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‘Ōlelo Hō‘ike ‘Aha Kau Kānāwai
Legislative Testimony

SB1384 HD1

RELATING TO EDUCATION

Ke Kōmike Hale o ka ‘Oihana ‘Imi Kālā
House Committee on Finance

‘Apelila 1, 2021

2:30 p.m.

Lumi 308

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** SB1384 HD1, which would facilitate the state’s kuleana to ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i by allowing for consistent and continued representation for Hawaiian medium early learning providers on the state’s Early Learning Board (ELB). The perpetuation of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i is critical to the evolving culture, health, and well-being of Native Hawaiians, and this measure may be crucial to ensuring the continued use and growth of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i in Hawai‘i and beyond. Passage of this measure would help give ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i a fighting change for re-normalization since its near extinction due largely to past prohibition in Hawai‘i schools.

Although our state is constitutionally mandated “to promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and language[,]” and ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i has been an official state language since 1978,¹ much remains to be done to ensure the re-normalization of the Hawaiian language in the Hawaiian Islands. Once spoken fluently throughout Hawai‘i by Native Hawaiians and foreigners alike, ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i was thought to be nearly extinct by the 1980s, when fewer than 50 fluent speakers under the age of 18 were left. **A major reason for the near extinction of the Hawaiian language was an 1896 law that effectively banned ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i from being taught and spoken in schools, forcing English-only instruction.²** This 1896 law and its predecessors were in effect for roughly 90 years, until efforts by ‘Aha Pūnana Leo and others in the mid 1980s were finally recognized and realized by the legislature to once again allow for ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i medium instruction in our local schools.³ Ensuring that our early learning system and policies recognize the importance of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i immersion – which may also have significant developmental benefits – for Hawai‘i’s infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is essential to remedy this past harm and near genocide of Hawaiian language and culture. Accordingly, it is critical to

¹ HAW. CONST. ART. XV SEC. 4.

² For a brief historical overview, please see “History of Hawaiian education,” on the Hawai‘i State Department of Education Website, *available at* <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/StudentLearning/HawaiianEducation/Pages/History-of-the-Hawaiian-Education-program.aspx> (last accessed Mar. 30, 2021).

³ See generally *Clarabal v. Dep't of Educ.*, 145 Hawai‘i 69, 73, 446 P.3d 986, 990-93 (2019), *available at* <https://www.courts.state.hi.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/SCAP-16-0000475.pdf> (last accessed Mar. 30, 2021).

have continuous and consistent representation of Hawaiian medium early learning providers on the ELB.

However, the ELB seat for a “representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers,” historically filled by the ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, is currently limited only to two, two-year consecutive terms.⁴ Thus, the “Hawaiian medium early learning provider” representative may not serve more than a maximum of four consecutive years. This poses a significant challenge for a representative with the requisite experience and institutional knowledge to consistently fill this position, and has limited the ability of the ‘APL representative from building the institutional knowledge and presence necessary to effectively advocate for the importance and value of a Hawaiian medium early education.

By exempting the Hawaiian-medium representative from the general two-term limit in HRS § 26-34(a), SB1384 HD1 will accordingly enable a representative of Hawaiian medium early education to maintain a consistent Hawaiian voice on the ELB, and thereby help to fulfill the greater mission to perpetuate and normalize the state’s official language of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i.

The strength and endurance of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i is intrinsically connected to the health and wellbeing of the Native Hawaiian people, and it is part of what makes Hawai‘i an authentic, unique, and beautiful place for all our local keiki to enjoy, learn, and ultimately thrive. **E ola mau ka ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i!**

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SB1384 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

⁴ HRS §302L-1.6(10) sets a two-year term for the representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers; HRS § 26-34(a) provides that “[n]o person shall be appointed consecutively to more than two terms as a member of the same board or commission[.]”



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

By
Bonnie Irwin
Chancellor
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

SB 1384 HD1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

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

Aloha e nā alaka'i o ka 'aha'ōlelo o Hawai'i nei,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 1384 HD1. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports the distinctive provisions of SB 1384 HD1 relating to the representation of Hawaiian language medium education on early education. UH Hilo is home to Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language, who has been leading efforts to revitalize the Hawaiian language while also serving as a model to national and international indigenous communities who also seek to revive their endangered languages. With support from the Hawai'i State Legislature, UH Hilo/Ka Haka 'Ula has established a complete baccalaureate through to PhD program that offers high quality education to develop capacity for Hawaiian medium education and the further advancement of Hawaiian and indigenous languages writ large.

The distinctive provisions of SB1384 HD1 allow for consecutive terms for the representative of Hawaiian language medium early education. There is an extreme shortage of qualified individuals for all aspects of education through Hawaiian. This provision allows the state access to important contributions from the small pool of highly qualified individuals in this highly distinctive area of education of our state.

The introduction of SB 1384 HD1 indicates an awareness of the unique challenges of developing high quality education through Hawaiian in the state and leadership in addressing those challenges.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.



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Testimony from **Punana Leo o Hilo**

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The **Punana Leo o Hilo** humbly asks to please pass SB1384, helping maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board.

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As such, since the Early Learning Board was established (formerly as the Early Learning Advisory Board), it has included a seat for a "representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers." However, the term limits imposed on this position have created a serious challenge for this seat to remain continuously and consistently filled.

This bill will help ensure that a Hawaiian voice maintains a continuous presence on the Early Learning Board to promote the development of our keiki while also furthering the goal of perpetuating and normalizing Olelo Hawaii for future generations to come.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka Olelo Hawaii!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Iwa Kuamoo
 Kumu: Lauae Urbanozo
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Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Maluhia O'Donnell
 Kumu: Kahealani Tanimoto
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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka Olelo Hawaii!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Naai Colburn
Kumu: Akelina Tibayan
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Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Kili Namauu
Kumu: Mailelani Namauu
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Kahu: Leilei Ishikawa
Kumu: Karyn Kanekoa
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Testimony from **Punana Leo o Hana**

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Mahalo nui loa!

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Kumu: Maleka Tolentino

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Testimony from **Punana Leo o Molokai**

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Kahu: Ui Ramos

Kumu: Aulani Herrod

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Kahu: Kahoku Lindsey-Asing

Kumu: Tiara Iokepa

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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka Olelo Hawaii!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Leimomi Anderson
Kumu: Kamaka Ligon
Ke Komike Makua, **Punana Leo o Honolulu**



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Testimony from **Punana Leo o Koolau Poko**

Date: April 1, 2021
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The **Punana Leo o Koolau Poko** humbly asks to please pass SB1384, helping maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board.

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Kahu: Kaipō Maikai-Kahanao'i
 Kumu: Kahea Chang
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Testimony from **Punana Leo o Waianae**

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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka Olelo Hawaii!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Kealii Rasmussen
Kumu: Kuulei Alves
Ke Komike Makua, **Punana Leo o Waianae**



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Testimony from **Punana Leo o Kauai**

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RE: SUPPORT SB1384 HD1 - Relating to Education

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The **Punana Leo o Kauai** humbly asks to please pass SB1384, helping maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board.

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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka Olelo Hawaii!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Waialoha Fernandes
 Kumu: Punohu Meade
 Ke Komike Makua, **Punana Leo o Kauai**



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Testimony from **Aha Punana Leo Keena Kula Kamalii**

Date: April 1, 2021

Time: 2:30 P.M.

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

RE: SUPPORT SB1384 HD1 - Relating to Education

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The **APL Keena Kula Kamalii** humbly asks to please pass SB1384, helping maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board.

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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka Olelo Hawaii!

Mahalo nui loa!

Director of Kula Kamalii: Pualani Kahoohanohano
Operations Manager Kula Kamalii: Kainani Medeiros
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Clerk Kula Kamalii: Avina Keliikoa



Testimony of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo to the House of Representatives
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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the Committee,

'O wau 'o Ka'iulani Laehā, ka Luna Ho'okele o ka 'Aha Pūnana Leo.
Kāko'o 'ia SB1384.

My name is Ka'iulani Laehā, CEO, 'Aha Pūnana Leo.

