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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

January 29, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
S.B. 387
RELATING TO TEACHER RENTAL HOUSING.

HHFDC supports S.B. 387 to the extent that it does not replace priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget. HHFDC has the necessary development tools and expertise to collaborate with other State departments and agencies to develop affordable housing -- in this case for teachers employed by the Department of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Date: 01/29/2019
Time: 01:15 PM
Location: 225
Committee: Senate Housing
Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 0387 RELATING TO TEACHER RENTAL HOUSING.

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to assist the Department of Education in developing teacher housing projects. Authorizes the Department of Education to lease land and contract with private entities for the development, revitalization, maintenance, and management of teacher housing. Permits the Department of Education to lease teacher housing to other eligible tenants if occupancy of teacher housing falls below 95%. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds for deposit into the dwelling unit revolving fund. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (DOE) supports the intent of SB 387 which authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to assist the DOE in developing teacher housing projects. The Department defers to the HHFDC regarding implementation concerns related to this proposal.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



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January 29, 2019

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Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: S.B. 387 - RELATING TO TEACHER RENTAL HOUSING

Dear Chairs Kidani and Chang and Members of the Committees,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), strongly supports the intent of S.B. 387 which authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to assist the Department of Education in developing teacher housing projects.


As you know, Hawaii suffers from a chronic shortage of qualified teachers for our public school students. The shortage is most acute for special education teachers who teach some of our most vulnerable students. This school year, only 84% of special education teaching positions were filled by individuals who had completed a state approved teacher education program. Of those teachers, a fair percentage have only general education training.

Retention of qualified teachers is also a growing problem. Last school year saw the most common reason cited by exiting teachers (38%) was moving out of state. We know from exit surveys that the high cost of living (and in particular, housing) was a major factor in the decision to leave Hawaii.

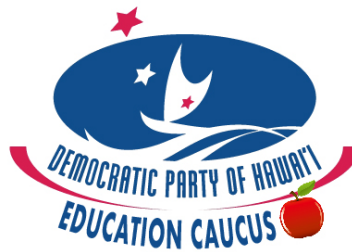
Given the critical personnel shortage to adequately serve the needs of special education students, we ask that your committees consider giving priority to special education teachers for housing leases.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,


Martha Guinan
Chair


Ivalee Sinclair
Legislative Committee Chair



SENATE BILL 387, RELATING TO TEACHER RENTAL HOUSING

JANUARY 29, 2019 · SENATE HOUSING AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEES · CHAIRS SEN. STANLEY
CHANG AND SEN. MICHELLE N. KIDANI

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus supports SB 387, relating to teacher rental housing, which authorizes the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to help the Department of Education develop teacher housing projects, provided that the DOE may lease units to non-teacher tenants if teacher occupancy falls below 95 percent.

Currently, Hawai'i teachers experience the lowest salaries for their profession in the nation, when those salaries are adjusted for the cost of living. At the same time, island housing and rental prices are continuing to skyrocket. According to the Honolulu Board of Realtors, the median single-family home price in Honolulu hit a record \$812,500 in September of 2018, for example, while an analysis of rental values performed by ATTOM Data Solutions released earlier this year found that Honolulu's rentals are the second-least affordable in the country relative to wages.

The average Hawai'i public school teacher earns approximately \$58,000, which, on O'ahu qualifies as "low income", per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Until teacher pay is significantly increased—as it should be—we believe housing assistance may help curb Hawai'i's teacher shortage crisis, which now stands at 1,029 positions statewide.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for HOU on 1/29/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Albritton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Shane Albritton, I'm a public school teacher in Honolulu, and a proud member of HSTA and the Education Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

I am in strong support of SB114 because my current rent, in a house that I share with four other people, is roughly HALF of my net income.

To address Hawaii's chronic teacher shortage, we need to give teachers the opportunity to make a living.

Mahalo,

Shane Albritton

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Submitted on: 1/27/2019 5:31:41 PM

Testimony for HOU on 1/29/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support developing teacher housing.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

Member of Education Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 1/28/2019 5:33:15 AM

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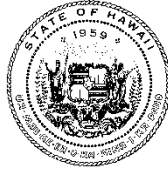
Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie Anderson	Testifying for member of the DPH Education Caucus	Support	No

Comments:

The need for TEACHER RENTAL HOUSING is acute particularly in communities with teacher positions which are hard-to-fill.

Teachers bring benefit to the communities they serve. I have benefited personally from the provision of a year of teacher housing as I moved from O'ahu to Kamuela to function as a school technology coordinator for Waimea Elementary and Intermediate public school. We were able to apply for e-rate funding and wire for the internet what is now split into two campuses, Waimea Elementary School and Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School. With teacher housing adjacent to campus, I found it easier to provide a much wider array of services beyond regular student hours to meet the needs of school technology users. Had a long commute been required across the Big Island, personalized community service would have been far less likely. Benefits of this type are replicated wherever teacher housing is provided within a community.

The Big Island of Hawaii has lost recently around 700 homes, about a quarter of available housing. Our communities are hurting, as are teachers who lost their homes. The hard-to-fill schools would benefit particularly from being able to offer teacher housing close by. For the most remote of communities, ensuring that teacher housing supports their local school would go a long way to ensuring a more stable quality teaching force.



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January 28, 2019

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds, as an individual

DATE: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

TIME: 1:15 pm

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 225

TITLE OF BILL: SB387 RELATING TO TEACHER RENTAL HOUSING

PURPOSE OF BILL: Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to assist the Department of Education in developing teacher housing projects. Authorizes the Department of Education to lease land and contract with private entities for the development, revitalization, maintenance, and management of teacher housing. Permits the Department of Education to lease teacher housing to other eligible tenants if occupancy of teacher housing falls below 95%. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds for deposit into the dwelling unit revolving fund. Appropriates funds.

Chairs Kidani and Chang, Vice Chairs Mercado Kim and Kanuha, and Members of the Committees on Education and Housing:

I support SB387 to authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHRDC) to work with the Department of Education to develop housing for teachers. If the bill is amended to identify public charter school teachers as eligible tenants, then all Hawaii public school teachers would be included in these affordable units. I offer the following language as an amendment:

Part I

Section 1. Section 201H-12

(3) In cooperation with any state or county department of agency, including the department of education and department of accounting and general services, plan facilities and rental housing projects for teacher

employed by the department of education and public charter schools and related infrastructure as an integral part of its housing projects, . . .

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Caron	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Gonce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: