/CT	FA-13	Adjust ceiling for other federal funds.	P							(3,000,000)							(3,000,000)							(3,000,000)
FA		HTH 560/GI	FA-14	Housekeeping request to increase federal fund ceiling to align with anticipated federal awards.	N							1,400,000							1,400,000							1,400,000
FA		HTH 560/KC	FA-15	Housekeeping request to offset negative line item in budget details.	P							(56,180)							(56,180)							(56,180)
FA		HTH 560/KC	FA-15	Housekeeping request to offset negative line item in budget details.	P							56,180							56,180							56,180
FA		HTH 560/CC	FA-16	Housekeeping request to offset negative line item in budget details.	P							(696)							(696)							(696)
FA		HTH 560/CC	FA-16	Housekeeping request to offset negative line item in budget details.	P							696							696							696





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<b>OTHER REQUESTS:</b>																							
GI		HTH 560/CW	GI-1	Change MOF from N-Title X Family Planning Program to A-General for 3.00 positions (#116875 Prg Spc VI, #23937 Sec II, #117164 Acnt III) and other current expenses.	N				(3.00)		(2,222,418)				(3.00)		(2,222,418)				(3.00)		(2,222,418)
GI		HTH 560/CW	GI-1	Change MOF from N-Title X Family Planning Program to A-General for 3.00 positions (#116875 Prg Spc VI, #23937 Sec II, #117164 Acnt III) and other current expenses.	A				3.00		1,621,081				3.00		1,621,081				3.00		1,621,081
FY		HTH 595/KM	FY-2	Housekeeping request for full year funding for OA III (#122188)	B						23,098						23,098						23,098
OR		HTH 730/MQ	OR-3	Add General Funds to meet collective bargaining requirements and recurring personnel cost for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency medical service.	A						15,776,780						15,776,780						15,776,780
OR		HTH 730/MQ	OR-4	Add General Funds to meet recurring other current expenses cost requirements for the service providers contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency medical service.	A						3,997,494						3,997,494						3,997,494
OR		HTH 440/HT	OR-5	Trade-off funds within Treatment and Recovery Branch (HTH 440/HT) to add 1.00 permanent Program Specialist Substance Abuse (SA) IV.	A						(26,478)						(26,478)						(26,478)
OR		HTH 440/HT	OR-5	Trade-off funds within Treatment and Recovery Branch (HTH 440/HT) to add 1.00 permanent Program Specialist Substance Abuse (SA) IV.	A				1.00		26,478				1.00		26,478				1.00		26,478
OR		HTH 595/KM	OR-6	Add 3.00 positions (Public Health Educ V, Prg Spc IV, Investigator V) and funds for Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation.	B				3.00		188,492				2.00		93,428				3.00		135,793
OR		HTH 610/FN	OR-7	Add One (1.00) Office Assistant III and Funds for Hawaii District Health Office for Vector Control Clerical Support.	A				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120
OR		HTH 907/AL	OR-8	Establish 1.00 permanent Office Assistant III (#91301H) position for the Hawaii District Health Office (HDHO).	A				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120				1.00		15,120
OR		HTH 501/KB	OR-9	Extend and increase the expenditures ceiling for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Medicaid Waiver Administrative Claiming Special Fund per Act 165, SLH 2014	B				-		2,500,000						2,500,000						2,500,000





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OR		HTH 420/HN	OR-14	Convert temporary positions to permanent positions	A				2.00	(2.00)									2.00	(2.00)			
OR		HTH 460/HE	OR-15	Convert 1.50 positions from temporary to permanent in Oahu Services Branch.	A				1.50	(1.50)									1.50	(1.50)			
OR		HTH 460/HF	OR-16	Convert 6.00 positions from temporary to permanent in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Administration.	B				6.00	(6.00)									6.00	(6.00)			
OR		HTH 590/KK	OR-17	Convert a Planner V Position (#121378) from Temporary to Permanent	A				1.00	(1.00)									1.00	(1.00)			
OR		HTH 840/FF	OR-18	Change Two (2.00) Positions from Temporary to Permanent for Greenhouse Gas Program	B				2.00	(2.00)									2.00	(2.00)			
OR		HTH 760/MS	OR-19	Request Modular Workstations, Equipment, and Furniture for Workspace Improvement in the Office of Health Status Monitoring	A																380,000		
OR		HTH 440/HO	OR-20a	Transfer funds Out from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF for 2.00 positions.	A																(100,764)		
OR		HTH 440/HU	OR-20b	Transfer funds In from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF from federal to general, and convert from temporary to permanent for 2.00 positions #122749 and #122750.	P					(2.00)	(153,161)										(2.00)	(153,161)	
OR		HTH 440/HU	OR-20b	Transfer funds In from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF from federal to general, and convert from temporary to permanent for 2.00 positions #122749 and #122750.	A				2.00		100,764										2.00	100,764	
OR		HTH 440/HU	OR-20b	Transfer funds In from Other Services Including POS & GIA (HTH 440/HO) to Prevention Branch (HTH 440/HU) for change of MOF from federal to general, and convert from temporary to permanent for 2.00 positions #122749 and #122750.	P						153,161											153,161	
OR		HTH 720/MP	OR-21	Request additional funds to eliminate negative personal services adjustment	A						256,713											-	
OR		HTH 100/KJ	OR-22	Add funds to offset negative turnover savings budget line in Public Health Nursing Branch.	A						543,293											-	
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	N				(3.00)		(317,261)				(3.00)		(317,261)			(3.00)		(317,261)	
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	N						317,261					317,261						317,261	
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	A				3.00		198,288				3.00		198,288			3.00		198,288	
OR		HTH 560/CG	OR-23	Change MOF from N-IDEA Part-C to A-General for 3.00 EIS positions (#51095 Clinical Psychologist VI, #51080-Occupational Therapist IV, #50741-Speech-Language Pathologist)	A						(198,288)					(198,288)						(198,288)	
OR		HTH 590/GR	OR-24	Establish a Permanent 1.00 FTE Secretary II in the Primary Prevention Branch.	A				1.00		19,110				-		-			-		-	
OR		HTH 560/KC	OR-25	Request to convert from temp to perm and increase FTE from .50 to 1.00 for Office Asst III (#120452)	A				1.00	(0.50)	15,120				0.50	(0.50)	-			0.50	(0.50)	-	

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OR		HTH 560/KC	OR-26	Add General Funds for 1.00 perm Prg Spc V and other current expenses to reestablish the mandated State Oral Health Program (HRS §321-61 through 63).	A				1.00		179,808				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 560/CC	OR-27	Change MOF from B-Birth Defects Special Fund to A-General for 1.00 position #117966 HI Birth Defects Prog Coord	A				1.00		71,363				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 560/CC	OR-27	Change MOF from B-Birth Defects Special Fund to A-General for 1.00 position #117966 HI Birth Defects Prog Coord	B				(1.00)		(114,181)				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 100/DD	OR-28	Upgrade of TB X-ray System	A												188,559						188,559
OR		HTH 590/GP	OR-29	Establish a Program Specialist V and Research Statistician IV in the Chronic Disease Management Branch.	A				2.00		56,286				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 560/CC	OR-30	Add 1.00 position (Environmental Health Spec IV) for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.	A				1.00		26,478				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 131/DJ	OR-31	Change MOF from P to A for two 1.00 FTE positions (#94611H NDS Info Coord (#123055, IT-B), #120794 IT-B), currently funded by the ELC Coop Agmt.	P						(2.00)	(227,965)				-		-			-		-
OR		HTH 131/DJ	OR-31	Change MOF from P to A for two 1.00 FTE positions (#94611H NDS Info Coord (#123055, IT-B), #120794 IT-B), currently funded by the ELC Coop Agmt.	A						2.00	142,407				-		-			-		-
OR		HTH 131/DA	OR-32	Change MOF from P to A for one 1.00 FTE position (#122426 IT-B), currently funded by the PHEP Coop Agmt.	N					(1.00)	(93,293)				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 131/DA	OR-32	Change MOF from P to A for one 1.00 FTE position (#122426 IT-B), currently funded by the PHEP Coop Agmt.	A						1.00	58,308				-		-			-		-
OR		HTH 131/DC	OR-33	Change MOF from N to A for five 1.00 FTE positions (#199497 PH Prg Mgr, #110099 Sec II, #121242 Prg Spc V, #112879 Epi Spc V, #121252 Prg Spc V), currently funded by the IMZ Coop Agmt.	N					(5.00)	(581,530)				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 131/DC	OR-33	Change MOF from N to A for five 1.00 FTE positions (#199497 PH Prg Mgr, #110099 Sec II, #121242 Prg Spc V, #112879 Epi Spc V, #121252 Prg Spc V), currently funded by the IMZ Coop Agmt.	A					5.00	363,456				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 590/GR	OR-34	Change Means of Financing for a Public Health Educator and Program Specialist V in the Primary Prevention Branch	P				(1.00)	(1.00)	(173,933)				(1.00)	(1.00)	(173,933)				(1.00)	(1.00)	(173,933)
OR		HTH 590/GR	OR-34	Change Means of Financing for a Public Health Educator and Program Specialist V in the Primary Prevention Branch	U				1.00	1.00	180,116				1.00	1.00	180,116				1.00	1.00	180,116
OR		HTH 100/DI	OR-35a	Housekeeping to transfer from HTH 100/DI to HTH 595/KM funds for collective bargaining for positions funded by the medical cannabis special funds	B							(13,343)											
OR		HTH 595/KM	OR-35b	Housekeeping to transfer from HTH 100/DI to HTH 595/KM funds for collective bargaining for positions funded by the medical cannabis special funds	B							13,343											
OR		HTH 720/MP	OR-36	Housekeeping request to increase and adjust Special Fund ceilings	B							286,000					271,000						271,000
OR		HTH 720/MP	OR-37	Establish 1.00 FTE permanent Account Clerk III to fulfill accounting and inventory management duties.	B							(27,216)											
OR		HTH 720/MP	OR-37	Establish 1.00 FTE permanent Account Clerk III to fulfill accounting and inventory management duties.	B				1.00		27,216				-		-				-		-
OR		HTH 590/GP	OR-38a	Request to Transfer In Current Ceiling and Increase Ceiling Amount for the Hawaii Organ and Tissue Education Special Fund	B							(30,000)					(30,000)						(30,000)
OR		HTH 590/KK	OR-38b	Request to Transfer In Current Ceiling and Increase Ceiling Amount for the Hawaii Organ and Tissue Education Special Fund	B							150,000					120,000						120,000
OR		HTH 595/KM	OR-39	Increase ceiling for the Medical Cannabis Special Fund.	B							396,000					396,000						396,000



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<b>SUBTOTAL OTHER REQUESTS:</b>						-	-	-	36.50	(21.00)	83,125,580	-	-	-	25.00	(19.50)	81,133,713	-	-	-	26.50	(19.50)	91,176,078

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SY	Second Year Funding
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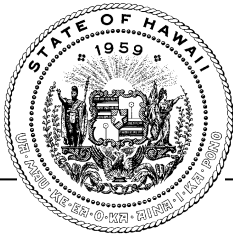
		<b>By MOF</b>																			
	General	A	-	-	-	37.00	(6.50)	26,461,810	-	-	-	20.50	(10.50)	23,533,422	-	-	-	22.00	(8.50)	23,533,422	
	Special	B	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	9,842,409	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	9,816,526	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	19,858,891	
	Federal Funds	N	-	-	-	(10.50)	(2.50)	(2,956,856)	-	-	-	(5.50)	(0.50)	(2,222,418)	-	-	-	(5.50)	(0.50)	(2,222,418)	
	Other Federal Funds	P	-	-	-	(1.00)	(5.00)	(401,898)	-	-	-	(1.00)	(1.50)	(173,933)	-	-	-	(1.00)	(3.50)	(173,933)	
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	Inter-departmental Transfer	U	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	
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		<b>By MOF</b>																			
	General	A	-	-	-	37.00	(6.50)	26,461,810	-	-	-	20.50	(10.50)	23,533,422	-	-	-	22.00	(8.50)	23,533,422	
	Special	B	-	-	-	10.00	(7.52)	9,842,409	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	9,816,526	-	-	-	10.00	(8.00)	19,858,891	
	Federal Funds	N	-	-	-	(14.25)	(2.55)	(1,750,289)	-	-	-	(9.25)	(1.50)	(1,015,850)	-	-	-	(9.25)	(1.50)	(1,015,850)	
	Other Federal Funds	P	-	-	-	(6.25)	(7.76)	(4,721,731)	-	-	-	(6.25)	(5.50)	(4,493,776)	-	-	-	(6.25)	(7.50)	(4,493,776)	
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	Inter-departmental Transfer	U	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	180,116	
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Req Cat	B&F Code	Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	Initial Department Request						B&F Recommendation						Governor's Decision					
						FY 20			FY 21			FY 20			FY 21			FY 20			FY 21		
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<b>GRAND TOTAL = BASE + TRO/TRNF &amp; CONV UNBGT PSN + ALLOW NON-DISCR + FED ADJ + OTHER REQ</b>						2,762.47	486.75	1,138,316,684	2,919.97	455.54	1,141,363,625	2,762.47	486.75	1,138,316,684	2,908.47	452.75	1,139,371,748	2,762.47	486.75	1,138,316,684	2,909.97	452.75	1,149,414,123
<b>By MOF</b>																							
	General	A				2,279.26	249.50	518,498,292	2,446.26	243.00	534,889,962	2,279.26	249.50	518,498,292	2,429.76	239.00	531,961,574	2,279.26	249.50	518,498,292	2,431.26	241.00	531,961,574
	Special	B				144.50	26.00	205,083,404	154.50	18.48	215,487,769	144.50	26.00	205,083,404	154.50	18.00	215,461,886	144.50	26.00	205,083,404	154.50	18.00	225,504,251
	Federal Funds	N				198.76	82.90	131,624,385	184.51	80.35	82,372,455	198.76	82.90	131,624,385	189.51	81.40	83,106,894	198.76	82.90	131,624,385	189.51	81.40	83,106,894
	Other Federal Funds	P				81.95	125.35	66,428,008	75.70	108.09	41,746,950	81.95	125.35	66,428,008	75.70	110.35	41,974,905	81.95	125.35	66,428,008	75.70	108.35	41,974,915
	Private	R				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	County	S				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Trust	T				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Inter-departmental Transfer	U				10.00	3.00	5,025,426	11.00	4.00	5,209,320	10.00	3.00	5,025,426	11.00	4.00	5,209,320	10.00	3.00	5,025,426	11.00	4.00	5,209,320
	Revolving	W				48.00	-	211,657,169	48.00	1.62	261,657,169	48.00	-	211,657,169	48.00	-	261,657,169	48.00	-	211,657,169	48.00	-	261,657,169
	Other	X				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Department of Health  
Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Requests

Table 15

<u>Prog ID</u>	<u>Prog ID</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Dept- Wide</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Senate</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Rep.</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>MOF</u>	<u>FY20 \$\$\$</u>	<u>FY21 \$\$\$</u>
HTH430	1	1	24	49	HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OAHU	C		8,997,000
HTH710	1	2	17	35	HAWAII STATE LABORATORIES IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C		6,227,000
HTH840	1	3	0	0	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	C		2,487,000
HTH840	1	3	0	0	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	N		12,431,000
HTH840	2	4	0	0	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	C		2,221,000
HTH840	2	4	0	0	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	N		11,107,000
HTH907	1	5	0	0	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH AND SAFETY, STATEWIDE	C		14,414,000
HTH100	1	6	7	13	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT, CLOSE LANDFILLS, MOLOKAI	C		\$ 7,090,000
HTH100	2	7	7	13	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT, IMPROVEMENTS, MOLOKAI	C		\$ 860,000
HTH907	2	8	0	0	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH AND SAFETY, STATEWIDE	C		\$ 1,930,000



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Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS**  
Director, Office of Planning  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
Monday, May 11, 2020  
10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Auditorium

in consideration of  
**HB 2725, HD1**  
**RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning (OP) **strongly supports** HB2725, HD1, provided the funding and appropriation do not replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget. The Proposed SD1 under BED144 would authorize \$1.5 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to support the planning and coordination of transit-oriented development (TOD) projects identified in the *State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development (State TOD Strategic Plan)* issued by the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development.

Funding to support planning and coordination of State and County TOD and Smart Growth planning efforts is particularly critical for Neighbor Island counties and will be vital to support the post-pandemic economic recovery efforts now underway. To-date, TOD CIP planning funds have been directed to TOD projects along the Honolulu rail corridor. This funding could provide needed seed money to advance Neighbor Island TOD projects in the *State TOD Strategic Plan* that require State and County collaboration for planning and implementation—funding the development of area plans, project master plans, and TOD infrastructure assessments.

Candidate TOD projects are listed in the *State TOD Strategic Plan* and associated TOD Project Fact Sheets are posted at <http://planning.hawaii.gov/lud/state-tod/>.

Thank you for considering our testimony on this measure.



**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
michael kato	Testifying for Windward Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I am a community college instructor whose salary is at the poverty level (according to figures from the State of Hawaii). Besides the high cost of living, I am paying off tens of thousands of dollars in student loans and probably will be doing so for the rest of my life. In closing, I would like to say that I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
May 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

By  
Jan Gouveia, Vice President for Administration  
University of Hawai'i System

### HB 2725 HD1 – RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HB 2725 HD1, Relating to Capital Improvement Projects. The University of Hawai'i ("University") respectfully requests funds to support the supplemental Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget adopted by the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i ("Board") which totals \$236.8 million for FY 2021. While the University understands the dire fiscal conditions facing the State, our capital improvement program remains a priority as construction activity has been deemed essential throughout the pandemic and is a critical driver of the economy as the State looks to best position Hawai'i for both economic and social recovery from the pandemic.

We understand that there could likely be a reduction in general obligation bond fund appropriations. As such, the University respectfully calls the Committee's attention to shovel-ready projects that would stimulate the State's economy and total \$122.51 million of the Board-approved FY 2021 CIP supplemental budget. While HB 2725 HD1 includes \$23.1 million for the University in supplemental funding in FY 2021, these projects are not a priority, as they are not part of the Board-approved budget and/or are not shovel-ready.

A summary of the Board-approved FY 2021 CIP supplemental budget is provided below with shovel-ready projects identified in the last column:

Prog ID	Project Title	\$	Shovel-Ready \$
UOH100	Mānoa Mini Master Plan Phase 2	\$66,000,000	\$66,000,000
UOH100	Renew, Improve, and Modernize	\$60,500,000	\$46,410,000
UOH100	Kuykendall Hall	\$4,000,000	
UOH100	Holmes Hall	\$1,000,000	
UOH100	Central Admin Facility with Parking	\$4,000,000	
UOH210	Renew, Improve, and Modernize	\$6,000,000	\$100,000
UOH700	Planning Projects	\$500,000	
UOH700	Campus Center Phase 2	\$35,000,000	
UOH800	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance	\$10,500,000	\$10,000,000
UOH800	HonCC Science Building	\$46,000,000	
UOH800	WinCC Agripharmatech Bioprocessing Facility	\$3,000,000	
UOH900	Renovations to enhance culture and education at Hale Pohaku or other suitable location that does not include a telescope	\$300,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$236,800,000</b>	<b>\$122,510,000</b>

We respectfully request that the \$46.0 million for the Honolulu Community College's Science Building be allocated to other University projects as the City and County of Honolulu has indicated that they will not be ready for that building to come online in the near future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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## STATEMENT OF GARETT KAMEMOTO, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Monday, May 11, 2020  
10:30 A.M.  
State Capitol, Auditorium

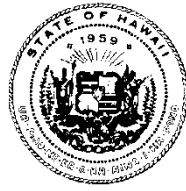
in consideration of

### **HB 2725, HD1 PROPOSED SD1 RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports HB 2725, HD1 Proposed SD1**, which provides funding for the planning, lands, and design for a new Maui regional public safety complex at Pulehunui, Maui. We look forward to collaborating with federal, state and city agencies on this project.

Thank you very much, we appreciate the opportunity to serve.



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Statement of  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Monday, May 11, 2020**  
**10:30 AM - Auditorium, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**HB 2725, HD1 , Proposed SD1**  
**RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill (HB) 2725, HD1, Proposed SD1, relating to capital improvement projects.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports, with amendments** the enactment of HB 2200, HD1, Proposed SD1. This measure appropriates funds for supplemental capital improvement projects for fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

The HPHA's mission is to promote adequate and affordable housing in perpetuity, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through its public housing and rental assistance programs. The HPHA serves the State's most disadvantaged populations, including the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), the disabled and the elderly.

The HPHA thanks the Committee for re-inserting the **\$2.5M** in CIP predevelopment funding for the HPHA's School Street redevelopment project which will go towards the delivery of 800 much needed elderly affordable rental housing units. However, the HPHA would humbly request the re-appropriating of CIP lump sum funds for public housing improvements and renovations back to the level of the Governor's Supplemental Budget request.

**CIP APPROPRIATION REDUCED TO \$5,000,000**

The HPHA is very appreciative of the CIP lump sum language towards public housing improvements and renovations. Almost all of the HPHAs construction projects are rehabilitation or modernization projects as opposed to new construction. Modernization and renovation projects are much more complex and filled with a high likelihood of unforeseen conditions than is new construction. However, with **\$5,000,000** appropriated in the Proposed

SD1, the State will be deferring the much need capital improvements of State property. The HPHA would humbly request the re-appropriating of CIP lump sum funds for public housing improvements and renovations back to AT LEAST the level of the Governor’s Supplemental Budget request.

As you may know, the HPHA is mandated by Federal law to keep its inventory of public housing units in safe, decent and sanitary condition. The Governor’s Supplemental Budget CIP request included \$15,550,000 for shovel ready construction projects that would go towards health and safety issues such as site improvements, ADA compliance, gas line replacement, sewer line replacement, re-roofing, emergency generator upgrades, and interior major modernization.