The 'Aha Pūnana Leo supports SB1384, which is the prohibition against serving two consecutive terms as a representative of Hawaiian medium early learning provider on the Early Learning Board to the Executive Office on Early Learning.

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As the only statewide Hawaiian medium early learning provider, we advocated for and have served to represent our Hawaiian medium early learning system on the Early Learning Board (ELB). Please PASS SB1384 HD1, which will help maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board. Hawaiian medium early learning programs, such as those provided by 'Aha Pūnana Leo, are key to providing our keiki with culturally enriched early education opportunities, and may be crucial to fulfilling the vision of revitalizing and normalizing the Hawaiian language as reflected in Article X, Section 4 of the state constitution. As such, since the Early Learning Board was established (formerly as the Early Learning Advisory Board), it has included a seat for a "representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers." However, the term limits imposed on this position have created a serious challenge for this seat to remain continuously and consistently filled. This bill will help ensure that a Hawaiian voice maintains a continuous presence on the Early Learning Board, to promote the development of our keiki while also furthering the goal of perpetuating and normalizing the Hawaiian language for future generations to come. I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384 HD1! Mahalo!'Aha Pūnana Leo has identified the need to better facilitate continued representation on the ELB. SB 1384 allows for sustaining the effort to represent Hawaiian medium early learning for our keiki and 'ohana.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide strong support for SB1384.

Mahalo,

Ka'iulani Laehā

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board

Subject: **Measure:** SB 1384, H.D.1, Relating to Education
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021
Time: 2:30 PM
Location: **Via Video Conference,** Conference Room 308

Description: Provides that the prohibition against serving two consecutive terms not to exceed eight consecutive years pursuant to section 26-34(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not apply to the representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers' term limit on the early learning board. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

Early Learning Board Position: Supports the Intent

Good afternoon Members of the Committee on Finance. I am Robert G. Peters, Chair of the Early Learning Board (ELB). Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of the intent of SB 1384, H.D.1 on behalf of the Early Learning Board.

Through Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, ELB transitioned from an advisory to a governing board for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) and is charged with formulating statewide policy relating to early learning.

The ELB is composed of 17 representatives from across the early childhood field, in both the public and private sectors. One of those members is the representative of the Hawaiian medium early learning providers.

Hawaii has designated Hawaiian as one of its two official state languages. As such, and to insure the ELB reflects the diversity of the early learning community, the representative for Hawaiian medium early learning providers is a critical member and advocate for the important values of a Hawaiian medium early education. To date, the Hawaiian medium early learning provider seat has been filled by a representative of `Aha Punana Leo for both the Early Learning Board and its earlier iteration, the Early Learning Advisory Board.

The Hawaiian medium early learning provider seat is limited to two consecutive, two-year teams according to current statute. Thus, the representative cannot serve more than 4 years before terming out. The sense of the Board is that the term limit as provided is a barrier to continuity of experienced representation that the amended bill would address. The consistency of representation is the issue upon which a majority of Board members agree; at the same time, there are some on the ELB who would like to investigate the composition of the Board given current needs and the development of the Board.

The ELB appreciates the amended bill (H.D.1) that eliminates the language in the original that imposed a repeal date of June 30, 2025, which seemed counter to the intent of this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on SB 1384, H.D.1.

SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 1:02:58 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John D. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill to be passed through legislature.

SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 4:22:35 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and Vice Chari Cullen and members of the Committee on Finance,

I **strongly support** SB1384 HD1 and urge that you pass this measure that will help maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board.

Mahalo nui!

SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 5:19:40 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nako'olani Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT, mahalo!

SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 6:36:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisette Akamine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 7:25:31 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jen Jenkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Honorable Members,

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SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 6:46:39 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bridgit Bales	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of this Bill. Much remains to be done to ensure re-normalization of the Hawaiian language in the Hawaiian islands and this Bill will allow for a more consistent and better overall representation from the same small pool of Hawaiian medium early learning providers.

SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:13:02 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrice Payne-Fatty	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:13:51 AM

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Lori Feiteira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:17:04 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paahana Kincaid	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:24:23 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica dos Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

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Respectfully,

Jessica dos Santos

SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:26:20 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karynne L C Morgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:30:05 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew K. Ing	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair Luke and the esteemed members of the Finance Committee,

I submit this testimony in strong SUPPORT of SB1384 HD1. It is essential for the equity of the people of Hawai'i to ensure that a voice representing Hawaiian Medium Education always sits on the Early Learning Board. I have spoken with hundreds of indigenous peoples working to revitalize their native languages across the U.S. and Pacific, and nearly all cite the work of Hawaii-based innovators like Aha Punana Leo as a model of success. I implore our State leaders to recognize and support this unique educational asset by supporting this measure.

Mahalo,

Matthew K. Ing

SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:30:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:32:56 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

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Lea Iwamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:34:43 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

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Uilani Naipo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:45:07 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jilleina Winchester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Naomi Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 8:58:16 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frances Dinnan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:00:38 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davielynn Briones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:26:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:29:23 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rae Fujimori Godden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:32:22 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kehaulani Shintani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:33:46 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:53:50 AM

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

Comments:

Continue to support. This measure allows the state access to important contributions from the small pool of highly qualified individuals in this highly distinctive area of education of our state.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 9:54:08 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Villanueva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 10:02:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roselani Oga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Keep our language and culture alive!

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 10:34:34 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Liz M	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am asking for a vote of yes to this Senate Bill 1384. My personal heart connection to this are my 3 MO'OPUNA , Kahali'a, Punakea, and Ka'ala. They are beneficiaries of the Hawaiian language early education, that lives on! From Punana Leo pre school, to Nawahiokalaniopuu elementary, intermediate, and high school nurturing, and soaked in Hawaiian language and culture.

I agree with this Senate Bills request for REPRESENTATION OF HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE MEDIUM ON EARLY EDUCATION. The level of excellence of an individual to serve in this capacity. As we raise up more excellent individuals to carry on the torch!

Mahalo,

Mrs. Elizabethanne Masaoka

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 10:48:02 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Keli'i Fisher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please **PASS SB1384 HD1**, which will help maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board. Hawaiian medium early learning programs, such as those provided by 'Aha Punana Leo, are key to providing our keiki with culturally enriched early education opportunities, and may be crucial to fulfilling the vision of revitalizing and normalizing the Hawaiian language as reflected in Article X, Section 4 of the state constitution. As such, since the Early Learning Board was established (formerly as the Early Learning Advisory Board), it has included a seat for a "representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers." However, the term limits imposed on this position have created a serious challenge for this seat to remain continuously and consistently filled. This bill will help ensure that a Hawaiian voice maintains a continuous presence on the Early Learning Board, to promote the development of our keiki while also furthering the goal of perpetuating and normalizing the Hawaiian language for future generations to come. I respectfully urge you to **pass** SB1384 HD1! Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 10:55:55 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Hester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 10:56:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Olan Leimomi Fisher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 11:18:21 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noalani Nakasone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

ALOHA e FIN COMMITTEE,

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Noalani Nakasone

Kaua`i Resident

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 11:54:45 AM

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Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 12:10:32 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/1/2021 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly U'ilani Chow-Rule	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This measure would allow for an almost unlimited diminishment of the “ceded” (stolen) land corpus, to which the Native Hawaiian people still have unrelinquished claims. This bill would allow for a significant expansion of ceded lands that could be leased for 99 years, which is tantamount to a land sale, denying justice for Native Hawaiians for the loss of these ancestral lands until our grandchildren’s grandchildren’s generation. The Native Hawaiian community has fought for decades to protect against the alienation of these lands. The calls for justice from the Native Hawaiian community continue to fall on deaf ears. Enough is enough! Stop HB 902 HD1 SD1

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 12:25:45 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
johnna rapozo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 1:13:49 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Kanealii	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Aukai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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JOSEPH AUKAI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this important bill!

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 4:30:20 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B. Noelani Iokepa-Guerrero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Johanna Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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S. Joe Estores	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 11:14:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalani Thanee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/1/2021 8:29:59 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J. Russell Tai Hook	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/1/2021 10:32:11 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexander K.D. McNicoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of **SB1384 HD1**.