



STATE OF HAWAII
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March 17, 2021

TO: Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Representative Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: **Measure:** S.B. No. 1384 – RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING
Hearing Date: Thursday March 18, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: videoconference

Bill 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. Repeals on June 30, 2025.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon. I am Lauren Moriguchi, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL supports the intent of S.B. No. 1384 – relating to early learning.

EOEL is statutorily responsible for the development of the State's early childhood system that shall ensure a spectrum of high-quality development and learning opportunities for children throughout the state, from prenatal care until the time they enter kindergarten, with priority given to underserved or at-risk children. The Early Learning Board (ELB) was established as a governing board through Act 202, SLH 2017.

ELB is responsible for directing the EOEL on how best to meet the developmental and educational needs of children, from prenatal care to entry into kindergarten; providing recommendations to EOEL on improving the quality, availability, and coordination of early learning programs; promoting collaboration across agencies and stakeholders serving young children; and appoint the EOEL director and evaluating the director on an annual basis.

The ELB provides crucial input, direction, and oversight necessary for EOEL to achieve the statutory responsibilities of the Office. Representatives on the board are reflective of the diversity of the early care and education field in Hawaii, providing unique and important input on how to best serve Hawaii's families and young children. Hawaii is the only state in the United States that has designated a native language, Hawaiian, as one of its two official state languages. As such,

the representative seat for Hawaiian medium early learning providers is a critical member and advocate for the important values of a Hawaiian medium early education.

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 many 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 Board development.

Thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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TO: Honorable Chair Justin H. Woodson, Vice-Chair Jeanne Kapela, and members of the House Committee on Education

FROM: Tamara Paltin
Maui County Councilmember

DATE: March 17, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORTING SB 1384, RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to exempt the Hawaiian-medium representative serving on the State's Early Learning Board from the prohibition against serving more than two consecutive terms.

I SUPPORT this measure for the following reasons:

1. When the Early Learning Board was established, it 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.
2. 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 will be crucial to fulfilling the vision of revitalizing and normalizing 'Ōlelo Hawai'i as reflected in Article X, Section 4 of the state constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara M. Paltin".

TAMARA PALTIN
Councilmember



Testimony of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo to the House of Representatives
Committee on Education

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S.B. 1384: Relating to Education

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Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela and members of the Committee,

‘O wau ‘o Ka’ iulani Laeha, ka Luna Ho’okele o ka ‘Aha Pūnana Leo.
Kāko’o ‘ia SB1384.

My name is Ka’i ulani Laeha, 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.

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). As the EOEL develops a comprehensive and integrated statewide early childhood development and learning system, ‘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 support S.B. 1384.

Mahalo,

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Education
Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

By
Bonnie Irwin
Chancellor
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

SB 1384 – RELATING TO EDUCATION

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela, 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. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports the distinctive provisions of SB 1384 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 SB 1384 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 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 **Pūnana Leo o Hilo**

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 309 & 430

RE: SUPPORT SB1384 - Relating to Education

Aloha e Representative, Justin Woodson, Chair, Representative, Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Education,

The **Pūnana 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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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: 'Iwa Kuamoo

Kumu: Laua'e Urbanozo

Ke Kōmike Makua, Pūnana Leo o Hilo



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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Maluhia O'Donnell

Kumu: Kāhealani Tanimoto

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Waimea**

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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Nā'ai Colburn

Kumu: Akelina Tibayan

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Kona**



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Testimony from **Pūnana Leo o Maui**

Date: March 18, 2021

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RE: SUPPORT SB1384 - Relating to Education

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I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Kili Nāmau'u

Kumu: Mailelani Nāmau'u

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Maui**



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Testimony from **Pūnana Leo o Lahaina**

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Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Leilei Ishikawa

Kumu: Kamalei Cabrera

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Lahaina**



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Kahu: Kaimana Cabebe

Kumu: Maleka Tolentino

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Hāna**

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Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: U'ilani Ramos

Kumu: Aulani Herrod

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Moloka'i**

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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 'Ōlelo Hawai'i for future generations to come.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Kahōkū Lindsey-Asing

Kumu: Tiara Iokepa

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Mānoa**

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Pūnana Leo o Hāna

Testimony from Pūnana Leo o Honolulu

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 309 & 430

RE: SUPPORT SB1384 - Relating to Education

Aloha e Representative, Justin Woodson, Chair, Representative, Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Education,

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

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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 'Ōlelo Hawai'i for future generations to come.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Leimomi Anderson

Kumu: Kamaka Ligon

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Honolulu**



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Pūnana Leo o Hāna

Testimony from **Pūnana Leo o Ko'olau Poko**

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 309 & 430

RE: SUPPORT SB1384 - Relating to Education

Aloha e Representative, Justin Woodson, Chair, Representative, Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Education,

The **Pūnana Leo o Ko'olau Poko** humbly asks to please pass SB1384, helping maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board.

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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 'Ōlelo Hawai'i for future generations to come.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Ka'ipo Maika'i-Kahana'oi

Kumu: Kāhea Chang

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Ko'olau Poko**

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Pūnana Leo o Hāna

Testimony from **Pūnana Leo o Wai'anae**

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 309 & 430

RE: SUPPORT SB1384 - Relating to Education

Aloha e Representative, Justin Woodson, Chair, Representative, Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Education,

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

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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 'Ōlelo Hawai'i for future generations to come.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Keali'i Rasmussen

Kumu: Ku'u lei Alves

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Wai'anae**



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Testimony from **Pūnana Leo o Kaua'i**

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 309 & 430

RE: SUPPORT SB1384 - Relating to Education

Aloha e Representative, Justin Woodson, Chair, Representative, Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Education,

The **Pūnana Leo o Kaua'i** humbly asks to please pass SB1384, helping 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 vital to providing our keiki with culturally enriched early education opportunities and are crucial to fulfilling the vision of revitalizing and normalizing 'Ōlelo Hawai'i as reflected in Article X, Section 4 of the state constitution.