Maui	Makani Kai Hale Replace Gas Lines	Replace Gas Lines from Tank to Units	Existing leaks detected - safety	<b>35,000</b>	<b>350000</b>
Oahu	AMP 34 Security Perimeter Fence and Guard Gate	Security Measures Includes but not limited to new Sliding entry Doors, Gated card-reader entrance, higher perimeter fence	Non residents trespassing and causing a safety concern	<b>28,000</b>	<b>350,000</b>
Molokai	Kahale Mua - Federal - Utility & Site Improvements	replace all gas piping in each unit, replace electrical boxes	Health and Safety (Gas Co. has issued multiple warnings)		<b>1,250,000</b>
PHA-wide	PHA-Wide Upgrade to Emergency Generators	Upgrade emergency generators, transfer switches and associated mechanical elements.	Generators provide back-up electrical power to major mechanical systems in event of power outages - safety issue		<b>5,000,000</b>
Hawai`i	Hale Aloha O Puna Site and Building Improvements	Modernization including flooring, cabinets, windows, doors, and plumbing fixtures.	In design, will be ready to go out to bid by summer 2020		<b>5,600,000</b>
	PHA-Wide ADA Improvements	ADA site and building improvements to include accessible routes, common areas, accessible units and parking to include but not limited to kitchen, bathroom, bedroom hallway and lanai's, cabinets, counter tops, grab bars, fixtures and appliances, roll-in showers, widening of	HUD mandate - Voluntary Consent Agreement	<b>1,086,500</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

		doors and hallways, etc. to meet current UFAS, ABA and ADA Standards.			
O`ahu	Punchbowl Homes, Major Modernization, Exterior and Interior Repairs, Site Improvement including fire alarms	Interior Major Mod, Site and Building Improvements to include but not limited to: new kitchens, appliances, bathrooms, lead based paint and asbestos abatement, interior finishes, signage, plumbing, electrical & lighting, replace windows and doors for 126 dwelling units, and renovation of non-dwelling units. Construction request is for Ph 1 of 2 phases of construction.	Plumbing leaks into unit below - health issue	<b>2,000,500</b>	
Hawaii	Kaimalino Re-roofing, Interior Major Modernization, Building, Site, and ADA Improvements.	Interior Major Mod, Building and site improvements to include but not limited to: complete renovation of the interior of all units, including new kitchens, appliances, bathrooms, lead base paint and asbestos abatement, interior finishes, electrical, plumbing, and sewer systems; renovation of the community center; re-roofing of all buildings; re-pavement of entire parking lot/ complete repairs of all sidewalks/walkways; site lighting; fencing; new irrigation system and sewer lines.	Lots of termite damage inside the units , relocate sewer lines outside the building footprints.	<b>900,000</b>	
Hawai`i	Pahala Sewer Replacement	Replace sewer lines, restoration of trenched areas and landscaping.	deteriorated sewer lines - health issue	<b>300,000</b>	
O`ahu	Pumehana Fire Sprinklers	Installation of Fire Sprinkler System, including installation of conduit, electrical, water lines, etc. (Design)	New Fire Code Ordinance 18-14 requirement - safety	<b>100,000</b>	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>4,450,000</b>	<b>15,550,000</b>

We are aware that there are competing priorities, however, the amount of **\$5,000,000** in the Proposed SD1 will negatively impact our ability to address the backlog of repairs, the possibility of repairing vacant units, and assisting some of Hawaii’s neediest residents. This level of

funding will without a doubt hurt our capability to place tenants into vacant homes and we will be unable to comply with the Federal ADA requirements. We will essentially halt any new capital improvement renovation and jeopardize the prompt return into inventory of dozens of units.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony regarding HB 2725, HD1, Proposed SD1. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.



**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Harrison	Testifying for Kapi'olani Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anna Leychenko	Testifying for Kapiolani Community College	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1." In the testimony speak to the language provided in the newspaper article, that "I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions." It would also be beneficial to state "I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Guy Shibayama	Testifying for University of Hawaii Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you, Guy T. Shibayama



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2725 HD1  
A BILL RELATING TO RELATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PRESENTATION TO  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

RONALD P. HAN JR., DIRECTOR, STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

MAY 10, 2020

Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, and Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

I'm Ron Han, Director, State Office of Veterans Service and I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 2725 HD1 with comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the 117,000 Veterans who reside in the State of Hawaii. The State Office of Veterans Services supports HB2725 HD1, Relating to the Department of Defense Capital Improvement Projects.

The Department's number one CIP project in the Governor's budget package is the VA Long-term Care Facility project, also known as the Hawaii State Veterans Home. HB2725 HD1 currently appropriates \$13,150,000 in G.O. Bonds (MOF C) and \$3,825,000 in Other Federal Funds (MOF P) for the construction and equipment of a new 120-bed facility on the island of Oahu. However, the Department still needs \$13,125,000 in G.O. Bonds (MOF C) to attain the required \$26,275,000 in G.O. Bonds (MOF C) needed to complete the project. Therefore, the Department kindly request the Committee on Ways and Means to support and add \$13,125,000 in G.O. Bonds (MOF C) for the VA Long-term Care Facility project. If supplemental funding is not received, the State, department, and veterans in Hawaii will endure the following impacts:

1. **The department will lose \$44,753,618 in federal grant if \$26,275,000 in state funds is not appropriated by the calendar year 2020 (FY21).** The department has 5 years from the date (June 19, 2020) the grant was awarded to obtain the federal funds through a reimbursement process. This leaves the department with only 4 years left to complete the project. The project is estimated to take at least 3 years to complete the project from start of construction to home certification (assuming no potential project delays), which includes 2 years of construction and 9-12 months for furniture and equipment installation, care home inspections and VA certification. Therefore, if the department do not receive the full supplemental funding in FY21, the state may be at risk in not completing the project in time to obtain 100% of the federal

grant through reimbursement by the lapse date in 2024 and the state will require to fund the remaining cost of the project.

**2. The loss of the Hawaii State Veterans Home will hurt the veterans and their families in Hawaii, who have earned the benefits to be cared for in a long-term care facility.** Per the 2010 census, there are approximately 117,000 veterans living in Hawaii and two-thirds live on Oahu. The state has only one veterans home operating in Hilo, known as the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home with a 95-bed capacity and the VA Community Living Center (CLC) at Tripler Army Medical Center with a 60-bed capacity is the only skilled nursing care facility available for veterans on Oahu.

**3. The project will ease the State's shortfall of 173 beds for veterans in Hawaii and reduce the long-term care burden at state public and private care facilities.** The Hawaii State Veterans Home will build a 120-bed facility for veterans and families in the State of Hawaii. A third veterans' home on Maui is also being planned in the future to further ease the State's bed shortfall in skilled nursing care.

**4. This is a \$75.5 million shovel ready construction project that can help stimulate the State economy in calendar year 2020.** The Hawaii State Veterans Home is 100% complete in design and ready for construction. A conditional letter of intent to award the contract has been issued to a selected local construction company and pending the approval and receipt of supplemental funding in this session to start construction.

**5. If the project is deferred, it will take approximately another 5 to 10 years to obtain the federal funding.** The State of Hawaii will be forced to cancel the VA grant if the department do not receive the full FY21 CIP request (\$26,275,000) needed to complete the project. There is a backlog of veterans' home to be built nationwide with limited available VA funding each year. From the original grant application, the State has endeavored for 5 years to reach this point in obtaining VA federal funds for this project. The project submitted a pre-grant application in 2014 and was placed as priority #57 in the FY17 VA veterans home priority list. Due to a tremendous, unanticipated benefit of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' one-time distribution of nearly \$700 million to VA home grant applicants nationwide, Hawaii was one of the fortunate states to be selected for the initial grant award. We do not anticipate funding of this magnitude to be available again for another 5 -10 years. If the State is unable to meet the scope of the original grant application of 120 beds, the State must submit a new grant application and defer the funding that was awarded to the project. The State will then be placed on the back of the priority list and wait for future funding opportunities. A new request for State funding appropriation for the State's share would also be required.

**6. This project is estimated to generate approximately \$3 million to \$5 million in net profit revenue annually.** Like the Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home in Hilo, VA homes are constructed to be self-sustaining. Currently, the project is expected to generate a positive net revenue of approximately \$3 million by its second year in operation and approximately \$5 million in subsequent years. The revenue projections are based on multiple variables to include Medicare/Medicaid offset, VA per diem, and ratio of disabled Veterans.

**7. This project will generate approximately 200 plus jobs in Hawaii.** Once the Hawaii State Veterans Home is completed and certified, it is estimated to provide approximately 200 healthcare and administrative jobs for our State as well as internships with the University of Hawai'i West Oahu College and with neighboring high schools anticipated with emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) principles.

**Alternative:** The Department is unable to cut scope and program requirements for this project. A 120-bed facility must be built. Anything less will require us to return the \$44.7 million federal grant for the project and the State will have to submit another pre-grant application to re compete in the outyears. Without the federal grant funding, the State would assume 100% of the cost of the home.

Once again, thank for your support and kokua for this critical CIP project that will be highly beneficial to our Veterans and their eligible loved ones who are honored to call Hawaii their home!

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# HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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STATEMENT OF  
**GARETT KAMEMOTO, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Monday, May 11, 2020  
10:30 A.M.  
State Capitol, Auditorium

in consideration of

**HB 2725, HD1 PROPOSED SD1**  
**RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports HB 2725, HD1 Proposed SD1**, which provides funding for the planning, lands, and design for a new Maui regional public safety complex at Pulehunui, Maui. We look forward to collaborating with federal, state and city agencies on this project.

Thank you very much, we appreciate the opportunity to serve.



STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Date:** 05/11/2020  
**Time:** 10:30 AM  
**Location:** Auditorium  
**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education  
**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education  
**Title of Bill:** HB 2725, HD1 RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.  
**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds for supplemental capital improvement projects for fiscal biennium 2019–2021.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of this bill and supports the Governor's Executive Supplemental Budget. The Department is committed to working collaboratively with the Governor and all state departments to address the sudden and tremendously dire effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our community.

The Department is keenly aware of the difficult decisions the Legislature must render in terms of allocating resources to many worthy state interests. While mindful of competing priorities, we ask for your consideration in providing funding to allow the Department to leverage existing federal funding sources to meet capacity, program support, and instructional needs. This is particularly important for funding sources that affect our military 'ohana and students at Mokapu Elementary, Shafter Elementary and Hickam Elementary.

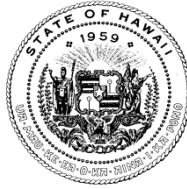
The Department's supplemental CIP projects budget request supports our obligations to students in our public education system and our commitment to realize the power and promise of public education to address a number of priorities that include, but are not limited to, providing new and improved facilities and promoting gender equity.

As the budget makes its way through the legislative process, the Department looks forward to working with the Legislature in shaping the future of quality education for the Hawaii's public school students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2725, HD1.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. 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](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).





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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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May 11, 2020  
10:30 am  
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**H.B. 2725 H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill, which appropriates funds for supplemental capital improvement projects for fiscal biennium 2019-2021, made by Act 40, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 and as currently reflected in DOT's CIP supplemental budget requests.

DOT respectfully requests for your consideration the inclusion of the following CIP budget adjustments to amend Section 4:

**TRN 501 OAHU HIGHWAYS**

By amending Item C-47.08:

A CIP budget amendment to increase construction funds for Sand Island Access Road, Truck Weigh Station, Oahu (an increase in FY21 - \$1,500,000E, construction, to FY21 - \$1,800,000E, construction, \$1,200,000N, construction).

By adding a new item:

Proposed Item C-47.11:

A CIP budget request to add construction funds for the Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway, Oahu (FY21 - \$5,000,000, construction, FY21 - \$20,000,000N, construction).

**TRN 511 HAWAII HIGHWAYS**

By amending Item C-48:

A CIP budget amendment to increase construction funds for the Hawaii Belt Road, Rehabilitation / Replacement of Hakalau Bridge, Hawaii, (an increase in

FY21 - \$2,000,000E, construction, FY21 - \$8,000,000N, construction, to FY21 - \$2,400,000E, construction, FY21 - \$9,600,000N, construction).

By amending Item C-49:

A CIP budget amendment to add construction funds for Hawaii Belt Road, Rehabilitation / Replacement of Kolekole Stream Bridge, Hawaii (FY21 - \$1,200,000E, construction, FY21 - \$4,800,000N, construction).

#### TRN 531 MAUI HIGHWAYS

By adding a new item:

Proposed Item C-59.06:

A CIP budget request to add construction funds for the Honoapiilani Highway Realignment, Honokowai to Launiupoko, Maui, (FY21 - \$70,000,000E, construction).

Impact statements regarding these requests are included as Attachment A.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**ATTACHMENT A  
H.B. 2725, H.D. 1  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STATEMENTS**

**HIGHWAYS DIVISION**

The Highways Division concurs with the H.B. 2725, H.D. 1 budget inasmuch as items requested in the Governor’s Executive Budget request align with the House’s draft, and the correction included is necessary.

The Highways Division, however, respectfully requests additions and increases as included below, and offers comment to appropriations added beyond the Executive Supplemental Budget request.

**TRN 501, Oahu Highways**

**CPN:** S356

**Title:** SAND ISLAND ACCESS ROAD, TRUCK WEIGH STATION, OAHU

**Description:** CONSTRUCTION OF A TRUCK WEIGH STATION ON SAND ISLAND ACCESS ROAD. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** Request increase to this Executive Supplemental Budget request for construction funds from \$1,500,000 in FY21, to \$3,000,000.

**1. Impact Statement:** There is a need to improve the safety of large commercial truck vehicles and drivers on the roadway network in Hawaii and to protect Hawaii’s infrastructure from further damage caused by overweight vehicles. Currently, there is an insufficient inventory of truck inspection facilities to enforce oversized and overweight large commercial truck vehicles on the state highway system.

This \$1,500,000 request being made in addition to the Executive Supplemental Budget request is required to address Hawaiian Electric Company utility pole relocations necessary to facilitate upcoming truck weigh station construction.

**EXEC SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST:**

		<u>FY20</u>			<u>FY21</u>
CONSTRUCTION					1,500
TOTAL FUNDING	TRN		E		300 E
	TRN		N		1,200 N

**REVISED REQUEST:**

		<u>FY20</u>			<u>FY21</u>
CONSTRUCTION					3,000
TOTAL FUNDING	TRN		E		1,800 E
	TRN		N		1,200 N

**CPN:** S367

**Title:** ALA MOANA BOULEVARD ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY, OAHU

**Description:** CONSTRUCTION FOR A NEW, ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY OVER ALA MOANA BOULEVARD IN THE VICINY OF KEWALO

HARBOR. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** This request was not included in the Supplemental Executive Budget Request. It looks to provide \$25,000,000 for construction in FY21 in order to utilize the \$20,000,000 federal BUILD grant received for this project.

**1. Impact Statement:** A \$20,000,000 2019 BUILD Grant was awarded to HDOT for the Ala Moana Blvd Elevated Pedestrian Walkway project. This project will build a new, elevated pedestrian walkway/bridge over Ala Moana Blvd to remove pedestrian traffic out of the existing at grade intersection. The walkway will connect the City owned beach park and State owned boat harbor with the developing community that will include a rail station in the City's 20-mile rail project. Private partnership with Howard Hughes Corporation (HHC) in this project will provide capital and development expertise, as well as land for the end points of the overpass.

This \$25,000,000 request is being made to provide authorization for the utilization of this grant as well as the required match for its use.

**CURRENT FY21 REQUEST:**

			<u>FY20</u>		<u>FY21</u>
CONSTRUCTION					25,000
TOTAL FUNDING	TRN		E		5,000 E
		TRN	N		20,000 N

**TRN 511, Hawaii Highways**

**CPN:** T156

**Title:** HAWAII BELT ROAD, REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT OF KOLEKOLE STREAM BRIDGE, HAWAII

**Description:** DESIGN FOR REHABILITATION AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF KOLEKOLE STREAM BRIDGE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** This increase was not included in the Executive Supplemental Budget request. It looks to add \$6,000,000 for construction in FY21.

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation was authorized to provide funding to address the structural deficiency of this bridge. Construction funds are being requested at this time in order to provide timely address of lead in the soil of Kolekole Gulch Park, caused by Kolekole Stream Bridge paint.

**PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (Per Act 40/19):**

			<u>FY20</u>		<u>FY21</u>
DESIGN			2,500		
TOTAL FUNDING	TRN		500 E		E
		TRN	2,000 N		N

**CURRENT FY21 REQUEST:**

			<u>FY20</u>		<u>FY21</u>
DESIGN			2,500		
CONSTRUCTION					6,000

TOTAL FUNDING	TRN	500	E	1,200	E
	TRN	2,000	N	4,800	N

**CPN:** T157

**Title:** HAWAII BELT ROAD, REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT OF HAKALAU BRIDGE, HAWAII

**Description:** DESIGN FOR REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT OF HAKALAU BRIDGE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** This increase was not included in the Executive Supplemental Budget request. It looks to add \$10,000,000 for construction in FY21.

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation was authorized to provide funding to address the structural deficiency of this bridge. Construction funds are being requested at this time in order to provide timely address of lead in the soil of Hakalau Beach Park, caused by Hakalau Bridge paint.

**PRIOR AUTHORIZATION (Per Act 40/19):**

				<u>FY20</u>		<u>FY21</u>	
DESIGN							2,000
TOTAL FUNDING	TRN		E			400	E
	TRN		N			1,600	N

**CURRENT FY21 REQUEST:**

				<u>FY20</u>		<u>FY21</u>	
DESIGN							2,000
CONSTRUCTION						10,000	
TOTAL FUNDING	TRN		E			2,400	E
	TRN		N			9,600	N

**TRN 531, Maui Highways**

**CPN:** V051

**Title:** HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT, HONOKOWAI TO LAUNIUPOKO, MAUI

**Description:** CONSTRUCTION FOR A NEW ALIGNMENT OF HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY FROM LAHAINALUNA ROAD TO THE VICINITY OF LAUNIUPOKO.

**Adjustment:** This request was not included in the Supplemental Executive Budget Request. It looks to provide \$70,000,000 for construction FY21, to replace funds lapsing on 6/30/20.

**1. Impact Statement:** Construction has been completed for phases 1A, 1B-1, and 1B-2 of the Lahaina Bypass. Phase 1C remains for the completion of the proposed Lahaina Bypass Road for two lanes, with right of way acquisition to expand to 4 lanes in Phase 2. Phase 2 widens the bypass from 2 to 4 lanes throughout Phases 1A to 1C.

The intent of Phase 1C is to extend the bypass from Keawe Street Extension (northern end of the completed Phase 1A) to the existing Kakaalaneo Drive. Kakaalaneo Drive would connect the northern end of Phase 1C to the existing Honoapiilani Highway, just north of Kaanapali Golf Course.

The Department has not begun Environmental permit reassessments, special studies, nor design for phase 2.

These remaining phases are considered necessary in the DOT’s Long-Range Plan to meet the future regional transportation needs for West Maui. As revenues have been provided to pursue capacity projects with the passage of Act 174/19, funding for the construction of Phase IC is requested with this \$70,000,000 request. Phase 2, however, cannot be pursued at this time due to competition within the capacity program.

**CURRENT FY21 REQUEST:**

		<u>FY20</u>		<u>FY21</u>	
	CONSTRUCTION			70,000	
	TOTAL FUNDING	TRN	E	70,000	E

**Item No.:** C-33 (CPN: S310A)

**Title:** FORT BARRETTE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, VIC. OF ROOSEVELT AVENUE TO VICINITY OF FARRINGTON HIGHWAY, OAHU

**Description:** CONSTRUCTION FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AUXILIARY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ALONG FORT BARRETTE ROAD.

**Adjustment:** Correction made to Act 40/19 title, from “...FARRINGTON HIGHWAY...” to “FARRINGTON HIGHWAY”.

**The Department agrees with this correction.**

**Item No.:** C-47.9 (CPN: New Add-on)

**Title:** IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION AT THE INTERSECTION OF KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY AND LIKELIKE HIGHWAY

**Description:** CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL LEFT TURN LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY AND LIKELIKE HIGHWAY; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** Appropriation added to Executive Budget Request.

**The Department supports the addition of this appropriation.**

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation provides \$3,500,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the construction of this intersection improvement, which is sufficient to cover the current project cost estimate. Intersection improvement is warranted at this location, as backup during peak traffic hours extends far beyond the length of the existing left-turn bay. Of note: This appropriation indicates federal participation; however, no federal funds have been included in the funding assignment, and the project is not currently on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**Item No.:** C-47.10 (CPN: New Add-on)

**Title:** KAILUA, OAHU

**Description:** PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIORITY STREETS IN KAILUA; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** Appropriation added to Executive Budget Request.

**The Department requires additional information regarding location and scope prior to providing stance.**

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation provides \$1,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the plans, design, and construction of these improvements. Of note: This appropriation indicates federal participation; however, no federal funds have been included in the funding assignment, and the project is not currently on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**Item No.:** C-50.6

**Title:** DANIEL K. INOUE HIGHWAY EXTENSION, HAWAII

**Description:** PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIORITY STREETS IN KAILUA; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** Appropriation added to Executive Budget Request.

**The Department supports the intent of this appropriation; however, it seems to be a duplicate of Item C-50.1**

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation provides \$90,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for land acquisition and construction for this project. We find this appropriation redundant as funding, as included in the Supplemental Executive Budget request, is already included under Item C-50.1 in the amount of \$5,000,000 Highway Special funds and \$85,000,000 Highway Revenue Bond funds. Of note: Item C-50.6 appropriation indicates federal participation; however, no federal funds have been included in the funding assignment.

**Item No.:** C-50.7

**Title:** KAWAIHAE ROAD, HAWAII

**Description:** LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR WAIAKA STREAM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REALIGNMENT; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** Appropriation added to Executive Budget Request.

**The Department supports the intent of this appropriation; however, it seems to be a duplicate of Item C-50.2**

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation provides \$4,100,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for land acquisition and construction for this project. We find this appropriation redundant as funding, as included in the Supplemental Executive Budget request, is already included under Item C-50.2 in the amount of \$1,700,000 Highway Revenue Bond funds and \$2,400,000 Federal funds. Of note: Item C-50.7 appropriation indicates federal participation; however, no federal funds have been included in the funding assignment.

**Item No.:** C-50.8

**Title:** WAIMEA REGIONAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII

**Description:** DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR WAIMEA REGIONAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED

NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING  
AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

**Adjustment:** Appropriation added to Executive Budget Request.

**The Department supports the intent of this appropriation; however, it seems to be a duplicate of Item C-50.4**

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation provides \$22,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for design and construction for this project. We find this appropriation redundant as funding, as included in the Supplemental Executive Budget request, is already included under Item C-50.4 in the amount of \$2,000,000 Highway Special Funds, and \$20,000,000 Highway Revenue Bond funds. Of note: Item C-50.8 appropriation indicates federal participation; however, no federal funds have been included in the funding assignment.

**Item No.:** C-64.4 (CPN: New Add-on)

**Title:** RECONFIGURATION OF THE AKUKINI ROAD AND KAPULE HIGHWAY, KAUAI

**Description:** DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RECONFIGURATION OF THE AHUKINI ROAD AND KAPULE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LIHUE AIRPORT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL NORTHBOUND LANE ON KAUAI VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY AND KAPULE HIGHWAY.

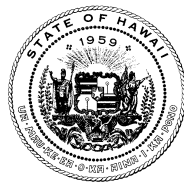
**Adjustment:** Appropriation added to Executive Budget Request.

**The Department supports the addition of this appropriation.**

**1. Impact Statement:** This appropriation provides \$500,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the design and construction of interim improvements at this location, including restriping of the road within the existing paved limits for increased efficiency and safety.



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**Monday, May 11, 2020**  
**10:30 am**  
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**By Stacey A. Aldrich**  
**State Librarian**

**H.B. 2725 H.D.1 Relating to Capital Improvement Projects**

To: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** the intent of H.B.2725 H.D.1 which provides additional health and safety funding for FY2021 and funding for the additional site improvements at the Nanakuli Public Library.

The H.D.1 provides an additional \$2.5 million in CIP funding for HSPLS health and safety projects. HSPLS respectfully requests the Committee's support to increase the amount of the health and safety appropriation to \$5 million as proposed in the FY21 Supplemental Executive Budget. Of the health and safety funding appropriated for FY20, most of the funding has been released and will be used to complete current projects. Any additional funding will allow the HSPLS to initiate and/or complete additional capital improvement projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Budget and your support of the Hawaii State Public Library System.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:45:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Stearns	Testifying for Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I would like to note that reduction in salaries will mean employees will cut their spending out of budget concerns and from fear of loss of income. It is important at this time to keep funds flowing to support consumer spending which has such a major impact on our economy.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:26:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenneth Jr Quilantang	Testifying for Honolulu Community College	Support	No

Comments:

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**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:41:19 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Teena Michael	Testifying for WCC	Support	No

Comments:

***I am testifying in strong support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.***

***I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.***

***I deeply appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.***

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 11:49:20 AM  
Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lawrence L Fee	Testifying for University of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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**Testimony of  
MICHAEL K. NĀHO'OPT'I  
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committee on**

**WAYS & MEANS**

**Monday, May 11, 2020  
10:30 AM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room Auditorium**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2725 HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

House Bill 2725 House Draft 1 appropriates funds for supplemental capital improvement projects for fiscal biennium 2019-2021. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) respectfully request the Senate Ways and Means Committee amend the measure to add funds in LNR906 for the KIRC to begin recovery from a devastating island-wide wildfire that destroyed critical Kaho'olawe infrastructure.

On February 22, 2020, a large brush fire started on the western end of Kaho'olawe and burned for six days. Due to the presence of residual unexploded ordnance, firefighting crew were unable to actively fight the blaze. When the weather changed and the fire burned out, about 9,000 acres or one-third of the island was burned.

Most of the fire burned the invasive, non-native grasses that have invaded the bulk of Kaho'olawe's low elevation landscape. The main base camp facilities on the western end of the island was spared major damage, but the KIRC's main upland storage area was completely lost in the fire. The upland storage site consisted of several outbuildings housing all the KIRC's restoration equipment, materials and supplies, several vehicles, and the bulk of KIRC's stockpile of building supplies and construction equipment. Immediate recovery actions are needed to assess the fire damage and restore lost equipment and facilities in order to prevent any further aggregated environmental impacts caused by the fire.

These funds are now especially vital as the KIRC recovers from a devastating wildfire. With the funding the KIRC will be able to rebuild the infrastructure and its restoration capabilities lost during the wildfire. Additionally, the KIRC will be able to retrofit its aged buildings and facilities to be more resistant to any future fires.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

### COMMENTS--HB 2725 HD1: RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and Members, Committee on Ways and Means  
FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i  
Hearing: **Monday, 5/11/2020; 10:30 am; State Capitol Auditorium**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 2725, HD1, the State Budget. I am Rob Van Tassell, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i. We are a member of Partners In Care.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 70 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i.

Now is the time to create a CIP budget to overcome the economic disaster of the pandemic but also to build resiliency for the future. We urge you not only to look backwards on the backlog of needed repairs, but also forward to create affordable housing and safe places for our families and kupuna to weather future crises.

Catholic Charities Hawaii urges you to include allocations to create additional affordable housing stock for our future. **We strongly support \$2.5 million for predevelopment costs for Phase 1 of the North School Street Elderly Housing Project, and \$36.5 million for gap financing for this project to construct 250 units of affordable rentals for our kupuna.** The Age Wave is hitting our State. Many more affordable rentals are needed to house elders. We must prevent the projected **300% increase in elder homelessness over the next 10 years.** We must act now to reduce the Curve of Homelessness and start building affordable rentals. The School Street project can kick-start the local economy and provide 250 much needed rentals.

**CCH strongly supports an additional \$150 million in CIP funding to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF).** This fund is a critical pathway to create the rentals that can prevent homelessness in the long term. Right now, the future of Hawaii is at risk and local residents face dire social and economic consequences. The legislature knows the needs of the ALICE population. In this crisis, many may face homelessness. Creating affordable rentals is one major factor of the cost of living over which the Legislature has some control. Funding the creation of units of rental housing, along with for-sale and other housing, is key to keeping our young people, especially those with college degrees, living in our state.

**In this time of the coronavirus crisis, funding to the RHRF can help as an economic stimulus to combat the economic impacts of the current crisis.** Not only will the CIP funding help Hawaii's economy, it will create for Hope for the next 60 -100 years as the people of Hawai'i live, raise their kids, and age in place in these new affordable units. The Rental Housing Revolving Fund has created 8,361 units of affordable rentals, as of December 2019. Robust funding needs to continue and the RHRF has proven that it can get the job done.



Let us not lose this window of opportunity to create solutions for the future so we will have the resiliency to better meet future crises.

We urge you to include a focus on creating more affordable rentals in the CIP budget. Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808) 373-0356 or [bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) if you have any questions.



May 11, 2020

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gil Keith Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol Auditorium  
Hawai'i State Capitol

RE: Testimony in **Support of HB2725, HD1**, \$17M CIP to replace 43+ Year Old FMS System

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran and committee members:

Transform Hawai'i Government is in **strong support** of funding for the Department of Accounting and General Services' financial management system proposed in HB 2725, HD1, relating to capital improvement projects. This funding will enable the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to immediately begin to address significant risks to the state's ability to provide services to its citizens.

Not only will the funding replace the aging DAGS financial management system, it will also migrate the state's critical financial data off the same legacy mainframe that hosts DLIR's unemployment insurance system, DOE's financial management system and DHS's Child Protective services to name a few. It is a critical next step in fulfilling the Hawai'i Information Technology Strategic Plan.

The worldwide pandemic has underscored the deficiencies of Hawai'i's 43-year-old central accounting systems and never has it been more necessary to address the problem. The state currently has a difficult time tracking federal deposits to the grants they received and then tracing those funds to departmental disbursements. As a result, Hawai'i could lose four to seven percent of these funds, according to federal rules. Even before COVID-19, the state was receiving about \$3 billion in annual federal support. Five percent of that \$3 billion translates to \$150 million down the lost. We know that this is not acceptable to legislators. We are now poised to receive up to \$5 billion in fund and that losing any of it will be equally unacceptable.

The Office of Enterprise Technology Services supports the management and operation of all state agencies by providing effective, efficient, coordinated and cost-beneficial technology services. Without an effective and efficient unified financial management system, government services lack fiscal accountability to the legislature and an informed citizenry. A financial management system will enable accurate reporting of government spending and provide legislators with data necessary for sound operating and capital expenditure decisions.

Transform Hawai'i Government is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to improving government services and business practices through technology to ensure that policymakers, State employees, local residents and businesses have convenient and secure access to reliable information and data. We commend the legislature for recognizing the needs of our community and moving forward to address those needs. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this important bill.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Sakuda  
Executive Director  
Transform Hawai'i Government  
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# PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

*Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.*

## COMMENTS on HB 2725 HD1: Relating to Capital Improvement Projects

TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee  
FROM: Partners In Care  
HEARING: **Monday, May 11, 2020; 10:30 am; State Capitol Auditorium**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony for HB 2725, HDI on capital improvement projects. Partners In Care (PIC) is a coalition of more than 60 non-profit homeless providers, organizations and concerned citizens working together on solutions to homelessness.

The health and economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic is hurting Hawaii and its people. How we respond will dictate how severe and long-lasting the consequences will be, and whether we come out the other side stronger or weaker than we were going in. Capital improvement projects are important as they can provide an economic stimulus and put people to work, both of which are greatly needed. They also provide an opportunity for the state to move forward on vital state priorities, like the creation of more affordable housing.

Partners In Care urges the legislature to include a strong focus on affordable rentals and senior housing in the Capital Improvements Projects budget. One important project is the **North School Street Elderly Housing Project which would create 250 affordable units** in Phase I. This project by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority immediately needs \$2.5 million for predevelopment costs and will require \$36.5 million for gap financing for construction to become shovel ready. These funds would stimulate the economy and enable kupuna to have affordable housing for generations to come.

Partners In Care also strongly urges you to appropriate **\$150 million in additional CIP funding to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF)** to create stable housing for Hawaii's future and give hope and resiliency to our ALICE population. With the virus' severe impact on our economy falling in great part on this lower income population, it gives added impetus to families and young workers to leave the state if they do not see hope for their future in the next couple of years. Knowing that affordable housing is coming could be a game changer. The commitment needs to be large and targeted to ALICE residents. The Rental Housing Revolving Fund has created 8,361 units of affordable rental units (as of December 2019). Robust funding is essential to continue to build the thousands of affordable units needed in our state. With bond interest at historic lows, investing in these projects can bolster the economy and build long term stability for our state's families.

This unprecedented crisis will impact our state for not just one year but years to come. Let's not lose the opportunity to build for our future and give our kupuna and families hope.

If you have any questions, please contact PIC's Advocacy Chair, Gavin Thornton (808-366-7875, [gavin@hiappleseed.org](mailto:gavin@hiappleseed.org)).



May 9, 2020

Chair Donovan Dela Cruz  
Vice-Chair Gil Keith Agaran  
Members of the Ways and Means Committee  
State Capitol Auditorium  
Hawai'i State Capitol

**RE: Support for Funding for State Financial Management System (HB 2725)**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith Agaran and members of the committee,

The Hawai`i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) strongly supports funding for the Department of Accounting and General Services' financial management system proposed in HB 2725, HD1, relating to capital improvement projects.

Hawai`i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai`i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state, and often in partnership with Hawaii state government.

Hawaii's failing mainframe computer and financial management systems have become emblematic of significant hurdles that are placed before you in attempting to address the budgetary effects of the economy and the pandemic. We know that you demand better from our state government. We support your efforts to address aging technology and move Hawaii forward.

The \$17 million in funding for the DAGs financial management system will enable the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to immediately begin to address significant risks to the state's ability to provide services to its citizens. Without an effective and efficient unified financial management system, government services lack fiscal accountability to the Legislature, to their community partners and informed citizens. A financial management system will enable accurate reporting of government spending and provide legislators with data necessary for sound operating and capital expenditure decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this important bill.

Mahalo,

Lisa Maruyama  
President and CEO

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 12:57:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Goodman	Testifying for Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of affordable housing provisions & related sections to combat homelessness. In times such as these, the temptation is strong to reduce expenditures across the board. I certainly agree we need to spend wisely. The evidence is overwhelming that the travesty of homelessness costs more in dollars (leaving aside the human costs) than it would cost to fix it. For example, some studies show each unsheltered homeless person costs us over \$80,000 a year. Conversely, providing that person with a place to live and appropriate services costs less than \$40,000 a year. Therefore, now more than ever, we should not only ensure programs to combat homelessness are not reduced, but increased to a level that is sufficient to end the homeless crisis.



**COMMENTS on HB 2725 HD1: Relating to Capital Improvement Projects**

TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee  
FROM: Faith Action for Community Equity  
HEARING: **Monday, May 11, 2020; 10:30 am; State Capitol Auditorium**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony for HB 2725, HD1 on capital improvement projects. Faith Action for Community Equity is a grassroots, interfaith organization that includes 18 congregations and temples, a union, health center, housing association and 3 advocacy organizations on Oahu. Faith Action is driven by a deep spiritual commitment to improve the quality of life for our members and all people of Hawaii. We strive to address issues of social justice at all levels of government.

Faith Action supports testimony that was submitted by Partners In Care (PIC). In addition, we support maximizing density at the School Street redevelopment site so that we can provide housing for the greatest number of people. Capital improvement projects are important as they can provide an economic stimulus and put people to work, both of which are greatly needed. They also provide an opportunity for the state to move forward on vital state priorities, like the creation of more affordable housing.

Faith Action urges the legislature to include a strong focus on affordable rentals and senior housing in the Capital Improvements Projects budget. One important project is the **North School Street Elderly Housing Project which would create 250 affordable units** in Phase I. This project by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority immediately needs \$2.5 million for predevelopment costs and will require \$36.5 million for gap financing for construction to become shovel ready. These funds would stimulate the economy and enable kupuna to have affordable housing for generations to come.

If you have any questions, please contact Faith Action President Evelyn Hao (808-223-6399, [evyhao@gmail.com](mailto:evyhao@gmail.com)).



# HAWAII APPLESEED CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

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Testimony of the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice  
Commenting on HB2725, HD1 – Relating to Capital Improvement Projects  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Monday, May 11, 2020, 10:30 AM, Auditorium

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on **HB 2725, HD1**.

We appreciate the legislature's focus on Capital Improvements Projects as a response to the pandemic. The return on investment for infrastructure spending is always high, but, during economic downturns, the economic benefits are magnified. Every **\$1 spent on infrastructure during the Great Recession resulted in between \$1.50 and \$2.50** in GDP growth.<sup>1 2 3</sup> In addition, construction projects will be most competitively priced for public projects when private investment is scarce.

Although CIP investments are generally good for the economy in a recession, some investments are better than others. One priority that merits lifting above others—affordable housing. We desperately need affordable housing development, and if we can boost the economy while providing additional affordable housing stock for Hawaii residents, we address both the income and expense side of the affordability equation. Affordable housing investments to consider include:

- Funding for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Elderly Housing Project on School Street;
- Investments in affordable housing on state land that the legislature was considering prior to its recess; and
- Rental Housing Revolving Fund contributions.

The legislature should also revisit funding the CIP Grant In Aid applications that it previously announced were no longer going to be considered.

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<sup>1</sup> *It's Time for States to Invest in Infrastructure*, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2019,

<https://www.cbpp.org/research/state-budget-and-tax/its-time-for-states-to-invest-in-infrastructure>

<sup>2</sup> Bivens, Josh. *The Potential Macroeconomic Benefits from Increasing Infrastructure Investment*. Economic Policy Institute, 2017, *The Potential Macroeconomic Benefits from Increasing Infrastructure Investment*.

<https://www.epi.org/files/pdf/130111.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Zandi, Mark for Moody's Analytics, *Bolstering the Economy: Helping American Families by Reauthorizing the Payroll Tax Cut and UI Benefits*, 2012,

<https://www.economy.com/mark-zandi/documents/2012-02-07-JEC-Payroll-Tax.pdf>

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*The Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice is committed to a more socially just Hawai'i, where everyone has genuine opportunities to achieve economic security and fulfill their potential. We change systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice through policy development, advocacy, and coalition building.*

We have an opportunity to make investments that will build a Hawaii that's better for our people coming out of the pandemic than it was going in. Smart CIP investments, including investments that support affordable housing development, will help get us there.

Thank you for your work on these vital issues. We appreciate your consideration of this testimony.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 11:30:45 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Duffy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**"I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. This legislative package will help us in the current crisis by plugging the \$1 billion budget shortfall. This will avoid furloughs or salary reductions that will only damage the economy at this critical moment.**

**I would like to thank the Legislature and its leaders for finding innovative ways to move forward, protecting us instead of adding to the damage.**

**Please stay safe and well,**

**David Duffy**



Dear Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

**I am testifying in SUPPORT of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1**

I am strongly supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Joe W. Ramos, PhD  
Professor, Cancer Biology  
UH Cancer Center &  
B.H. and Alice C. Beams Endowed Professor in Cancer Research  
John A. Burns School of Medicine  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 11:57:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christine Gumbs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in favor of HB2725 HD1, Line Item 188.1 Page 146 - Funds for De Silva Elementary, Hawaii to design a new classroom building.

Our school is out of classroom space.

EB DeSilva first opened its doors in 1959 to 350 students. Fourteen years ago, when Dennis O'Brien began his time as our Principal, enrollment was at 375. Our campus is built to comfortably handle 400 students. In 2018, we had over 450 students. In 2019, we had jumped to 485 students!

- We are one classroom short of three classes per grade
- Offices are used as classrooms
- Closets are used as offices
- Half of a bathroom was converted into a storage room
- The Computer Lab moved into the Library
- Our old Computer Lab has changed to academic space
- The Art Teacher houses her desk in a 5th grade classroom
- Our Reading Interventionist has a desk in a storage room
- Our Hawaiian Studies Teacher works off of a cart and out of a storage shed
- Our Speech Teacher, School Counselor, and ELL all meet with students on picnic benches in hallways around campus.
- Soon we may need to resort to using the cafeteria as a classroom.

We use every square inch of available space on campus. Our wonderful teachers do it with a smile. We make it work and will continue to do so, for as long as we can.

However, enrollment is steady and will continue to rise. Our quiet Kaumana neighborhoods of retirees are going through a cycle, and families with younger children are moving in. Our class sizes are larger than the state average. Our District Exceptions use to be at 40% and is now less than 12%, with limitations to mostly teacher's children. Last year, we learned our district has vacant land marked for new development. A new subdivision of 40 - 45 residential lots will be developed in the next couple of years. Increasing enrollment is inevitable.

What we need now is more classroom space. Please Include Funds for De Silva Elementary, Hawaii to design a new classroom building.

Mahalo!

Christine Gumbs

PTA President and mom of 2 students at De Silva.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:17:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Unhee Lim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200 HD1 and HB2725 HD1.**

**I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions." It would also be beneficial to state "I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**Unhee Lim**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:45:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lance Uyeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. Thank you, legislators, for these proposals.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

These bills will stimulate the local economy, and they give us the best chance we've seen so far of making a quick recovery rather than entering the downward spiral that would be caused by austerity measures.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 12:47:38 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Matter	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee members:

I SUPPORT HB1632, HB2200, and HB2725.

I read about this in today's Honolulu Star-Advertiser and I am supportive of this group of bills to fill the \$1 billion shortfall and eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I want to personally thank you all for the hard work you have done to find innovative ways to fill the budget gap and ensure the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Michelle Matter, PhD  
Hawaii Kai

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 1:00:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sarah Hadmack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 3:09:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karla Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB 1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB 2725, HD 1. I am supporting this legislative package that provides for the \$1 billion shortfall and will eliminate the need for furloughs and salary reductions. I appreciate the difficult approach legislative leaders are proposing in order to fill the budget gaps while ensuring the stability of public employees who will be critical to any and all efforts to help restart the state's economy by working with Hawai'i residents to re-establish their ability to earn wages and re-build their lives and livelihood. We need to work together in the face of this extraordinary situation if we are going to re-build and strengthen our state.



**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 3:09:08 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Rancilio	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 4:17:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Houar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**"I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 4:25:43 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randi Saplan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of HB2725 HD1, Line Item 188.1 Page 146 - Funds for De Silva Elementary, Hawaii to design a new classroom building. As a parent and public school educator, I see the constraints made on teachers and students when they do not have the classroom space necessary to provide and experience quality learning opportunities. When classes are held in make-shift classrooms, it makes it very difficult to teach and learn.

Thank you for your consideration.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 4:27:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Jaworowski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1, as well as related bills HB1632 and HB 2200, HD 1. I support the the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall without the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. This will allow state employees to continue to do their jobs without furloughs and will help us pay our bills and keep contributing to the Hawaii economy, which will be so necessary until our economy builds back up.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 5:29:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amanda Zerr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 6:29:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Sinnett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB2725 HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. Furloughing and/or salary reductions would only lead to a weaker workforce that is unable to provide for their own needs, let alone contribute to the economic recovery.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 6:46:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven A. Singer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.**

**I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I also appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 8:24:12 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Antoinette Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.



**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
George Wang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.**

**I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.**

**I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."**

**George Wang**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 10:27:05 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Earl Hishinuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 10:29:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dana Singer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.**

**I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I also appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/9/2020 10:43:13 PM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Sue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Tuthill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Pak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Andrew Pak

Professor, Kapiolani Community College

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ross Egloria	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.**

**I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.**

**I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 4:52:10 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jian Zhou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.



**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harry Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

After reading several news articles, I ask that you vote in favor of this bill

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 7:07:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa J Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions, especially to essential workers who have continued to perform their work under extremely challenging circumstances. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Nishimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mindy Case	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacob Tyler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Balbag-Gerard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB163, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 8:57:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Prateek Kunwar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.



**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan St John	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vicky Irion	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**As a member of a kamaaina family who has taught in the University of Hawaii system since 1953, I am testifying in support of HB 2725 HD1. I suport the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. As the Hawaii economy recovers, the opportunity for human capital improvement (education) increases, and must be supported. An investment in education is an investment in the future. Unfortunately the pay-back is many years down the road, but please do not lose sight of the long-term goal of healthy economy!**

**I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Maureen Kearns	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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J. Maureen Kearns

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:08:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Drake Zintgraff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. We work hard to provide services to our fellow state residents, this will allow us to continue to put forth our best efforts in helping our community members and state preserver through this difficult time.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:13:12 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Cooney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1 as a package. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
PATRICIA ROLLAND	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Koo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:31:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stefanie Sasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you, Stefanie Sasaki - Associate Professor/Librarian, Honolulu Community College



**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:32:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adrian Franke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you very much,

Adrian Franke, PhD

University of Hawaii Cancer Center

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:38:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter Kalawaia Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shioko Yonezawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying in support of HB 2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Mahalo!

Shioko Yonezawa

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:47:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisette Marie Flanary	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I sincerely appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. Thank you.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:51:10 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Franklin Perkins	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I strongly support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. Given the high cost of living in Hawaii, public employees generally already live at the edge of their means and cannot sustain a loss in income. Moreover, money paid to public employees is generally immediately spent, thus circulating through the economy.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 9:57:08 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Audrey Mendoza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaiulani Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I am grateful that our legislative leaders are working hard to find innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensure the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times. Mahalo for your service to our communities.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:00:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brenda Coston	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**"I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1." In the testimony speak to the language provided in the newspaper article, that "I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions." It would also be beneficial to state "I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."**



**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:04:17 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Lau Kong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1 and am highly supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. Furthermore, I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:12:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anna Koo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/10/2020 10:13:17 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Irene Morrow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.

I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. We work hard to provide services to our fellow state residents, this will allow us to continue to put forth our best efforts in helping our community members and state preserver through this difficult time.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gail Quilantang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kimberlee Bassford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Hood	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**Below is abbreviated text you could use if you want be efficient:**

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Zhang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Eric Paul Shaffer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. This support would also be beneficial to state and workers in this time of need. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Best, Eric Paul Shaffer



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**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Now is the time to shift our economy to one which is designed for the future. We must flatten the curve of the virus and also that of climate disruption which threatens to destroy our lives and the ecological jewel we call home.

It is time to leave behind - rampant tourism, support for fossil fuel businesses and development in unsustainable areas such as close to the ocean, or on suitable agricultural land/ moratorium on up-zoning.

The natural beauty of our islands with its unique suite of animals and plants must be a priority for the longterm health. Money and effort must be deployed to protect our watersheds and oceans. A new mix in our economy is in order. One which promotes:

Green energy - rooftop solar, micro grids and non-profit utility companies, waste reduction, incentivizing working from home and 4 day workweeks.

Ecosystem protection - Land conservation, elimination of invasive plants and animals, planting of natives only in all public areas, enhancement of law enforcement and education.

Agriculture that is clean and sustainable for local use and hemp and cannabis industries with finished products such as clothing and cannabis for export.

Mahalo,

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**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Juli Patao	Testifying for Maui College	Support	No

Comments:

Since the following bills support each other.

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

I trust our Legislature to make the best decisions that impact Hawaii's people.

Thank You -- Juli Patao

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Abdul Karim Khan	Testifying for University of Hawaii System	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

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**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lenora Loo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1632, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I thank you for your time and effort to find ways to fill the budget gaps while ensuring the stability of the public workforce during these difficult times.

**LATE**

**From:** [Tiara Medeiros](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 10:30 a.m.  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 6:20:09 AM

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Tia Medeiros. I am a teacher at Baldwin High School on Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

Pay cuts would be devastating for many of us. I've been teaching for about 15 years and have been through furlough Friday's. It was hard then, I don't know how I would be able to pay my bills now. Back then I was renting from my parents so they helped me out. I didn't have a mortgage and a bunch of extra bills to pay. I would need to get a second job which would give me zero time at home to assess students, plan lessons and/or other things necessary to be an effective educator. Please do not go through with a pay cut for educators.

Mahalo,

Tia Medeiros, Baldwin District, Maui



**From:** [Lisa Galloway](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Lisa Maria](#)  
**Subject:** in support of HB 2200, HD1 - 1 step forward, and 2 steps back?  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 6:05:18 AM

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Re: Support HB 2200, HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Aloha. I am a teacher at Lanai High & Elementary School and I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1. While reducing teacher salaries may seem like a reasonable response to Hawaii's current crisis, I believe it will bring further doom. This year we finally saw one step forward - increases that have been overdue for decades - which showed promise of ending the teacher shortage that had caused our effectiveness to falter. Now is not the time to move 2 steps back!

Not only will cuts to teacher pay fail to attract and retain the kind of teachers who serve the public well by honing the skills and wisdom of the next generation of citizens and leaders... cutting salaries will also chase many teachers out the door. On Lanai, we have already lost qualified staff who fear these cuts, and cannot afford to live here at our current salary. Make the cuts a reality, and more will go, including the veteran teachers who truly guide the new hires and keep the standards high.

Vote for us and we will vote for you! Please do the right thing for our teachers and students, and find another way to address this crisis that does not involve compounding it.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Lisa Galloway, PhD

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Roxanne Campbell. I am a teacher at Mililani High School. in Central District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have taught in our Hawaii public schools since 1991. It has always been a financial challenge to raise our four children here. I've continued in this career for the love of the students.

As a teacher I have seen the need for qualified teachers with a passion for our students. Placing year round substitutes in our class is not nearly as effective as having a committed professional as the classroom teacher. A cut in pay drives qualified passionate teachers away. Despite our love for students a lack of income will force us to leave.

I love my students. However our family can not afford such a significant pay cut. Three of my own children are now in college.

I respectfully ask that you support our profession. Teachers deserve to be treated with dignity for the countless selfless we spend to go over and beyond for the love of our students.

Mahalo,

Roxanne Campbell, Central District, Oahu

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**From:** [josie harding](#)  
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**Subject:** Testimony  
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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is **Josephine Harding**. I am a **teacher** at **Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School** in **Hilo District** on **Hawai'i Island**. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

**Please do not cut teacher's pay or anybody working in schools in order to solve budgetary problems. Our state already has a shortage of educators, if salary reduction or furlough is going to happen, senior teachers will be forced to retire and newer teachers will leave. Teacher shortage will become worst, and it's the students of Hawaii that are going to suffer. They will end up with substitutes who do not have the capacity to deliver quality instructions. It will be a chain reaction of negative effects on our education.**

Mahalo,

**Josephine Harding, Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School, Big Island**



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From: [Meghan Flynn](#)  
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Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:30:55 AM

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Aloha,

My name is Meghan Flynn and I'm an 11th and 12th grade Special Education teacher at Campbell High School in Ewa Beach. I am reaching out to urge you to reconsider the proposed cuts to teachers' salaries for the following reasons:

- 1) Teacher pay in Hawaii is already among the lowest in the nation, especially when considering the cost of living. If our salaries are cut, many of us may not be able to maintain living here and might have to leave our positions, causing even more teacher vacancy than already exists, and therefore hurting the potential of our students to feel connected to their community.
- 2) Teachers are among a small group of professions with consistent pay throughout this recession, and we are one of the only sources of money being injected back into the economy by providing patronage to small businesses. If our salaries are cut, you would be directly cutting off part of small business revenue streams.
- 3) Many teachers have become the sole providers for their families during a period of astronomical unemployment rates. If you cut teacher salaries, you would cause further damage to the financial stability of thousands of families across the islands, and potentially increase the risk to property owners that rely on our incomes to continue paying rent and managing the property.
- 4) Teachers already work countless more hours than we are paid for, and even sacrifice part of our income to pay for classroom supplies which are not provided to us by the state. By cutting our salaries and continuing to rely on us to purchase our own resources, you are forcing us to invest less in our students and spend more time outside of school hours working to make up our income in a 2nd or even 3rd job.

Overall, the existence of this proposal is devaluing everything we work to achieve for our children and our communities as a whole, and you are severely limiting our ability to provide a stable and positive learning environment to hundreds of thousands of kids throughout the islands. Please consider how history will look upon a government that chooses to financially handicap the foundational workers of its education system and public services before finding alternative ways to limit funds being spent by the state. Show that you care about children in Hawaii by making the right decisions about their education--do not reduce the already incredibly low salaries of our state's teachers.

Regards,  
Meghan Flynn

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**LATE**

**From:** [Wendy Tannery](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 6:58:45 AM

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Aloha-

I have been an educator for the state of Hawaii for 30 years. I'm going to keep it short and simple because I know you have a lot of testimony to read. I cannot emphasize enough, how detrimental cutting teachers pay by 20% would be to our education system. It would create an unbelievable fallout because many teachers would leave the field of teaching. I can tell you from personal experience that it is a struggle to make it on the current salary, let alone endure cuts. I am on the highest pay scale level and step, yet I am unable to pay my bills. I have two other jobs, which are necessary for me to pay my daughters college tuition on my current salary, which I have lost due to CoviD. I would most likely retire if there was a pay cut -even though I have many more years to give to a profession that I have loved for 30 years. Teachers which we have worked very hard to recruit from the mainland, will return to the mainland and we will be looking at a shortage that we have never seen before. And who are the losers of all of this? The children.

Thank you for your time and consideration -  
Wendy Tannery

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**From:** [Christine Putzulu](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** HB 2200, HD1  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 3:49:46 AM

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Christine Putzulu. I am a teacher at Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School in Central District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

The cost of living in Hawaii is very expensive. It is difficult for families to afford daily necessities of food, shelter, and livelihood. Even with two parents working. It was still unaffordable. Having taught in the Department of Education for the past 25 years I have seen friends who are forced to relocate their families, leaving their ancestral homeland, to the mainland because they couldn't afford to live in Hawaii with their income. They now live in Las Vegas and are able to buy a house and have a little extra to enjoy life. Whereas, in Hawaii they were living paycheck to paycheck.

As it is still a current problem we have in Hawaii, cutting the budget would only worsen the problem and we would lose good teachers who are forced to leave just so they can make ends meet.

Please consider thoughtfully on HB 2200, HD1. No budget cuts.

Mahalo,

Christine Putzulu, Central District, Oahu

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020  
10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Kerry Panui. I am currently a science teacher at Kapaa High School on Kaua'i. I have been teaching secondary science and social studies in the Kaua'i Complex Area for 5 years. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I love teaching. I love working with students and am inspired by their desire to learn. Teaching is notoriously an underpaid profession, but my heart is in it and I don't wish for any other job. However, a pay cut would be devastating to me and my family (as well as many other teachers). We can barely "make it" every month as it is. Even before this discussion of pay cuts, I had contemplated getting a second job. (I know MANY teachers that already work second jobs). Yet I know, if I get a second job, that it will take my time and energy away from my students and my own family. It seems that we are already in an almost impossible position, and a pay cut would likely force me into another career.

If I am forced to leave the teaching profession, and other veteran teachers and counselors are also forced to leave, what will happen to our students? Will our schools be filled with even more unqualified teachers than they already are? It pains me to think of the far-reaching consequences that a pay cut could have on students across the archipelago. This is not what Hawai'i needs right now. Our students need stability, consistency, and experienced/ qualified teachers to lift them up and carry them through this challenging time. There has to be another way. A pay cut is not the answer.

Mahalo,

Kerry Panui, Hawai'i Department of Education, Kaua'i Complex Area

**From:** [Gareth Uyeda](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB2200, HD1  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Gareth Uyeda, & I am a band teacher at Waipahu Intermediate school in the Leeward District on the island of Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

As we all know teacher pay here in Hawaii is one of the lowest in the nation. It's also a fact that teacher pay is below the median in our state's economic survival

range. We get no overtime pay, & most of us buy educational items for our classes & students out of our own pockets. We teachers should not be taking the pay cut. Imagine if your teachers, the people that very well may have helped you get where you are today had to deal with a pay cut or conditions that we're facing today. Many of them may have quit so they could provide for their families, then who would you have gotten as a teacher, mentor, friend to guide you through life? Second rate people who probably wouldn't have cared for you as much as your teachers had. Many of my friends who are great teachers left the field after a few years when they found out the reality of the struggle of trying to survive on a teacher's salary. By cutting pay you would be promoting more quality teachers to flee this noble occupation, & thus promoting a second rate society.

Mahalo,

Gareth Uyeda

Leeward District

Oahu



**From:** [Eric Iwasaki](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 7:07:21 AM

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Eric Iwasaki. I am a 7th grade social studies teacher at Kalama Intermediate from the Maui District on the island of Maui and I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

A pay cut would be a slap in the face to teachers who work hard, who pay out of pocket for expenses, who have endured the 2008 furlough Fridays, and who have earned the much needed respect in recent days among parents and the wider community that what we do is a professional job that requires the compensation of a professional. Teachers make it look easy ‘cuz were pros. This ain’t a job for moms drinking coffee and dads hiding in their man caves.

Furthermore, a pay cut would be cutting our future because young people and people in general will decide against going into education, especially our local community who could make a positive impact on our keiki o ka aina.

Students are already hurting with our state’s shortage of teachers and coupled this with the closing of school facilities and distance learning. Also, students will be the brunt of the 20% pay cut because teachers will feel the need to do 20% less work and have every right to do 20% less since we are being paid 20% less.

It seems our teacher’s pay goes down when the economy is going down but our teacher’s pay never goes up when the economy is up.

Please reconsider and do not balance the budget on the little backs of teachers.

Mahalo,

Eric Iwasaki, Maui District, Maui



**LATE**

**From:** [Lynn Loveman](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday 5/11 10:30AM  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Attention: Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Lynn Loveman, and I am a School Counselor at Waikiki Elementary School in the Honolulu District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

As a school counselor, I am an advocate for our students and families. Now, more than ever, the social-emotional and mental health of our fellow teachers, students and their families is of utmost importance. This coming school year will require all of our faculty and staff to maintain a strong, united and compassionate mindset to serve our keiki and families, many of whom will be struggling due to job loss, home loss and other family traumas. Of course that is no different for our own teachers/staff who may have a spouse or family member directly affected by COVID-19 and the toll it has taken on our own community physically, mentally, and economically. Pay cuts or furloughs would decimate our finest and most tenured educators, and would turn away our new educators away from the teaching profession as well; knowing that their livelihood choice to be an educator wouldn't allow them to sustain basic needs for their families for the next several years. This is the time to galvanize our education teams with strong support from the top down, as well as the reassurance that our original compensation before Covid closure will stay intact. We already know that teachers/librarians and counselors in the state of Hawaii are among the lowest paid in the nation when cost of living in Hawaii is taken

into account. To cut our salaries will have a direct impact on our keiki, who have already suffered enough since our stay-at-home orders. Many students have regressed in skills or have had no opportunity to meet their expected learning outcomes for this school year. Why on Earth would the teachers pay be the first to be cut when there are certainly other ways and means to balance the state budget? After almost 2 months of providing daily remote school counseling support for our students and fellow teachers, I firmly believe we have gone above and beyond as "first responders" to our keiki and their education. In fact, we deserve MORE in order to support our keiki and families through the coming school year. Please consider our pleas against any pay cuts or furloughs for our educators.

Mahalo,

Lynn Loveman, Honolulu District, Oahu

**LATE**

**From:** [Geoff Garvin](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m  
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## TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Geoff Garvin. I am a teacher at Kalani High School, in the Honolulu district. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions for pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said, this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been teaching for about 15 years. In that time period teachers have experienced 9 straight years of no raises from the legislature to include furlough Fridays where of course pay was cut. If we were again to take a cut it would likely be about 7 years before we could get back to the pre cut level. The possibility of 16 years of service without a pay increase and multiple cuts is devastating.

I am one of many teachers who has taken on a 2nd job to make ends meet. In all likelihood if this pay cut were to happen I would leave the teaching profession altogether. This would effect students directly in they lose another highly qualified teacher. There is a saying, "That's why they pay for experience". Cuts would force many teachers to leave and students will not get the benefits of all that lost experience.

Mahalo,  
Geoff Garvin, Honolulu District, Oahu

**LATE**

**From:** [annie.kitamura](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
**Date:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 6:54:51 PM

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Annie Kitamura. I am a Grade 7 Math Teacher at Waiakea Intermediate School in the Hilo District on Hawaii Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I am writing this letter on behalf of my students, my colleagues, the community, and my family to urge you to please consider the negative side effects of cutting teacher pay. Our children are being faced with an educational crisis due to the closure of school and need the support of teachers to pull through and try to regain the academic, social, and emotional experiences that were lost. Although we cannot give them back this time, what we can do is to help prepare them for the long road ahead. This means that we need dedicated and qualified teachers. By cutting teacher pay, this will cause many of our veteran teachers to retire early, leaving a void for students to gain rich educational opportunities. This will also cause our classes sizes to swell to unimaginable numbers. How will our children learn in classes of 30+ students? How will we provide them adequate attention and support as well as follow the social distancing guidelines? This will also cause these vacant positions to be filled with under-qualified staff, such as long-term substitute teachers or even day-by-day substitutes. How is this what is best for our children?

In my 16 years of teaching, every teacher that I have ever worked with has spent hundreds of dollars to support the learning that takes place in their classrooms everyday. With a possible pay cut, we will not be able to provide students with these

extra supplies that help enhance learning and build strong positive relationships with students by providing out-of-pocket incentives, such as class celebrations. Teachers may also be dedicating less time to their profession if the pay cut means that they will need to get a second job to compensate for the loss of income. This will be detrimental to the future of Hawaii's educational system. Living in Hawaii is already costly, and taking 20% of our income will make it very hard for many of us to provide for our families. Again, all of our decisions go back to how this impacts our children. Please reconsider and look for other alternatives instead of cutting teacher pay.

Mahalo,

Annie Kitamura, Hilo District, Hawaii Island

**LATE**

**From:** [Robyn Skudlarek](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11  
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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

**RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Robyn Skudlarek. I am a District Resource Teacher in West Hawaii on Hawaii Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I am writing to respectfully ask that the Legislature considers all other options to address the financial shortfalls that are projected before cutting teacher salaries - or any state worker salaries. Cutting salaries would likely result in early retirement for veteran teachers, more long term substitute teachers in classrooms, teachers who have been here for less than three years leaving the state, and those on the lowest rung of the pay scale being asked to live on a wage that is, in fact, NOT a living wage even now. I personally know of two young, energetic, highly educated teachers who are strongly thinking about leaving the state because the wages are already too low. We cannot afford to lose these types of teachers! We need to do everything we can do support them. Youth who see a consistent, yearly turnover of teachers at their school tend to shy away from establishing a trusting relationship with these adults because, in the words of one student, "they are just gonna be gone next year anyway". Research shows that strong meaningful relationships are absolutely critical to students' academic success and mental health.

I think most parents now understand very clearly what it means to be a teacher as many of them have tried to support their child with distance learning during Covid. Now is the time to honor teachers and continue to recognize them for the work they do each and every day. Many do so at their own momentary expense - because it is a calling. Teachers are essential workers and they impact lives each and every day in ways that are profound and, in many cases, life altering for young people.

Mahalo for supporting teachers during this time.

Regards,

Robyn Skudlarek

Resource Teacher HIDOE

Hawaii Island

**LATE**

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May 10, 2020

Aloha:

My name is Gary Guardino. Our family relocated to Hawaii almost twenty years ago. Our youngest daughter taught Special Education for the hearing impaired in Honolulu. After four years, because she was a single mother, Caroline was forced relocated to the mainland. She could not make it here due the low wages and the high cost of living. She is currently a Professor teaching at Northern Florida University.

Our other daughter Maria lives in Honolulu. She teaches at Kawanānakoā near the condo she is purchasing. She has a master's degree and teaches English as a second language. I enjoy helping in her class whenever we visit from Maui. Maria is vibrant and connects so well with her students. I have been with her when she is approached off campus by students from the past. Some of the testimonies she has shared would bring tears to your eyes. She has a collection of personal items given to her by young men who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan after their tour has been over. Maria is so proud knowing that she has provided these young people skills that have really made a difference in their lives. Many now have self-respect and will not be trapped in the web of a lifetime of poverty. These young immigrants will not need to join the ranks of other less fortunate who have become socially dependents on the handouts of the state.

Maria loves her profession. Having no children of her own, she pours her heart and soul into improving the potential of each and every one of "her" kids. Maybe that is why she gets so disappointed and discouraged at times like these. She has seen so many teachers leave Hawaii and go on to easier and more lucrative positions. She doesn't want to do that. She wants to continue to be on the front line contributing in a fight every bit as important as what those who get paid a lot more than teachers and have been in the war against the covid-19 virus. But as she gets older she needs to feel appreciated and not threatened. Those that proposed the threat of a 20% cut in pay should not only apologize but also understand the terrible harm they have inflicted on the moral of our teachers.

Thank you for your time and understanding,

Gary and Sharon Guardino



**LATE**

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Jennifer. I am a 2nd grade teacher at Kahakai Elementary School on the Big Island of Hawaii. I have taught for over 12 years in Hawaii, I was born and raised here. I love my job and I love Hawaii. I am a highly qualified teacher and I feel my colleagues, my students, and I deserve better!!!!

I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1. I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

Teaching during COVID-19 has become more strenuous and harder for both teachers and students, parents, and teacher parents. We are working longer hours as well as taking care of our own family members. We already work so hard in the classroom, and now even harder in our own dining rooms, bedrooms, or living rooms, we would have preferred to work in our classrooms. We don't have control over the state of our society, but I hope we have a voice in making things better for students.

A budget cut for me may affect my ability to pay for my child's preschool tuition- is that fair for my own child to suffer from a loss of quality education that I cannot pay for? A budget cut for me may affect my ability to pay for my mortgage or vehicle payments. Where will I live? How will I get to work? Will I have enough money to pay for food? These are all more worries and stress put on me when I am already in an anxious state due to this pandemic.

Budget cuts will affect others too. I know a lot of my colleagues who are

seeking early retirement, because they cannot bear the possibility having to teach online next school year. I also know of great teachers who are leaving Hawaii at the end of May because they cannot afford to live here with the uncertainty of budget cuts. I have worked with student teachers who are on the verge of graduating, and they are also concerned about whether teaching is the right job for them during this time.

This is not the time to be cutting teachers pay, it will affect our keiki. I know how important it is to have quality teachers in the classroom. Parents tell me all the time during the distance learning, "I don't know how you do this! Teachers should get paid more!" Parents know that it takes so much more effort to teach their children. They want quality teachers in their classrooms, they don't want strong teachers leaving Hawaii because they can't afford to live here. I have seen the difference it makes in learning when you have a highly qualified teacher. If teachers decide to move away from Hawaii- then class sizes will be larger- how are we supposed to maintain distancing if we have increased class counts due to lack of teachers. Students WILL be behind in learning due to school closures- will we push them further behind by cutting teacher's pay?

We are essential! We matter! By cutting teacher's pay or having furloughs, will only decrease our workforce and morale, thereby affecting our students. Do our keiki of Hawaii matter to you? Are keiki important? Well if you feel they are, then so are the teachers who love, care, nurture, inspire, help, encourage, teach, these students .

Mahalo,

Jennifer Ilaban

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Christy Sakamoto. I am a teacher at Kamali'i Elementary School in Kihei on Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the Legislature to find ways to revise the state budget without any pay cuts or furloughs for our public schools or other state employees.

I have been a dedicated teacher on Maui for over 20 years. During this time, my fellow teachers and I have endured a strike, many contracts with no step increments embedded, furlough Fridays, and increased demands and paperwork. I have been willing to tolerate all of this, despite the financial burden put on my family, because I am passionate about teaching. I have been steadfast in remaining loyal to my profession here on Maui while being underappreciated and underpaid.

In the current state of affairs, teachers are already facing the harsh disappointment of likely not receiving the benefits from fixing the salary compression issue, which was going to be a great step in the right direction for fair pay. In addition, the budget was balanced on our backs once already, during furloughs several years ago. While I fully understand the impact that COVID-19 is having on our residents, these pay cuts are not the same as being without pay for a limited time period. We would return to work NOT at our previous salary, like employees of other places throughout the islands, but with a much smaller salary than we had in the past. Teachers would lose thousands of dollars a year for YEARS to come, and be forced to fight our way back to our previous salary, putting us into the same position of fighting for fair pay AGAIN. Being asked to do the SAME job for LESS money does not make any sense, and is simply not right. Not for teachers, not for anyone. This could also have a huge impact on the economy, as thousand of employees will be struggling more than ever to make ends meet.

Students are already struggling with school, now that we have transitioned to online learning. The daily routines and in person contact with our students are gone, and we are all doing our best to reach our students in any way we can. Physically and emotionally, this is taking a huge toll on our keiki. By displaying yet another show of disrespect for teachers, many dedicated and effective educators will choose or be forced to leave their positions for better paying jobs here or on the mainland. This will leave our schools once again scrambling for qualified teachers to support our students who are in great need, now more than ever.

As teachers, our main priority is our students. We consistently put students' needs in front of our own, sometimes even in front of the needs of our own families. In difficult times like these, however, we must also realize the importance of taking care of ourselves and staying physically and emotionally strong. If we are dedicating ourselves to our students, we must be in a position where we are able to do provide for them with continued passion and confidence. If the government makes the choice to add more hardship to the lives of teachers and other state employees when other options could have been explored, it will be doing a disservice to the employees, their families, and to all the students who are relying on our state to help them continue being educated throughout this crisis.

**Teachers work hard, we will continue to work hard, and we deserve to be paid fairly.** PLEASE help us make this happen and prove how much we support our keiki.

Mahalo.

Christy Sakamoto, BKM Complex Area, Maui

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## TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

As a local, born and raised here, in Hawai'i, I have every desire and intention of giving back to the community/island/state that I grew up in, by living out my career as a teacher, here in Hawai'i. I can also say the same for my spouse. We are both teachers, and although we both have a Master's Degree in education, have been working with the DOE for a while (myself 6 years, and my spouse, over 20 years) and have great credit scores, we still do not make enough money to purchase a decent home. Because of this detriment, we are considering leaving our stable careers, here in Hawai'i, to move out of state, where we can purchase a home, and still live comfortably. This is not something we are excited about considering, as we would be leaving almost all of our loved ones behind. Culturally, Hawai'i is tight-knit with their immediate and extended family; thus, moving out of Hawai'i is not a desirable option. Should there be any pay cuts for DOE employees, such as myself and my spouse, I know that it would definitely increase the chances of local staff/faculty members, working in the public school setting, leaving their profession, to move out of state or find another career.

With regard to my spouse-- even after completing a Master's program, through UH Manoa, and working as a teacher for over twenty years, it is unfortunate that the consideration of creating more debt to go back to college to earn a degree for a different profession, that pays more, is even being given light to.

I know that a pay cut would surely increase the odds of the Hawai'i DOE losing amazing and passionate local teachers.

Mahalo,

Leina'ala Kealoha, Lihu'e, Kaua'i

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Erika Davidson. I am an elementary school counselor at Kalaheo School in Kaua'i District, on Kaua'i. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have worked as an elementary school counselor on Kaua'i for fifteen years. I worked through the "Furlough Fridays" cutbacks, and have seen ups and downs in public education in Hawai'i. Prior to the Covid-19 Quarantine, during the 2019-2020 school year, my school struggled to find qualified teachers for special education and regular education teaching positions, relying on long-term substitutes to fill several positions. If a 20% pay cut is implemented I fear an already tough situation will become an untenable one. Teaching will no longer provide a livable wage, and educators will leave the state for jobs on the mainland that will support their families. If education is truly a priority in our state, then we need to fund it as a priority. Our students deserve qualified teachers who can focus on their education, and not fear that as a teacher, we won't be able to meet our families basic needs. My youngest child is signed up to start pre-school this fall. My husband was laid off due to the shut-down and it took over a month before he began to receive unemployment. I find it ironic that, after working so hard to earn a bachelors and masters degree,

and working in a profession that promotes education as a way to better oneself, and contribute to society in a helpful way, this pay cut would mean I will struggle to afford an education for my own child. Educators are a giving group. Our time, hard work, and dedication is wholeheartedly given to our students. Please support us so we can support them!

Mahalo,

Erika Davidson, Elementary School Counselor, Kalaheo School, Kaua'i District,  
Kaua'i



**LATE**

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is **Amleth Guerrero**. I am a high school **English teacher** at James Campbell High School in **Ewa Beach** on **Oahu**. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

Nobody has anticipated that this pandemic will last for so many months and the impact of this situation is immeasurable. Although we are flattening the curve, the threat of a second wave is still in front of us. I understand that our economy is suffering and tens and thousands of people have lost their jobs and we are nearing a million for the death toll. Our leaders are exhausting all possible ways to financially support its people.

I understand that salary pay cuts of state employees like teachers, policemen, nurses and the like will greatly help the restoration of the economy. However, I do believe that by doing so we are going to create more irreparable damage to our state, for example in the education of our keikis. If we take away 20% of the salary of the teachers, we are pushing them to leave their profession or retire as soon as they can. By doing so, students will be left with unqualified teachers just to fill in the positions.

As we know, public school teachers use their personal money to purchase school supplies and resources to support their teaching pedagogy. I personally make a regular purchase of some online resources so I can supplement the curriculum by doing so I can gauge my students and support the rigor of the standards. If our leaders decide to cut our salary, our options become even more limited and our keiki's education will be on the line.

Please consider other possible ways to mitigate the problems brought by the pandemic. The impact of pay cuts will be felt immensely not just by teachers and

their families but our keikis.

Mahalo,

**Amleth Guerrero**

**Ewa/Kapolei Complex, Oahu**

**LATE**

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Elissa Fiedler. I am a Kindergarten teacher at Kahakai Elementary School in Kealakehe Complex on Hawaii Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

Fun fact: my friends who are currently on unemployment due to COVID-19 are getting paid MORE by the government than I am as a 4th year teacher with a master's degree. This is not right. Cutting our salary by an additional 20% should not even be considered as an option. You are not giving teachers any incentive to choose to continue teaching, when unemployment is somehow a better paying option. I already personally know teachers who have packed up their things and bought their tickets back to the mainland as soon as they first heard about a potential paycut. We simply cannot afford it. We are single moms, we have college debt, we have mortgages, we need to be able to feed our family - and many of us already spend part of salary on our students and our classrooms. We are dedicated to our students and our communities, and the success of our students leads to the future success of the economy! If teacher salary cuts are implemented, we will lose so many more teachers. The shortage that already exists will become worse. If you want to help our economy, if you want to plan at ALL for the future, cutting teacher salaries is a very bad idea.

Our keiki deserve a future that is well planned for. Our keiki deserve qualified teachers. Let's not jeopardize these things.

Sincerely,

Elissa Fiedler, M.S.Ed

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Dear Donovan Dela Cruz.,

I am a 43 year old special educator from Radford High School with 16 years of teaching experience who is writing asking you to support HB 2200, HD 1. Implementing teacher pay cuts or furloughs to address deficits in the state's budget might cause me and many other educators to seek work outside of Hawaii. Losing a large number of teachers would be an injustice to Hawaii's keiki as the state would need to hire and train many new educators. After the trauma of covid-19 of school closures, the last thing our students need is more upheaval and uncertainty in their lives.

I was a military dependent whose father was stationed at Pearl Harbor from 1984-1988, so I spent some of my elementary years attending Mililani Uka and cherished experiencing the rich cultural diversity of Hawaii's public schools. I received my BA in English literature from the University of Virginia and my Masters in Special Education from George Mason Univ. before teaching at Radford from 2006 - 2012. Sadly, I remember all too well the pain of the DOE's Furlough Fridays. Those recession prompted paycuts contributed to my husband and I having to return to Virginia after starting a family and struggling to afford the cost of living with the added expense of child care. For 5 years, we missed Hawaii terribly and saved money so that we could try again to live successfully in the islands. In 2018, we felt triumphant in our return to Oahu and we have enjoyed enabling our daughter to experience the beautiful place of her birth.

Returning to teach special education at Radford has been such a blessing because many of the same teachers and administrators that I had the pleasure of working with before continue to make a difference in the lives of keiki in the Salt Lake and Aliamanu area as well as the military transplants who comprise Radford's student body. My familiarity with Radford's school culture, bell schedule, and IEP expectations allowed my return to teaching there feel relatively seamless. My husband, a passionate surfer, fortunately has an architectural design job with a company based on the east coast which has allowed him to work remotely from home. His work schedule offers him the flexibility of taking our Mililani Waena menehune to and from school each day.

We have yet to experience the joy of home-ownership and wonder if we will ever be able to afford the cost of real estate on Oahu and help finance our daughter's college education in the future. I fear that reducing teachers' pay might cause many professionals like me to have to look for work elsewhere. Having to say goodbye to departing teachers and train new teachers would take it toll on the learning community and would ultimately be detrimental to the quality of education.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony before making your decision.

Suzanne Goodrich

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RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Abel Maldonado. I am a 2nd-grade public school teacher at waiakeawaena Elm. in the Hilo-Waiakea complex on the island of Hawaii. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

Mahalo,

Abel Maldonado, hilo-waiakea, hawaii

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Joy Yoshioka. I am a Special Education teacher at University Laboratory School in the Honolulu District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been teacher for 14 years in Hawaii and started at the bottom unlicensed. I am now licensed but still don't make enough to comfortably live on my own. I live with family so I can afford to pay for a car and other basic necessities, but still live pay check to pay check. I also have to get a part time job to afford to pay for my student loans that paid for my masters degrees. I am the most educated in my entire family, but yet, I make the least amount by far.

If there is 20% pay cut, I don't know how many of my colleagues will be able to survive or stay in the teaching positions. Tenured teachers and especially new teachers will not be able to sustain the dramatic cut in pay. As a result, with the teacher shortage, the pay cut will create an immediate exodus of teachers. In turn, that will immediately impact the future of educating our children in Hawaii. Not only will there be many uncertified and unlicensed teachers hired to fill the already empty position, but there probably won't be enough teachers to teach in the schools across Hawaii.

Please find another way to balance the budget and not hurt the teachers who can barely survive with the current conditions.

Mahalo,

Joy Yoshioka, Honolulu District, Oahu



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Krystal Sato. I am a teacher at Kalaheo High School in the Windward District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

I know that things are difficult right now and we need to look to preserving our future. Cutting salaries or furloughing our public workers will not achieve that end. We already face a drastic teacher shortage and, if we continue to need social distancing measures in the near future, that shortage will only increase. To serve the children of Hawaii, many high school teachers have classes of 35-40 students multiple times a day. Given the minimum 6-foot distance, that many students will not fit in a classroom and we will need to hire more teachers and provide more alternative education opportunities. While I am only in my sixth year of teaching, I have many friends who have still not recovered from “Furlough Fridays”. I know people who are retiring early to avoid the possibility and people who are thinking of switching professions...all during a time when we need quality educators to provide for a future beyond the budget deficit we foresee next year.

I don’t envy your position and the decisions you have to make and I thank you for doing your very best to help as many people as possible. I hope you can see a way to plan for a future not one year in the making, but thirteen or more. I’m currently working with our valedictorians on their very different commencement speech and they talk about the thirteen years teachers have given them to prepare for the rest of their lives. The



kindergarteners starting school for the first time in fall 2020 will experience school in a completely different way than any other students before them, but they deserve the same opportunities as our class of 2020 with the same quality education from quality educators.

Mahalo,

Krystal Sato, Windward, Oahu



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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Mercy Watson. I am a teacher at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School in Leeward District on the island of Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

This is my first year as a teacher and as you know the salary for a new teacher is the lowest because we just started. I am also a new mom therefore I am struggling to make ends meet comfortably. My husband (also an employee of the state) has to work overtime. This pay cut will push me to look for a career placement out of the education system even though I love teaching and I love my students. Please help us.

Mahalo,

Mercy Watson, Leeward District, Oahu



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HV2200, HS1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Monday, May 11, 2020

10:30 am

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Dawn-L Estrella. I am a teacher at Waiakea Intermediate School in Hilo District on Hawaii island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue loss without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I am a teacher in Hawaii for the last 24 years. I have been through 3 strikes, a pay lag and the furlough Fridays of 2009. Since the start of my career, teachers have always bared the burden of such a noble profession with low wages and much disrespect. Before the shut down of the stay at home order due to COVID-19, I was already using my personal resources to buy snacks and supplies for students who came to school without. When Governor Ige imposed the order to shut down schools, all I thought about were my students. Teachers have stepped up, continuing to make lesson plans on a new platform, reach out to students via email, telephone and in some cases meeting with students and parents. Once again working countless hours to implement distance learning, something we have never done before in only one week's time. We have stepped up. With no break in service, teachers continue to give of their time, in their homes putting their own personal family on the side to teacher other people's children. We use our personal resources of computers, mobile devices and pay for our own personal internet service to continue to do our job with no stipend or additional funds offered by the employer or expected from teachers. We have stepped up, we do our job even in a pandemic. We are resourceful and find a way to continue to do our job. I am asking the Committee on Ways and Means to do the same. Step up, show your support of teachers who have showed up. Be resourceful and find a way to help Hawaii's economy without hurting the ones who have kept doing their job when other professions have stopped.

Any kind of cut in pay will perpetuate Hawaii's teacher shortage and hard to fill areas of teaching. Schools will continue to have a difficult time filling teacher positions causing over crowding in each classroom and students will ultimately suffer. Veteran teachers like myself will make the difficult decision to leave the teaching profession since the pay will become near impossible to live in Hawaii. The state will be forced to hire new teachers and substitutes with little training and no experience. Student learning will suffer. Teachers have stepped up, work hard to keep students connected to learning, and continue to bridge services of the

school and to families around the state. I realize that there is a statewide shortfall in the budget, but teachers have been and continue to work hard. Please don't disrespect our efforts and devalue our loyalty to the teaching profession by cutting our pay.

Mahalo,  
Dawn-L Estrella  
Hilo District, Hawaii Island

**LATE**

**From:** [Michelle Hakes](#)  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Michelle Hakes. I am a Special Education Teacher at Pearl City High School in Leeward District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been a teacher for 23 1/2 years. A severe pay cut will return my paycheck to amounts I had prior to Furloughs in 2009. I feel like I work harder now than I ever did and I would be paid less. I will have to get a part-time job to compensate which means less time to plan for the needs of my special needs students. I will most likely have to move to a smaller space to accommodate my family since I won't be able to afford my rent. With current pay, I can keep my focus on teaching and my students.

I know of at least 8 teachers at my school who state if this 20% pay cut goes through they will retire. That is 3 special ed teachers in an area that already has a teacher shortage. The state is already short 1,000 Highly Qualified teachers. You are only creating a bigger problem.

With students being cut from 5 to 4 days a week, some weeks with holidays they will only be getting 3 days of instruction a week. Struggling students will struggle more. Special needs students will make less progress. Special Needs student parents have already filed a class action lawsuit. Cutting back on these students will cost the state more in the long run.

All students need stability. As shown all over social media, parents struggle with their children at home trying to teach them academics. I have people calling me asking me how to do something because the parent doesn't understand how to do the math. Students will continue to practice wrong and struggle with work. Students are dealing with drastic changes now and are having coping issues. Students need routines with professionals who can teach them.

There has to be another way.

Don't let the children receive the short end of this corona pandemic.

Mahalo,

Michelle Hakes, Leeward District, Oahu

**LATE**

**From:** [Malevine Salanoa](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Malevine Salanoa. I am a Special Education Teacher at Radford High School in the Central District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1. I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

My husband and I are both proud alumni of Radford High School which is why we choose to move back from Washington State and teach at our alma mater as a way to give back. We have been teaching special education for 17 years now. I teach the lower fully self contained (FSC) class where my students are medically fragile and suffer from multiple severe disabilities. My husband teaches the higher FSC class where his students disabilities limit their inclusion in the general education classroom. We have seven beautiful daughters and reside in Kunia. With our teacher income we have been living paycheck to paycheck to make ends meet each month and to provide for our family of 9. With pay cuts or furloughs, we would no longer be able to provide for the needs of our family. A decrease in either of our pay would drastically change our quality of life in Hawaii. We would no longer be able to afford living on our own and would more than likely have to move in with family or relocate to the mainland where the cost of living is affordable for our big Ohana. Our students and their families will also be greatly affected as they will not have the proper resources they need to assist them with their daily living needs and care. We deeply care about our students and would hate to see the negative impact pay cuts and/or furloughs would have on their educational and emotional well being. It is our hope and prayer that we would never have to leave our home and the job that we love most.

Mahalo,  
Malevine Salanoa, Central District, Oahu

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*"It is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy." -D. S-R.*

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Pamela Walencewicz. I am a 5th grade special education teacher at Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School in the Honoka'a-Kealakehe-Konawaena-Kohala Complex on Hawai'i Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I am currently in my second year as a licensed teacher, having decided in 2015 to make a mid-life switch after a long and successful career in healthcare. Teaching is, by far, the pinnacle. This school year, I have been co-teaching 5th grade special education with two exemplary general educators who make me love my job even more than I thought I could. I am a proud Hawai'i homegrown special educator, having completed my training via the University of Hawai'i at Manoa post-baccalaureate distance learning program and having just completed my Master's in Special Education, also from UHM, maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout. I thought long and hard before making these commitments; they were not snap decisions or made because I decided to move here on a whim "to see what Hawai'i was all about." I have roots, ancestry, and family here. I know the history of Hawai'i's public education struggle. I chose to teach in the public school system even though I am a product of private schools. And, I feel strongly that our *keiki* in the public schools, especially those receiving special education services, are the most in need and the most overlooked.

Since my education journey began five years ago, I have seen many educators leave the islands. Each teacher exodus leaves its mark and for students with special needs—who thrive on routine, consistency, and constancy of staff and quality of rigor—the loss of even one educator can be the difference between growth and delays, accomplishment and regression. If our state takes measures that impact teacher livelihood, the teacher exodus will be great, it will be lasting, and students will suffer.

Teachers in Hawai'i notoriously work more than one job to supplement income and/or work longer hours to help students. We host after-school art, music, and video clubs, robotics teams, and tutoring labs. We regularly spend our own out-of-pocket funds to help students whose families cannot afford school supplies and other basic classroom necessities. As a newer teacher already earning in the lowest tiers, any salary reduction will mean that I will not be able to afford to rent or purchase even a modest, one-bedroom apartment or condo here. On Hawai'i island where monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment hovers near \$2,000, about 2/3 of my take-home salary will go toward paying rent. How will I afford to live if that salary is further decreased? How will I be able to provide supplies for my students in-need if my own living barely provides for myself? Will I be able to get involved in after-school programs if I need to find another job, or two, just to make ends meet? What will the

quality of my teaching look like if I am working other jobs in addition to teaching, just so I can live here?

If my salary is reduced, like many other teachers, I will be forced to consider moving away from the islands I call home, the place that made me into the teacher I am today, and the students who have been my own teachers, my purpose, and my salvation.

Chair Dela Cruz, members of the Ways and Means Committee, please, use your powers for good and preserve teacher salaries. You are intelligent, creative individuals capable of great things, including finding another way to address the state budget concerns. By preserving teacher salaries, you will be preserving the public educational system of our great state, you will be helping each child continue to thrive academically, emotionally, and personally, and, most of all, you will be assuring teachers everywhere that education matters and that teachers are valued beyond what a salary says they are worth.

Respectfully,

Pamela Walencewicz, BA, MEd

5th Grade Special Education Teacher

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**LATE**

**From:** [Leila Kealoha](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Aloha

I am writing to ask that if you appreciate the education you have received in your lifetime? If you have, then I assume you are thankful that ALL of your teachers that have given you that opportunity! As we are already short handed in meeting the needs of all our Keiki in Hawaii nei, I would assume that you would support ensuring that ALL TEACHERS in Hawaii are given the funding and credit to acknowledge them. It goes without saying that ALL fisherman, lawyers, nurses, journeyman, doctors, grocery clerks, politicians, and so many more have a teacher to thank. Please do what is best for our Keiki and ensure we are still able to AFFORD to educate them by allowing us to work.

Mahalo nunui a loa!

Leila Kealoha

**From:** [Russell/Leilani Fitzgerald](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means  
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**LATE**

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Russell Fitzgerald I am a teacher of economics and history at Leilehua High School in Central District on O'ahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1. I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been a public school teacher in Hawaii for more than 30 years. All three of my sons have attended public schools on O'ahu; Kailua High School, Mililani High School and Leilehua High School. In my classroom I have tried to teach students many things. One of the main concepts is the idea of opportunity costs; resources are finite and to get something you have to give up something. The opportunity cost for housing projects may be parks and open spaces. The opportunity cost for golf courses in a lack of water for agricultural lands. Everything in life has an opportunity cost. And so far, the opportunity cost for keeping Hawaii fairly safe from the COVID-19 virus has been a major hit to our state's economy because of a decrease in tourism revenues.

You and your fellow legislators have been given a difficult task, what are our states priority? In my household, when the budget gets tight, I cannot simply pay 80% of my mortgage, 80% of my electric bill, 80% of my car insurance, 80% of my telephone and medical, 80% of my cable, Netflix and Amazon Prime. If I do, the bank will seize my home and utilities will be shut off. I must make tough choices. Amazon Prime and Netflix will just have to go. My kids will be sad without HULU but everything has a opportunity cost. PLEASE do not underfund education. PLEASE do not say everything in the state government is of equal value and treat all cuts the same. All of my bills are not the same and I pay the ones most essential first and give up my trips to McDonalds. Prioritize what you feel is most valuable and support it wholeheartedly. Education is the absolute key to a better life and to cut teacher's pay and expect the same outcome is just not realistic. Let Hawaii voters know what you prioritize as essential for our states long-term future. Take Care and God Bless.

Mahalo,

Russ Fitzgerald, Central District, O'ahu

GO MULES!!

**LATE**

**From:** [Bella Barrett](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Isabella Barrett. I am a teacher at WR Farrington High School in Honolulu district on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

Currently, my husband is unemployed and a pay cut or furlough to my income will create an extreme hardship for our family. We are already trying to make ends meet with Hawaii's extremely high cost of living. Even when my husband was employed prior to Covid-19, we were living check to check. We are already worried about how we are going to make ends meet with only 1 income coming in. If my pay is cut, we may be forced to move to the mainland or I will have to leave teaching altogether to find a job that pays more money.

Mahalo,

Isabella Barrett, 19th Sen./40th Rep. District, Oahu

**From:** [raljo73](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020  
10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Ralna Pacada. I am a Student Services Coordinator (SSC) at Makakilo Elementary in Leeward District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1. I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I am married with 2 children and the pay cuts or furlough would not only hurt our family but also fellow teachers/librarians/counselors, and most importantly, our students. My husband is currently not working due to the COVID-19 pandemic and hasn't received an unemployment check yet. In addition, our family has not received the stimulus check either so we are currently living off of one paycheck.

However, I feel that a more detrimental effect of the pay cuts or furloughs would be teacher morale and student achievement. Many teachers, especially those close to retirement or young teachers, will end up leaving the profession for other better paying professions. That will leave a huge teacher shortage, on top of the shortage we already have, which will adversely impact our students. Our students will not have a qualified teacher in the classroom to effectively teach and help them be successful productive citizens of the community.

Mahalo,  
Ralna Pacada, Leeward District, Oahu



**LATE**

**From:** [Carli Miyashiro](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Carli Miyashiro. I am an AVID/College Prep Teacher at Kapolei Middle School in the Leeward District on O‘ahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

My husband and I are both public school teachers on O‘ahu. A 20% cut in pay would be devastating to our life and way of living, as we would both lose this money! With both of us impacted, we may have to consider other jobs, possibly off-island and out of Hawai‘i.

Teachers in Hawai‘i have been working hard to increase our pay. Over the last few years, we have overcome some of those obstacles. This bill would allow for Hawai‘i to still recruit teachers. Since Hawai‘i is already hard to staff, cutting pay by another 20% would be inefficient in recruiting teachers to fill our hard to staff positions.

Please do not cut our pay.

Mahalo

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Do not cut teachers pay! It will hurt the children. There will be far fewer qualified teachers! Hawaii has a rainy day fund of approximately one billion. Use this money and federal stimulus money to help our economy! No other state is doing this to their teachers!!! Thank you,  
Carmen Bruce. Teacher. Honowai Elementary Waipahu

Sent from my iPhone

**LATE**

**From:** [Eryn Muraoka](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Eryn Muraoka. I am an Instructional Coach at Pohakea Elementary in Leeward District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

As many of us are aware, Hawaii educators are already the lowest paid in the nation when taking into consideration cost of living. While the perception might be that teachers can afford a 20% pay cut since we are "just working from home", that is far from the truth. The staff at Pohakea Elementary School is working harder than ever. We have virtual meetings as a staff to ensure we are making the right decisions to support our keiki and to provide a sense of calm and security for our students & families during this time of uncertainty. Staff members are going above and beyond to teach themselves how to hold virtual meetings, use digital platforms, and consistently communicate with parents to check in on their child's well-being in addition to academics. Teachers are meeting weekly to ensure that we have a plan in place to support students physical and emotional safety once schools reopen.

There has been much concern and discussion about what the 20% pay cut will do to the livelihood of my colleagues. Many have shared that they would need to leave the profession in order to find a job that would be able to pay the bills

and feed their families. There are also a few teachers that can retire and the 20% pay cut might be the last straw on the camels back that pushes them to an early retirement. This will cause a ripple effect of having non-qualified teachers in schools once campuses re-open. Worst case scenario is that we will have NO teachers to be able to help the children of Hawaii transition back to "normalcy" after the worst of the pandemic is over.

If we truly value our future, we should continue to invest in public education.

Mahalo,

Eryn Muraoka, Leeward District, Oahu

**LATE**

**From:** [Mia-Pia Cummins-Van Herreweghe](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Mia-Pia Cummins-Van Herreweghe. I am a Science teacher at Konawaena Middle School in Kealakekua (Honoka'a, Kohala, Kealakehe, Konawaena Complex) on Hawai'i Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been teaching for the last 15 years, and during 10 of those years, I worked a second job to make ends meet. I have finally reached the part in my life where I do not need to worry about a second job anymore, although I still live pay-check to pay-check as I am the only breadwinner in our household. My husband is on social security and has health issues. While I physically am not in school, I still interact with my students, provide them online meaningful learning activities so that my students learn about the topics we would have covered in class this quarter. Since our school services a lot of students who come from a low-income background and don't have the technology or connectivity, I also make math and science packets that our school office mails home. All of our teachers do a similar thing.

If at this point, where there are talks about summer school or distance learning for next year, the State would cut our teacher's pay, many of us will have to go look for a second or third job just to make ends meet. We are facing the

possibility of having to teach our students in a whole different way than we have been, and then dealing with the stress of worrying about money would make the teaching an even more challenging job for the teachers, however, this would significantly impact the learning experience of our students, as they now will receive sub-par instruction from a teacher who is thinking and worrying about putting food on the table, paying mortgage/rent, etc.

Teachers are the rocks of comfort for many of our students, and school is the only "normal" some of our students have. I am willing to work over the summer and teach summer school, and I have voiced this to my principal already.

Please protect our income and our functionality in this complex time.

Mahalo,

Mia-Pia Cummins-Van Herreweghe

Konawaena Middle School

Hawai'i Island

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**“When you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.”** - Mr. Spock. *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*, 1991

**From:** [Shana Brown](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Pay Cuts Solutions  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 7:17:49 AM

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**LATE**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Shana Brown. I am a 3rd grade teacher at King Kaumuali'i Elementary School on Kaua'i. I have been teaching for 12 years and half of that has been with the Hawaii DOE. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I am very concerned not only as a teacher, but as a taxpayer about the idea of cutting teacher salaries in our state. I was recruited 6 years ago from the mainland to teach in Special Education for a school on Kaua'i. This happened because Hawaii doesn't have enough teachers to fulfill the needs of our communities. I am a huge supporter of growing our own teachers and similar programs so that we can address the shortage we already have in place, but when people who are considering being teachers see that we are looking at 20% pay cuts, what message are we sending? I think we are going to see an even bigger shortage as a result which costs our state money and resources.

I know fellow teachers who have said they would leave teaching or even Hawaii if we see that kind of pay cut. They just can't afford to stay with such a huge chunk of pay gone at an already low salary. That means more work for others if they leave and less qualified teachers for our keiki. I work multiple extra jobs already and since the Covid-19 crisis I have been unable to do most of my extra jobs. So, I have already been struggling. The other thing that worries me is that I am currently teaching general education and had already committed to going back to teaching special education for the coming school year. This was based in large part on the fact we were supposed to be receiving a \$10,000 differential. That would have allowed me to quit my extra jobs. So, now I have committed to more work, but not only am I being told I might not get that, but in fact I will be making even less. With a 20% pay decrease I am barely going to scrape by and will likely have to try to find other ways to make ends meet while worrying about the extra time I am going to be putting in on

IEP's.

Do you really want teachers to be putting in time and effort into other jobs? I would want my child's teacher to be focused completely on my child's learning and that is what teachers want as well. Please don't continue to put us in a position where we have to choose between our students and our own well being. Let's make this right for our children and our communities.

Mahalo,

Shana Brown, M.Ed., Kaua'i



**LATE**

**From:** [Jamie Hoopes](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Jamie Hoopes. I am a kindergarten teacher at Connections Public Charter School in Hilo-Waiakea on the Big Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

I am writing on behalf of myself and colleagues teaching in the State of Hawaii. I am asking that alternative options be put in place, rather than the proposed salary cuts.

It's not a secret that Hawaii has been struggling with education issues for years. Cutting teacher pay would be like throwing gasoline on the fire. The high cost of living in Hawaii is very difficult for teachers. Many have other jobs just to make ends meet. The proposed cuts would make living and working as a teacher in this State almost impossible. It would drive experienced teachers to early retirement. New teachers would leave the profession or go to the mainland where the pay is better and the cost of living is less.

My husband and I moved to the Big Island in 2016 from Ohio. I have a Masters Degree and I'm considered Highly Qualified. At the time, I left my teaching position of 12 years to come here and I took a huge pay cut, as half my years of service were not honored. Hawaii is getting my expertise at a bargain already. However, if the State cuts pay 20% more, I will need to look into other career options and/or go back to the mainland to support my family's needs.

Schools in Hawaii are often forced to hire unqualified teachers at reduced pay because of the widely known teacher shortage and low budgets. These teachers are in programs while they teach and are working for reduced pay. How can any of us further handle the cost of living here? Many of us would be forced to walk away.

The domino effect of these pay cuts will hurt the most innocent involved, the keiki, and that is unacceptable. When they return to school, they are going to need strong, supportive teachers to be there for them.

Mahalo,

Jamie Hoopes  
Hilo-Waiakea  
Big Island

**LATE**

**From:** [Melissa A Reyes](#)  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Melissa Reyes I am a Counselor at Kalama Intermediate School in Kekaulike/Baldwin Complex on Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have worked for the Department of Education for 8 years and interned in the schools during Furlough Fridays. I have seen first hand what pay cuts do to employees considering the cost of living here in Hawaii. Educators have stepped up more than ever these past few months, many going beyond the hours of the school day. I, myself, have found it difficult to shut down my email during evenings and weekends just in case a parent or student reaches out during these unprecedented times. I have never had so many students and former students email me with questions and concerns and I feel that it is my duty to continue to support them during the Summer months as well.

For myself, a paycut may mean moving back to California to be with my family. I am out here alone supporting myself and may not be able to continue surviving out here if I receive a decrease in pay. I understand the devastation this pandemic has had on our economy but would greatly appreciate an alternative plan for budgeting. I ask that you please reconsider these proposed pay cuts.

Mahalo,

Melissa Reyes, Kekaulike/Baldwin, Maui



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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Lisa Yamada. I am a third grade teacher at Wailuku Elementary School in Wailuku on Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have worked very hard to become a teacher. Overcoming situations that involved leaving a very abusive husband, going to college and taking care of my three children, all while being a single mother. I've cried when no one could watch my sick children, and eating only saimin and cream of mushroom soup with crackers, because we couldn't afford food.

Even though I had struggles, I made it through graduating with my Bachelor's in Education in 2010, at the age of 38. I hope to think that my daughters look up to me as an inspiration that all things can be done when trusting in the higher power and not giving up, but it surely wasn't easy.

I see children out there who remind me of how much my children must have suffered with not having enough. I can imagine how much their parents are struggling to make ends meet. Worrying about how they will get food on the table. How are they going to pay next month's rent? I've been there.

Having a pay cut or furloughs will definitely hurt myself and other single parents who work in the school system whether teacher, librarian, counselor, who have struggled to get to where they are to provide for their children. Some of us have mortgages that we are barely able to upkeep already, but we push through to provide a roof over our children's heads.

Having a pay cut or given furlough will just bring about more stress that will not only affect the health of the educators, but for the students as well. Many of whom are struggling already with parents who are already stressed out, because they cannot afford a safe place to call home, or to provide healthy meals or snacks for them. So we, as educators provide this safe haven for the children, and provide them with snacks to eat which we purchase out of our own pockets, to sustain them until lunch time. We as educators are here to support them and to comfort them, because that's what we love to do.

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Mahalo,

Lisa Yamada, Wailuku, Maui

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Lisa M.L.K. Yamada  
SLL 3rd Grade/WES

*"It takes a village to raise a child." African proverb*

**LATE**

**From:** [Brett McCardle](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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## TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Hello,

My name is Brett McCardle. I am a special education teacher working at Kealakehe Elementary School on the Big Island. I've taught fifth grade for the past three years, and this year transitioned to kindergarten. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I am writing to voice that a pay cut to my salary would be devastating. A pay cut that amounts to roughly one fifth of my salary will make it next to impossible to continue to work and live as a member of this community in the education field. I would need to seriously consider alternative options for employment.

I have lived here since 2016 and have worked in special education the entire time. The money that I have made from this job is not enough to live comfortably in the Kona area where I teach. To make ends meet, I have worked a second job in the tourism hospitality business the entire time I've lived here. I've followed an exhausting routine: I work during the school week helping students achieve their true potential and then spend weekends selling tourism trips to island visitors. Both of these jobs require me to be 100% present at all times to do them well. After all is said and done, I then use whatever time I have left on the weekend to plan and prepare for the upcoming week at school.

The teaching profession requires a lot of prep time and work that is already unpaid. Special education requires additional time spent with the creation of individual education plans and meetings that do not take place during regular school hours. It is very hard to do this while working multiple jobs just to scrape by. Moving to the island and establishing oneself in a new part of the globe is hard. It is always hard. For every teacher Hawaii imports, it is extra difficult.

If the members of this committee seek concrete evidence showing just how hard it is to make ends meet for teachers in Hawaii, I encourage folks to take an afternoon and examine Craigslist for apartments for rent. Take a look at the choices that are available in your area and make a note of the average prices. Make sure to set the parameters to only choices under \$1300 because that is what my typical take home pay is every two weeks after taxes and insurance is taken out. After viewing these places, set the parameters to places that are \$1040 or less and see what comes up. This is what will be available to me if my pay is cut by 20%. Most of them will boast a "kitchenette", including a hot plate and a microwave but no stove or oven, and utilities will not be included. These are the options available to me if I want to spend roughly half of my monthly income on living here.

In January 2020, differentials were put in place that allowed me to finally feel I could be a teacher. After four years of praying for summer so I could have some weekdays off (maintaining my weekend job year round), I was finally looking forward to this coming summer. The differentials would allow me to quit my weekend job and focus on taking some classes and getting better at my one full time job. They are necessary, and they cannot be taken away. The decision to also plan for a salary reduction in addition to not continuing differentials is going to take hope from educators across the islands. This career doesn't go well when you are low on hope.

The reality of the COVID-19 situation is not something anyone is taking lightly. This is a crisis. The teacher shortage was a crisis too, and it existed prior to anyone talking about forcing pay cuts. The



students of this island already had difficulty being taught by professionals before this situation and right now, they are being taught throughout the pandemic by innovative and determined teachers. When the board discusses slashing parts of our salaries, I remind you that we are **currently revolutionizing an entire educational model in real time** while continuing to serve the children of our islands. We are doing two jobs for the price of one already - and we are doing it at 100%, because that's all we know how to do. Teaching is not a job that stops when the bell rings. Caring for the students doesn't stop at the end of our day. Trying to be the best we can possibly be for them is in the job description and in the people that choose this work.

I came into teaching to try to help make this world a better place. It has been the hardest thing that I have ever done by far, but I love it. I love it so much that I will work seven days a week to do it. That's the kind of job it is. It's a career that requires a passion and a fervor that is very time and effort consuming. It is also a career that draws in people that don't mind the extra work. It is a career full of people that will do anything in their power to help their students. This is a group of people that will work untold hours (most of them unpaid) trying everything they can to help children have moments where they suddenly "get it".

**Remember that somewhere along the lines, you had a teacher that believed in you more than anyone else did. Somewhere there was an educator that held you up to get you to where you are right now. People rise or fall to the expectations of those that are their support system and to get where you are, you have had it better than some. Keep that educator in your mind while you deliberate over the budget. Those educators were there to support you because they were in a place that valued and treasured them enough to keep them working in this extremely demanding calling.**

Please exhaust all other options before thinking that a pay cut at this time is something this workforce should have to weather. Would you do it to the teacher that helped you? And if you did, would you expect them to stay?

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Brett McCardle

Special Education Teacher

Kealakehe Elementary

Big Island

**LATE**

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, [MAY 11, 2020](#)

[10:30](#) a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Stephanie Ichinose. I am a teacher at Keaau Elementary in KKP District on Hawaii Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

After working for HIDOE since 2012, deciding to relocate to an outer island in 2016, and at the tender age of 43, I have finally been able to afford to buy a home for my kids to grow up in. Barely. If our pay is cut, we will surely lose this home we having been working years for within a few months. I would like to say I would have to find a second job to make ends meet. This would undoubtedly effect my ability to do my job since I already spend personal time to complete my school duties, as do all teachers. Unfortunately, in these uncertain times and with record numbers of people unemployed, the likelihood of finding a second job is slim.

The pandemic has highlighted what a vital roles teachers and schools play in our society, as well as how underappreciated and underpaid we are. Teachers in Hawaii deserve to be able to afford to live IN HAWAII. It's already so challenging. Any pay cuts would be devastating.

Mahalo,

Stephanie Ichinose, KKP, Hawaii Island

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [Amelia Keefe](#)  
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Aloha,

I am an ELA teacher at Ilima Intermediate for 7th and 8th grade. A pay cut for teachers would be damaging to our education in Hawai'i as many teachers would no longer be able to remain in the profession. Teachers struggle to survive with the current pay and therefore a pay cut can not be part of this upcoming bill. Thank you for your time.

Amelia Keefe  
Sent from my iPhone

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Rene` Stroud. I am a First and Second grade teacher at InnovationsPCS in West Hawaii District on Hawaii Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have taught in Hawaii for 20 years and went through Furlough Fridays, so I know how a pay cut and loss of an instructional day can affect teachers and students.

In anticipation of a pay cut, my family has made a draft budget of a 5%, 10%, and 20% pay cut. My family could manage a 5% cut, however, any more than that and we would suffer serious financial consequences!

Mahalo,

Rene' Stroud

InnovationsPCS

West Hawaii District

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is **Elizabeth Clemens**. I am a **science teacher** at **Roosevelt High** in **KMR** on **Oahu**. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

**My name is Liz Clemens and I am a 4th year science teacher at Roosevelt high. If you cut teachers pay by 20% I will have no choice but to move back to the mainland and teach there. Teachers are already below the poverty line and cutting our salary 20% will make it impossible to live and teach. This will affect all teachers well being. If you do this, it will affect the students as well. Teachers will leave and we already have unqualified teachers teaching this year. Students need qualified teachers and happy teachers especially when they have already missed a quarter of structured curriculum. The worst thing you could do for both the economy and education of Hawaii is reducing our salary.**

**I beg you to take this seriously as you will affect everyone in the state of Hawaii with this decision.**

Mahalo,

**[Elizabeth Clemens, KMR, Oahu]**

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Mahalo,

**[Elizabeth Clemens, KMR, Oahu]**

**LATE**

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Brian Flatt I am a Social Studies teacher at Kawananakoa Middle School in the Honolulu District. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

Mahalo to you for trying to find ways to balance the budget other than on the backs of teachers. Four of the 11 years I have been a teacher I have received pay cuts. I was still fortunate enough to buy my first home in 2019, a small condo. I have not been able to save much money since buying my condo and I am so scared that pay cuts will force me to make decisions that pain me to even think about. Selling my condo, at a loss I'm sure. Moving out of state. I love my job so much. Thank you for for all you are doing to help me keep it.

Mahalo,  
Brian Flatt

# LATE

**From:** [Laurel Michelle Galway](#)  
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Aloha,

I am the Special Education Department Head at Nanakuli High & Intermediate, a very hard-to-staff school. We have been plagued with high staff turnover, long-term subs (who usually do not have a college degree) teaching our most fragile children, and students moving from one grade to the next without the necessary skills. Earlier this year, with the advent of the special education and hard-to-staff differentials, it looked like all that was going to change. Suddenly, we had more qualified applicants than positions for our special ed department. I was planning for a new day.

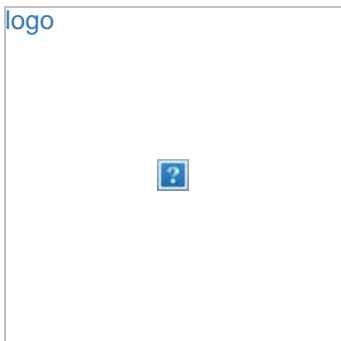
Then COVID-19 hit.

Now, we are looking at reversing all that progress and going two steps back. Back to unqualified teachers in the classroom. Back to students without the skills to move up. Back to a community that lives in poverty without a chance for a better future.

Please consider all the alternatives before taking the drastic step of cutting salaries. The nurses, firefighters, and teachers who have worked tirelessly throughout this crisis should not be financially penalized. I understand the financial world is going to be forever changed by this event, but if we are going to recover, we must provide a living wage to our government employees.

In my case, if the differentials are no longer on the table and if I am forced to take a 20% cut as well, I could lose my home. I'm a single parent and my income is the only financial support in our household. Hawaii is my home and I hope to never leave, but if I have to move to the mainland to feed my family, I will do that.

Thank you for your consideration.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Daniella Griffay. I am a secondary special education teacher at Radford High School in Central District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been working as an emergency hire for 3 years while I complete my master's degree in education. I finished my program on May 8th this year. I have been planning financially for the low pay these past 3 years but I have exhausted my saving paying for my degree. I was planning on the full certified teacher pay. If these cuts go through I will make less money my first year as a certified teacher then I did my previous years when I was uncertified. If these cuts go through I will no longer be able to afford to stay in Hawaii. I would make 36K in Hawaii but in Alaska, I would make 60K and have lower living expenses. It would not be financially viable for me to stay in Hawaii. I have 10 years of experience as a biologist and have two masters degrees in Biology and Education. I currently work as a special education teacher which is a hard to staff position. If these cuts go through I will have to leave and teach in another state. Forcing teachers to make these unfortunate discussion will be more harmful to the state of Hawaii and its kekai then using different sources to balance the budget would. Please reconsider this decision.

Mahalo,

Daniella Griffay, Teacher

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**LATE**

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Jamie Kahalewai. I am a Culinary Teacher at Radford High School in Central District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

If pay cuts were to take place my family would be impacted in more than two ways. I have a mortgage and a home equity loan to pay due to the fact that I will have three daughters in college. I often have to purchase specialty items with my own money for class because they are not available at the stores which accept purchase orders. I would then have to cut down on purchasing those items and that would impact my students. I wouldn't be able to do as many challenging labs with my students

Mahalo,

Jamie Kahalewai, Central District, Oahu

**LATE**

**From:** [Puanani G.](#)  
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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Evette Tampos. I am a school counselor at Pahoa Elementary in the Kea`au/Ka`u/Pahoa Complex on Hawaii Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I am a 27 year veteran teacher/school counselor at Pahoa Elementary School on the Big Island of Hawai'i. In my career as a HIDOE educator, I've endured numerous workplace tribulations such as a payroll lag, a strike, furlough Fridays, and the trauma of the 2012 & 2018 volcano disasters that effected my school's community. During all these hardships, I persevered and remained onipa`a (steadfast, firm, resolute) and dutiful to my students and my calling as a public school educator.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues, I send you a big Mahalo for your support earlier this school year as you, Superintendent Kishimoto & Gov. Ige took a stand to increase Hawai'i public school teacher pay and having a hopeful plan for our collective futures. This encouraged many of my 25+ year colleagues to remain onipa`a so as to continue our lifework vocation as professional career educators.

We would appreciate your continued support by avoiding any pay cuts to befall myself and my colleagues. Back in late April, Gov. Ige, proposed a 20% pay cut for me and my colleagues and then soon thereafter publicly stated that he was looking into alternatives, such as borrowing from the Federal Reserve and awaiting for more state stimulus funding from Congress. Please exhaust all other possibilities before imposing any pay cuts on the backs of public school teachers and our students.

Pay cuts would devastate our already critical teacher shortage! More students would go without licensed teacher because pay cuts would drive senior teachers into early retirement (some of whom I mentioned earlier); leaving students with less experienced teachers or worse> long-term subs or unqualified teachers.

I've seen adversity throughout my career as a Hawai'i educator and none so severe as the COVID crisis

that we are all currently trying to escape together. My resilient 6th grade students of Pahoa EI. will have lived through three major disruptions to their education as a preschooler and in their 4th grade year. I fear that their first year of intermediate/middle school and their eventual high school matriculation will be further damaged if they are not able to have quality educators in their secondary education. Please know that your decision today will affect the collective tomorrows of a generation of keiki that have already suffered immense trauma. Please guarantee them a quality public education by providing their teachers a decent living wage free of pay cuts.

Mahalo,

Evette Tampos, Hawaii District, Kea`au/Ka`u/Pahoa Complex, Hawaii Island

**LATE**

**From:** [Pexa, Micah](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Micah Pexa. I am a teacher at Kalakaua Middle School in Honolulu district on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

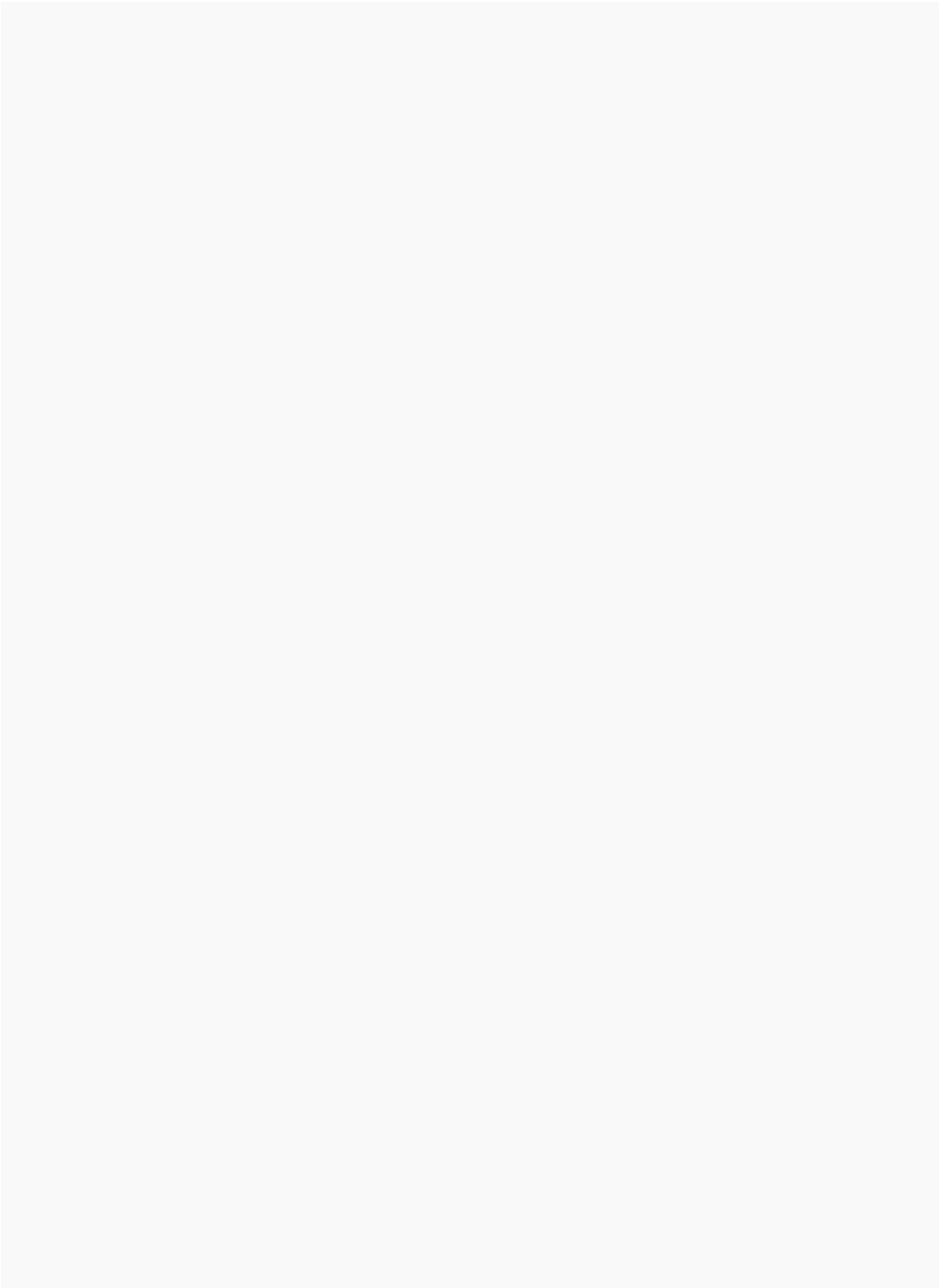
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In a state that already has the lowest paid teachers in the nation when cost of living is taken into account, and a huge teacher shortage, it would be devastating to have pay cuts at the moment. Personally, I am already barely surviving on my current salary, unable to save very much money each month. As much as I would hate to do it, should we see a pay cut I would likely be forced to look for work in another state or country just to be able to survive. We are at such a critical juncture right now in terms of attracting and retaining qualified teachers to serve our keiki, that it would be a real setback to lose teachers right now.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Micah Pexa, Honolulu District, Oahu



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Christine Farias. I am an ELA/Social Studies teacher at Dreamhouse 'Ewa Beach PCS in the Leeward District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been working in education since 1998 in a variety of roles in public, private, and charter schools. Before entering education, I worked as a counselor with at-risk youth. After witnessing the devastation of trauma our youth were experiencing, and the vital role that schools played in supporting their growth and development, I decided to switch to education. It is a decision that I have never regretted. As both a counselor and teacher, I have seen the positive impacts our schools have on both the larger community and individual students and their families.

In the past several weeks, working with my colleagues and the community to respond and support the educational needs of our keiki and their families has truly been a privilege and honor. Although I do miss seeing my students in person, every day, I cherish the moments I get to connect with them and see them continually rise to the challenge. My students' commitment only solidifies my resolve in working the challenges alongside them. Though our family is making due right now, my husband has been furloughed since the beginning of the pandemic, and should I face the suggested 20% pay cut, I'm not sure how long our family will survive.

While I understand that we are all being tasked with so much - making sacrifices, adjusting to the new normal, and working through challenges in this ever-changing situation I believe like many others, including those on this committee, that cutting pay to our human resources will have a devastating impact on our economy and state.

Thank you again for your continued commitment and support.

Mahalo,

**Christine Farias, Leeward District, Oahu**

**LATE**

**From:** [Jacqueline Cramer](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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I implore, request, appeal to the committee to support teachers with real wages. Do not reduce teachers' pay. We cannot afford to lose any of our teachers right now and going forward. Reducing pay will certainly cause many teachers to leave or retire early. It is hard to make it in Hawaii on our teachers' wages. Housing costs and other expenses are very high in our state. Additionally, our students need teachers who have served them overtime, and are qualified.

Our pay is essential in keeping us on task as teachers. Take a look at the wages; they are not grand. Please, keep our wages and do not reduce them. It is very challenging to make ends meet already.

Our Keiko and our future deserve this investment in their education.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Cramer  
Teacher, Hawaii Island

**LATE**

**From:** [Tiffany O](#)  
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Means Committee:

My name is Tiffany Okita. I am a teacher at Nu'uaniu Elementary in Honolulu District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I am a working mother on a teacher salary my husband also works and we sent out child to daycare because we do not have any family on this island. We are already struggling to make ends meet and the proposed salary cut would increase our financial hardship we also have a mortgage that we are paying. I ask that you try to fill the budget gap elsewhere. I work very hard as a teacher and a almost 20% pay cut would be unfair. Thank you for your time.

Tiffany Okita

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**From:** [Richard Franco](#)  
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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is **Richard R. Franco, Jr.** I am a teacher at Kalama Intermediate in the Baldwin District on Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I have been teaching almost 20 years now, and I can't believe I'm being asked to write a letter in hopes of not losing what's rightfully mine. I'm reminded of my tour in the Marine Corps. But then as now, I signed up to do what was right. Then as now, I'm fighting the good fight, volunteering my service, as we are in a losing battle of education. And just like before, you withhold what's rightfully mine. What has it cost YOU, the politician? Absolutely nothing. But I won't quit. With God's grace I will continue to fight this battle. I firmly believe this letter will do nothing as it is just a part of your stupid dog and pony show. It's bad enough you put me on the front lines dealing with kids telling me to "f- off" and "shut up", while paying me just enough to pay the rent. No food, no car, etc. Just enough to pay rent. And now YOU tell me to "f- off" so YOU don't have to lose a paycheck. My God is greater than you. The God YOU removed from school so callously as you'll callously cut my pay. May that same God have mercy on you for this atrocity you're about to commit.

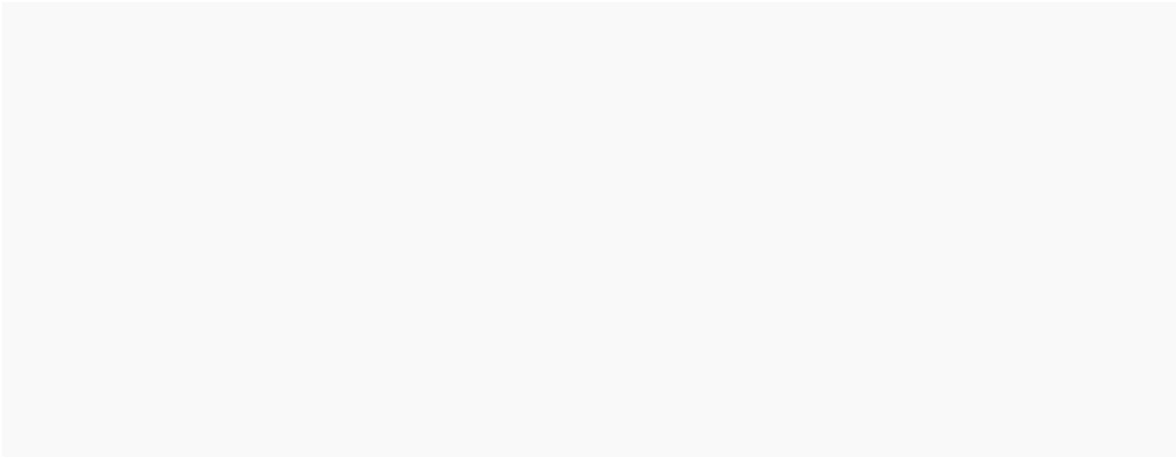
Respectfully,

R. Franco, Jr.

Kalama Intermediate

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Claire Barroga. I am a Kindergarten Teacher at Palolo Elementary School in Kaimuki-Roosevelt-McKinley District on O'ahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I am originally from Maui, born and raised. Both my parents were educators - I saw their successes and struggles as they established themselves as professionals, with my mother eventually retiring as an administrator after working in the DOE for over 30 years. I witnessed the teacher strike in 2001 as a child, seeing my father walking out in the hot sun for hours while schools were closed, and I saw how furlough days affected both teachers and administration while working as a part-time teacher in 2009, most of whom had taken on a second or third job due to help make ends meet. Despite witnessing these debacles first hand, I still decided to pursue a career in education, because I was inspired by my parents in seeing the change they made with the people they encountered and educated throughout the years. My journey led me to Oahu, where I proved to myself that I could become an educator of my own volition, and I did... but not without a price.

The amount of debt I have accrued over the years through attaining my bachelor's and master's degree, as well as the out-of-pocket expenses I've spent as a beginning teacher buying supplies to create a conducive and supportive learning environment for my students has prompted me to take on a second job in addition to the after school classes I taught just to make enough for my monthly payments and living expenses. Due to the coronavirus epidemic, I have lost my additional source of income from my second job and have had to redo my entire budget, making sure I still have enough to pay for groceries. I aspire to be the best educator I can be, because I want to inspire my students to create a better society and world to live in for future generations to come, but not at the expense of financial struggle. For all the work as a union that we've put in for pay raises over the past two decades in order for teaching to be a more equitable occupation financially, this pay cut or any pay cut would be a major slap in the face for us all.

Mahalo,

Claire Barroga, Kaimuki-Roosevelt-McKinley District, O'ahu



**LATE**

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Britta Hamilton. I am a teacher at Kalama Intermediate School on Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

The proposed pay cuts or furloughs would cause irreparable damage to the educational system on Maui and to teachers, students, and the community at large. As a teacher, I rely on my full salary to be able to afford my living expenses on Maui. My husband (whose corporate salary was much larger than mine) has recently lost his job due to COVID19 cut-backs, and we are already under severe financial strain as unemployment has not come through for his job. Having my salary reduced now would mean that we would not be able to afford living on Maui. I would have to quit my teaching job here since I would no longer be able to afford the living expenses in such an expensive area and move back to the mainland to live with family. I know that there are countless teachers who are in situations like this.

Similarly, students would be greatly affected as many teachers (like myself) would no longer be able to afford living in such an expensive area and would be forced to leave their job positions on Maui to live in a less expensive area. Maui already has a high teacher turn-over rate, and this would add to that in a most devastating way, causing students to lose their teachers and the quality of their education to be reduced.

Mahalo,

**Britta Hamilton**  
7th grade ELA teacher, team Po'okela  
Kalama Intermediate School, Maui  
808.573.8735 x. 268

"Be not discouraged, keep on, there are divine things well envelop'd,  
I swear to you there are divine things more beautiful than words can tell."  
-Walt Whitman, "Song of the Open Road"

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Aloha,

Please do not cut our teachers pay. They work so hard for our children to provide the best education. They're pay is already not as much as they should be paid, then to cut their pay would only put them in distress.

Mahalo,  
Stephanie Castillo

**From:** [Pualani McKeen](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** HB2200 HD1  
**Date:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 1:55:35 PM



‘O ke kahua ma mua, ma hope ke kukulu. ‘O na kahua, ‘o ke kai ‘oe, ‘o ka ‘aina ‘oe, ‘o na akua ‘oe, ‘o na kupuna ‘oe a ‘o na kumu ‘oe. ‘O ia mau kahua ‘o ia ho‘i na kumu, ‘o ia mau kumu ‘o ia ho‘i ke kahua.

‘O Hope Pualani McKeen ko‘u inoa I‘m a teacher at Ka ‘Umeke Ka‘eo Hawaiian Immersion School in Hilo.

There first must be a foundation, and then the building after. We as teachers are the foundation for our students, as our teachers were a foundation for us. this ‘olelo no‘eau highlights the importance of having a Kumu to guide, support and learn from. It shows the importance of setting strong foundations to build later. It shows that it is not a new idea that teachers are in fact important to building strong communities.

We are at an unprecedented time in public education. This year we worked tirelessly to remedy previous acts of balancing the budget on teachers and public employees, by advocating at the legislature to reinstate step movements.

I am a Special Education Hawaiian Immersion teacher currently teaching online. My day starts at 7:55 am and ends well after 3 pm on any given day. I am tasked with making the very best attempt to service my students by collaborating with my colleagues, reaching out to families more than 5 times a day, meeting one on one with my students to address specific learning goals as well as document all my contact with children and parents every day. To put this in perspective, I barely even get a lunch break and many days forget to eat because I‘m juggling all of these duties for my caseload, AND I‘m considered having a small caseload of 14. It is beyond me how any SPED teacher could manage this with larger numbers. This hurts our students because they‘re getting stressed out Kumu with not enough time to plan. Add a pay cut to that, I don‘t know how many SPED teachers would be willing to stay in SPED for even less pay.

Furthermore, we already have a huge shortage of Hawaiian language immersion educators and teachers leading some classes that CANNOT speak Hawaiian. That means their students aren‘t being given a proper immersion education. But I worry this shortage will only worsen if we have to endure pay cuts or the shortage differentials end. Please find the funds to give our keiki the immersion education they deserve.

Please support the foundation of Hawai‘i by supporting fully licensed and skilled Kumu in teaching our keiki by giving them the professional pay they deserve.

**LATE**

**From:** [Lucky McCullough](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Aloha, I'm an English teacher at Baldwin High School on Maui. I've been a part of the Baldwin ohana for five years.

Kindly do not cut my pay and other teachers' pay. We have some excellent staff at my school. If you cut our pay, then some of us will not be able to afford living on-island, and you'll lose us. Before Covid, I had two side jobs in addition to my full time teaching job. Now, no side jobs.

Figure out how to keep paying us full salary, so that we can stay and offer our students consistency instead of the school years ahead being a patchwork of substitute teachers.

Thank you for the work that you do,  
Beth McCullough  
(808)250-8947  
Wailuku, HI

**LATE**

**From:** [Andrew Jones](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Aloha, Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Ways and Means Committee.

I am a Language Arts teacher at Radford High School, where I have taught since 2006. I am writing this message to express my opposition to any policies or decisions that would lead to reduced pay for teachers.

Many teachers are still recovering from the prolonged situation caused by the Great Recession a decade ago. We sacrificed much during that period, and many of us do not feel that we've completely recovered or have yet been fairly compensated. The furloughs/DLWOPs were a mistake that all educational "stakeholders" should have learned from - a mistake that deepened the teacher shortage and that, if repeated, would surely lead to an even worse predicament for public education in Hawaii. A 20% pay reduction would force many younger teachers out of the state or out of the profession, would cause many older teachers to retire early, and would encourage mid-career teachers such as myself to embrace other options such as employment at private schools or international schools abroad.

The fact that, after everything we endured a decade ago, pay cuts for teachers are even open to discussion is a matter of deep distress to many of us. We would be grateful to the Committee if it would not only discourage any proposals that might lead to reduced pay but also send a strong message to all stakeholders that the very motion towards such discussions will in itself be rejected.

Sincerely,

[Andy Jones](#)

National Board Certified Teacher  
Language Arts Department Chair  
HSTA Head Rep  
Radford High School

**From:** [Mary Dolan](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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**LATE**

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RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020  
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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Mary Dolan. I am in the teaching position of Student Services Coordinator at Enchanted Lake Elementary School in the Windward District on the island of Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I would sincerely like to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the State budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other State employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

I am a single woman who has my disabled son living with me, and a 20% pay cut could force me to move from Hawaii. I have lived on Oahu for 30 years, and I have been teaching for the DOE for 15 years after having put myself through Chaminade University to earn my Master’s Degree. During my schooling, I also worked as a part time teacher for an additional 7 years. My dedication to the State is confirmed, and I’m now finally able to make my monthly financial obligations, including paying off my student loan.

Thank you for acknowledging the struggle that teachers continue to face while living and working for the State that we love. Thank you for finding other alternatives to assist the Governor with balancing the budget. A substantial budget cut would considerably damage the moral of teachers, and perhaps validate that education is not important in our State. I certainly appreciate your strong leadership and I am very grateful and appreciative for your decision and support to deny any type of budget cut to the hard-working teachers of Hawaii.

Sincerely,  
Mary Dolan, Windward District, Oahu

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Corey](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1  
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz and the members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Corey Yasuda. I am a Grade 1 Teacher at King Liholiho Elementary School in Honolulu District on the island of Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 220, HD1. I am also a husband of an elementary school teacher with two young children, living in a small condo unit. Again I support HB 220, HD1. I want to personally thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget without the unprecedented step of cutting teacher salaries or other state employees by instituting furloughs or layoffs in response to the fiscal impact of COVID-19. I would like to remind you of the importance of having a full school year especially for early education and the positive impact it will have on community as a whole. I would also like to reiterate a part of the letter written by our president of the National Education Association (NEA), Lily Eskelsen Garcia, to our Governor Ige:

"Furloughing, laying off, or reducing the pay of teachers and other public employees will only compound this crisis. Taking any of these steps would greatly limit these individuals' ability to purchase goods and services. Not only would their families suffer the consequences of not having enough to make ends meet; damage to the communities in which they live and work, and ultimately to your state, would be severe when Hawaii's economy is already contracting. In fact, the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization has estimated that such a contraction would have a multiplier effect, causing a \$3.3-billion drop in GDP in 2020-2022." As a teacher, however, what troubles me most about what you are considering is the impact on students."

As a teacher and parent, I would like to have no further impact on the education of all students. At my own school, there are family stresses which are being brought to light. The teachers are the constant to help families to get through this critical time during the pandemic by supporting their social and emotional needs. Our students need our time and energy. With the increase in unemployment, there will be tremendous stress on families and they will need teachers to fully support their children.

Lily continues by saying, "Teachers are rising to meet this challenge because we know our students need us now, and will rely on us to restore a sense of normalcy when the crisis ebbs. This will be much more difficult if pay cuts or furloughs are enacted because Hawaii will very likely lose teachers across the spectrum: those who are close to retirement, those with several years of experience and expertise, and those just entering the profession, bringing new insights and perspectives. Given the teacher shortage your state already faces, **students** will ultimately pay for this loss at a time when Hawaii will need all hands on-deck to create the nurturing environments that will help students recover and thrive. In other states, the emphasis has been on maintaining public services during the pandemic by making full use of the provisions of the CARES Act, which has allocated \$53 million to Hawaii's schools and colleges (funds that can be used to pay salaries)."

Thank you again for considering other sources to revise the state budget such as the CARES Act and the state's rainy day fund to avoid cutting teacher salaries or other state employees salaries.



**Hawaii's students and their families deserve the BEST,**

Corey Yasuda  
Grade 1 Teacher and parent  
Liholiho Elementary School

**LATE**

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MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Ian Nagao. I am a science teacher at Keaau High School in the Keaau-Pahoa-Kau District on the Big Island of Hawaii. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

I truly believe that cutting teacher salaries is a bad idea. Living in Hawaii is tough as it is and I for one have been living paycheck to paycheck for a while now. While I understand Hawaii's economic downfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, implementing a pay reduction will definitely not only impact me negatively but others as well. I am already struggling as it is with the high cost of living in Hawaii. More so, I believe the students will also suffer as more students would go without licensed, experienced teachers who have either left the profession due to a reduced salary or driven into early retirement. Our students do not deserve long term substitute teachers or unqualified teachers.

I have seen how this negatively affects students first hand, especially out here in rural Puna where I teach. Please reconsider the teacher pay reduction.

Mahalo,

Ian Nagao, Keaau-Pahoa-Kau District, Big Island of Hawaii

**LATE**

**From:** [Amanda Martin](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Amanda Martin. I am a Special Education Teacher at Laupahoehoe Community PCS in the Hilo-Waiakea complex on the Big Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

Hawaii is already suffering a serious teacher shortage. Cutting teacher pay will only increase this shortage. Teachers will move out of state, where the pay is better, and lower salaries will not attract new and qualified teachers to Hawaii. In addition, cutting teacher pay will have serious and lasting effects on Hawaii's economy, as teachers struggle to make ends meet and reduce their own spending.

Please do the right thing for our teachers, our state, and our keiki.

Mahalo,

Amanda Martin, Hilo-Waiakea complex, Hawaii island

**LATE**

**From:** [Nancy Miller](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Mrs. Nancy Miller. I am a Kindergarten teacher at Enchanted Lake Elementary School in the Kailua-Kalaheo complex on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

As an educator with the Department of Education for 16 years, I have experienced what pay cuts do through the furloughs in 2009. It was a hardship on my family, filled with uncertainty and choices we had to make about our finances. The 2009 furloughs equated to an 8% pay cut for all teachers. We were told that our pay would be restored to pre-furlough days, but that never happened. Once again, teachers are being looked at, to balance the State’s budget. This time, it will be a 20% pay cut and I fear that many of the “senior teachers” will opt out and retire. If this happens, there will not be enough teachers in the Department of Education, to teach all of the 170,000 students. Teachers will have huge class sizes and that will push more teachers out of the profession. New teachers will change careers or move out of state because they won’t be able to afford the high cost of living. It will be a very sad day for our keiki.

Mahalo,

Mrs. Nancy Miller, Kailua-Kalaheo Complex, Oahu

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Kathleen Shiramizu. I am a Special Education Teacher at Farrington High School in District 29 on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

I am a Special Education LifeSkills Teacher at Farrington High School, dedicated to those students with severe special needs. My students will continue to attend for a maximum of 8 years, not 4 years like the general population of students on campus. That means doubling the commitment and need for certified teachers like myself to accommodate the population of special needs students entering each year.

This testimony is my evidence as an educator beyond the community of school to protect the integrity of “all teachers” in the profession of “educating all students”.

During the past few months of our COVID-19 crisis, parents had to step up to the plate of educating and supervising their children. It was definitely a reality check of what teachers do every day of the school year. Teaching not only includes academic achievements, it highly involves social ethics, psychological developments of security, confidence, and design. Your most successful person in business is one that incorporates all that plus the opportunity to network and build an empire. It is unwritten but through the interactions and guidance of teachers, students graduate to become the success they imagine.

I highly suggest that you include a plan “to find another way to get the funds that you need” and “not to resort to pay cuts or furloughs for educators in our public schools”.

Teachers, during this pandemic of COVID-19, have been extremely creative in collaborating, designing, and educating from afar. That didn’t take funding, it took dedicated teachers with professional ethics and integrity to step forward and make it work. Every student had the opportunity to be a success. There were isolated stories of students who achieved more during Distance Learning than during the school year.

Lastly, Hawaii’s high cost of living and Hawaii teacher’s salary as being the lowest in the nation makes finding teachers to teach here a critical problem. My 43 years of commitment as a certified Special Education Teacher makes me prime for retirement, but my severe special needs students depend on me each day. I am there. It is the right way to conduct business as an educator.

We need your help. Mahalo.

Kathleen Shiramizu, District 19, Oahu

**LATE**

**From:** [Scot Kiyonaga](#)  
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MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Scot Kiyonaga. I am a Band Teacher at Maui Waena Intermediate School in the Maui District on Maui. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I consider myself fortunate to be able to continue to provide for my family during this difficult time and cannot begin to imagine the difficult decisions that this committee needs to make in an effort to take care of the myriad of needs of the State.

I have taught for 25 years, following in my father's footsteps, and lived through the challenges of Furlough Fridays and the Teachers' strike. My concern isn't for myself, it's for my fellow teachers, especially the ones who have traveled from the mainland and abroad. They are valuable resources that we cannot afford to lose for the sake of our keiki. I have seen the negative effects of students who try to learn from an unqualified person in the classroom. Reducing the pay for those teachers means many will either move out of Hawaii or quit teaching altogether. These are people we cannot afford to lose. As we have gone through this COVID-19 challenge, I am sure that many parents can attest to the infinite patience that my colleagues have when working with our keiki.

This honorable committee has the unenviable task to solve these budgetary challenges. My heart hurts for you because of the hard decisions that will be made. Good luck, be safe, and take care.

Mahalo,

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**From:** [Maryanne Genova](#)  
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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020  
10:30 a.m.**

**Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:**

**My name is Maryanne Genova. I am a Teacher of the Visually Impaired (ages 3-22) for East/SouthHawaii Special Education offices on Hawaii Island.**

**I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.**

**I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”**

**I have been a teacher in this state for 35 years and can retire at any time. Any reduction in salary or furloughs would accelerate the numbers of teachers leaving the profession, me being one of them. I love teaching and I love my students but I cannot continue covering two positions if there are any cuts or furloughs. The second position here has been open for over a year and if I were to retire, there would be no one to address the students’ needs in this critical area. The position is quite hard to fill due to the certification requirements needed to teach the population of blind students on our island.**

**Teachers in our state are already underpaid and overworked and now we are working harder than ever learning new ways to provide virtual lessons to all of our students. Our state currently has a profound teacher shortage and the morale of teachers is quite low. Salary reductions would increase the number of students being taught by teachers who are not qualified. This impacts both our students and our families. Parents are discovering**

**just how hard we work for their children and are experiencing the difficulties of teaching their own children.**

**Teachers understand the need to cut costs during this unprecedented economic downturn but, of all the thousands of State workers, Hawaii's teachers should be among the last.**

**Mahalo,**

**Maryanne Genova**

**East/South Hawaii Special Education Offices**

**Hawaii Island**



**From:** [Beth Derby](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means  
**Date:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:53:14 AM

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Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Beth Derby I am a first grade teacher at Pauoa Elementary in Honolulu on Oahu I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I have always believed in the power of communication and now more than ever I know that this is the most important tool we have during these very uncertain times. As events began to unfold when our Spring Intersession began, I quickly felt very troubled and I realized that however I was feeling, it must have been even more confusing, difficult, and scary for the students I work with. Immediately I sat down and drafted a letter to my students determined to establish communication with them to check in and let them know what our next steps might be. In my final paragraph of the letter I wrote this:

For now, please know that all the adults in your life are thinking about the options we have in front of us as we move forward with our school year together. Let's continue to commit to the understanding that even if we make a plan today, it might need other adjustments too, and we will be ready to do that and share our ideas on how to problem solve these new developments. I ask you to join me on this new adventure and see what we can do to make each day a success. I look forward to hearing you ideas and continued contributions to our learning goals.

I didn't just write these words to placate my students and their families, I really, truly believe this to be true and I still remain optimistic. In spite of these troubling times and despite the distressing news that people in power believe defunding education is the proper course of action. Things are very complicated right now, however, I actually feel this issue is very simple to understand. We must be clear in how we communicate the importance of education and not just say it but mean it. If teacher's pay is reduced, than it is to be believed education has a price, a cost and only certain aspects of it are important to defend and support. I fear this message is one we will regret sending, but we do have time to act and send a different call to action.

In our classroom, I often stress the importance of explaining how one feels and how it is not only vital to express your concerns but when possible also offer a way to address this issue. I will be the first to admit that as I write this, I don't have all the answers on how to balance the budget, however, after being an educator for over 20 years I do know how the power of collaboration, inclusion, and proactive thinking can solve any problem put before us. This is the time to pull up more chairs to the table, define what unites us, and commit to the idea that

we all have the answer if we work together and defend our shared, common interest: the children of Hawaii that hold the future in their hands. We can do this! I am certain and it is time to look for answers and solutions together. Imua!

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

Mahalo,

Beth Derby

**LATE**

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE:HB220, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee

My name is Marissa Faleolo. I am a Special Education Teacher at Wilson Elementary School in Honolulu District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I was a Special Education Teacher in 2009 when Furlough Fridays were created and my pay was cut to resolve a 1 Billion dollar deficit. My second child had just been born and I was facing the challenge of figuring out how to pay my mortgage, my car payments, my utilities, my college loans, along with my older son's preschool tuition and the new costs of having a newborn (along with how long could I stay home with him, considering all of my financial responsibilities). Honestly, as I type this, I get teary and emotional thinking of how scary those times were back then. But my family survived. In order to recover from the loss in pay, I stopped contributing 10% of my pay check to my retirement TSA. To be honest, I never went back to contributing to my retirement to this day.

Now, here I am 11 years later (on Mother's Day) asking you to please look elsewhere to resolve this budget deficit. When you cut a family's pay, they have to make up for it somehow. Our local families do not have a lot of wiggle room in our personal budgets. The decisions that pay cuts force us to make, have longterm effects on our future and our children's future, besides our students' future. Our State has the option of taking out Federal Covid-19 loans to help with cost of unemployment claims. That loan will be interest free and possibly forgivable. If you cut my pay, my family will be forced to go further into debt. My family does not have access to interest free, forgivable loans.

Although I am currently teaching at Wilson Elementary, next year I will teach at Nanaikapono Elementary. These talks of pay cuts are already hurting students in at-risk areas, such as Nanakuli. Nanaikapono acquired 3 highly qualified teachers during the first transfer posting (before the talks of pay cuts began). I would assume that interest in applying has been effected now that teachers don't know where they stand financially.

Please look elsewhere in order to solve our State's budget deficit. Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,

Marissa Faleolo

Honolulu District, Oahu

Please look elsewhere in order to resolve our State's budget deficit.

**From:** [Linda Jones](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Pay cuts  
**Date:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:24:47 AM



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Aloha . I am a high school English/Speech/Film and Peer Mediation teacher at Lana'i High... I am also a licensed special education teacher. I have taught twenty years. My experiences in teaching include public schools...Waianae High, Castle High, Kailua Intermediate School, Kaiser High, Pauillo Intermediate (Big Island) and private schools at Sacred Hearts, Damien and Kamehameha Schools

(Kapalama). I've taught adult education through Kamehameha Schools, as well as GED classes at Farrington and Kaimuki schools. I am who will be lost to HDOE as I will retire as soon as possible if teachers pay is cut. I had my salary cut drastically in 2009 for that economic disaster ... that saw us frozen at the steps we were at then. I was frozen at six for ten years!!! And just when this was finally being addressed and plans made to correct this... I am currently at step eleven... with twenty years service... along comes yet another disaster and again I have to bear the brunt of recovery. I cannot survive another ten years to be compensated to the level of which my experiences and knowledge demand. And when I retire, because I've not been appropriately compensated... I will have to move to the mainland. Leave my home because I cannot afford to buy or rent on my DOE pension. Leave Hawaii!!! There are so many more in this position. Don't cut teachers' pay. The harm to the community and keiki will be substantial without local, home grown, highly educated and experienced teachers.

Mahalo,  
Linda F. Jones

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Kathlene Suzuki. I am a general ed. teacher at Makalapa Elementary School in Central District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I have been teaching for ten years. When I was student teaching 12 years ago in 2008, I remember that there were furlough Fridays and I had decided that when I get out of school, I would not be working in public schools because I saw how it brought down the morals of the teachers that I worked with. I was just so sad to see how much they gave to their students and when we had those furloughs, it just made them work even harder to get the kids back on track. I didn't want to be in this situation ever in my life.

I just started working in the public school system this year and it was because I saw the great things that were happening in my friends' schools. I wanted to be a part of this network of great teachers. I have been blessed to work with great teachers so far. I would like to continue to work with them through next year and the years to come. I would not want to be teaching if there are any furloughs, even many of my friends have the same idea. Many teachers would leave because of it and that would be devastating to the local teaching economy and to the children who need local educators who understand and



connect with them the most.

Mahalo,

Kathlene Suzuki

Central District

**LATE**

**From:** [Derek Bishop](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Derek Bishop. I am a special education teacher at Paauilo Elementary and Intermediate School on the Big Island. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, "We don't want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse."

I taught in the islands from 1990 to 2005. After teaching in California the following 15 years, I decided to return to Hawaii this past January when I learned of the special education and hard-to-staff stipends being offered. If these retention stipends are removed, I will be at breakeven financially, with little hope of home ownership. If Governor Ige's suggestion of a 20% pay cut is implemented, I will no longer be able to meet my most basic expenses. I will be forced to consider strongly a return to California to pursue the remainder of my career. Even with the stipends and a fully funded Hawaii salary, I took a \$20,000 pay cut to assume a teaching position in Hawaii. But I thought that the loss of income was doable, and that there would be an overall net gain to my quality of life by returning to Hawaii.

If teachers are unable to afford their most basic expenses, they will necessarily have to look at their options. Other careers, and teaching in other states, will have to be on the table. Hawaii already has a critical teacher shortage. It is hard to build a school culture when classrooms have inexperienced teachers or emergency hires who lack adequate training. Our children suffer for lack of consistency and instructional expertise. Finding ways to retain teachers, especially through financial incentives, is one proven method to improve educational outcomes for students.

I know that the State is under unprecedented pressure financially. I am not sure what is the best path forward. The Legislature must balance its many obligations. However, I am a real data point in the equation, and it is likely that further pay cuts would drive me to return to teaching on the mainland, causing more classroom shortfalls that undermine learning opportunities for our keiki. I wish you the very best in solving the very difficult problems faced by the Aloha State.

Mahalo,

Derek Bishop, Hawaii District

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

To Chair Donovan Dela Cruz,

My name is Adrienne Hale. I am a fourth grade teacher at Holualoa Elementary School on Hawai'i Island. I am a 25 year veteran teacher of the State of Hawai'i who has given much to my profession, my keiki, and my community. Please support education in Hawai'i by not reducing teacher salaries. As it stands, Hawai'i is already experiencing a critical teacher shortage. Reducing teacher salaries will not only hurt my family and the families of our teachers state-wide, it will also set us back in our efforts to attract and retain teachers. Let us be unified in supporting education and supporting our keiki in Hawai'i by supporting our teachers.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Adrienne Hale  
Holualoa, Hawai'i

**LATE**

**From:** [emi ancog](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1, Committee on Ways and Means, Monday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m.  
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2200, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Emi Ancog. I am a school counselor at Ewa Makai Middle School in Leeward District on Oahu. I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2200, HD1.

I want to thank the Legislature for finding ways to revise the state budget and cover COVID-19 revenue losses without including any suggestions of pay cuts or furloughs for our educators in our public schools, including our charter schools, or any other state employees. As Chair Dela Cruz said this week, “We don’t want to have an additional negative effect on the economy that might make matters worse.”

I have been with the Hawaii DOE for 20+ years, first as a teacher, and now as a school counselor. My heart is with our keiki, investing in them now so that they become successful citizens for our future. They will be the ones to take care of us as we age, so we need to make sure we take care of them now.

For myself, being the only wage earner at this time, I am barely scraping by. We are asked to use our own utilities and resources for distance learning, but will not be compensated for them. New teachers were already barely scraping by due to the high cost of living in Hawaii prior to COVID, but if their pay is reduced, we will lose some excellent educators which will add to the already enormous teacher shortage. Our keiki need consistency in the schools and educators who are able to focus on their jobs versus worrying about meeting their own basic needs. Pay cuts would hurt all of that for our keiki. Please think about the future of our keiki and do not implement pay cuts or furloughs for educators.

Mahalo,

Emi Ancog, Leeward District, Oahu

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:47:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Hasegawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1; HB 2200, HD1; and HB1631.

I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall to eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.

I appreciate the hard work and understanding of our legislative leaders and encourage all to come together to find and implement innovative ways to bridge the budget gaps in these difficult times.

Ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce is an essential step to meeting the near and long term challenges and needs facing all of us.

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:53:30 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Zuckernick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

Thank you



**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 8:54:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tiffany Kawaguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Akana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Kingdon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelie Augustine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 9:17:10 AM

Testimony for WAM on 5/11/2020 10:30:00 AM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bennett Zazzera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Esteban	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1.**

**I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions.**

**I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sunyeen Pai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB2725, HD1. I support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I strongly support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. History has shown repeatedly that circulating dollars grow more dollars. Those still employed in Hawaii can help bring back a strong economy by contributing to that economy now through their disposable income. Now is not the time to cut salaries. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these extraordinary times.**



**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aaron Koseki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1, and HB2725, HD1. I strongly support the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. History has shown repeatedly that circulating dollars grow more dollars. Those still employed in Hawaii can help bring back a strong economy by contributing to that economy now through their disposable income. Now is not the time to cut salaries. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these extraordinary times.

Aaron Koseki

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Denise Wheatley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**"I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."**

**LATE**

**HB-2725-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregory Mohnkern	Testifying for University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College	Support	No

Comments:

**"I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times."**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sheila T Kitamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in support of HB1631, HB 2200, HD1 and HB2725, HD1. I am supportive of the legislative package that provides the needed \$1 billion shortfall that will eliminate the need for any furloughs or salary reductions. I appreciate the hard work and understanding of the legislative leaders in finding innovative ways to fill the budget gaps and ensuring the stability of the public employee workforce as we move forward together in these difficult times.