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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 'Ōlelo Hawai'i for future generations to come.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Kahu: Waialoha Fernandes

Kumu: Pūnohu Meade

Ke Kōmike Makua, **Pūnana Leo o Kaua'i**



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Pūnana Leo o Ko'olau Poko

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Pūnana Leo o Hāna

Testimony from 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Ke'ena Kula Kamali'i

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: State Capitol, Conference Room 309 & 430

RE: SUPPORT SB1384 - Relating to Education

Aloha e Representative, Justin Woodson, Chair, Representative, Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair and members of the Committee on Education,

The **'Aha Pūnana Leo, Ke'ena Kula Kamali'i** humbly asks to please pass SB1384, helping 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 vital to providing our keiki with culturally enriched early education opportunities and are crucial to fulfilling the vision of revitalizing and normalizing 'Ōlelo Hawai'i 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 'Ōlelo Hawai'i for future generations to come.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! E ola ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i!

Mahalo nui loa!

Director: Pualani Kaho'ohanohano

Manager: Kainani Medeiros

Specialist: Kayla Asing

Clerk: Avina Keli'ikoa

E O I A K A ' Ō L E L O H A W A I ' I

To: Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Representative Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee On Education

Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
Representative Lisa Marten, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

From: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board

Subject: **Measure:** SB 1384, Relating to Education
Hearing Date: March 18, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: **Via Video Conference**, Conference Room 309 & 430

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. Repeals on June 30, 2025.

Early Learning Board Position: Supports the Intent with Comment

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 with comments 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 terms 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. At the same time, there are some on the ELB who would like to engage in a broader discussion about the composition of the Board given current needs and the development of the Board.

This measure is currently drafted with a sunset date of June 30, 2025, which may limit the ability of the Hawaiian medium early learning provider representative to maintain a continuous and consistent presence on the ELB in future years. Accordingly, we respectfully ask the Committee to reconsider the language that would impose a repeal date of June 30, 2025, as found on page 3, lines 1-2.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on SB 1384.


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Legislative Testimony

SB1384
RELATING TO EDUCATION
Ke Kōmike Hale o ka Ho‘ona‘auao
House Committee on Education

Malaki 18, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Lumi 309/430

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB1384, 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. **As such, OHA urges the Committee to pass this measure, and respectfully recommends removing the sunset provision in order to more fully realize its intended benefits.**

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. 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 this goal. Accordingly, it is critical to 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.² 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. Notably, this seat is currently empty and the ELB is suffering from the lack of ‘APL’s voice, which has otherwise consistently ensured that all ELB members understand and recognize

¹ HAW. CONST. ART. XV SEC. 4.

² 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[.]”

the essential role of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i medium programming in the development and education of Hawai‘i’s growing keiki.

By exempting the Hawaiian-medium representative from the general two-term limit in HRS § 26-34(a), SB1384 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.

OHA does note that this measure is currently drafted with a sunset date of June 30, 2025. Such a sunset date may limit the ability of the “Hawaiian medium early learning provider” representative to maintain a continuous and consistent presence on the ELB in subsequent future years. **Accordingly, we respectfully urge the Committee to remove the language from this measure that would impose a repeal date of June 30, 2025, as found on page 3, lines 1-2.**

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. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PERSONS TESTIFYING: Kaulanakilohana (members of the consortium of early childhood education higher education faculty in Hawai'i)

DATE: March 18, 2021

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 309 & 430 via videoconference

TITLE OF BILL: **SB1384**

Honorable Chair Woodson; Vice Chair, Kapela; and Committee Members, Au Belatti, DeCoite, Ganaden, Asuega Gates, Hashimoto, Ohno, Quinlan, Takayama, Yamane and Okimoto,

We, members of Kaulanakilohana, the Early Childhood Education Higher Education Faculty, **strongly support SB1384**

SB1384 will allow for a stable and consistent Hawaiian language medium voice on the Early Learning Board (ELB).

The current statute sets a two-term limit for this seat. This negatively impacts the continuity of representation for the Hawaiian language medium programs on the ELB because of the small group of people who can potentially serve in this role. Currently, because of these limits, the seat remains vacant on the ELB. 'Aha Pūnana Leo serves a unique purpose in Hawai'i's early learning system and the representation provided by this critical seat is vital to nurturing understanding and wisdom on the part of the ELB with regard to matters of importance to Native Hawaiian people. The organization has advised that because of the specialized knowledge required, continuity in representation would best serve the needs of the organization as well as the ELB when it comes to matters concerning Hawaiian language medium early learning programs. This measure is affirmed by testimony from the ELB and Executive Office of Early Learning.

As members of Kaulanakilohana, we believe that passage of **SB1384**, which provides an exemption from a member serving more than two consecutive terms, will allow the Hawaiian language medium early learning providers' seat on the ELB to be better represented through a consistent designee. Knowledge of these unique programs and institutional and policy expertise, is required to effectively advocate for the programs. Additionally, a stable board member will create the longevity needed to foster the reciprocal relationships necessary to impart wisdom to the ELB members as they engage in policy work. It will help members to intentionally impact programs for Native Hawaiian keiki and their 'ohana as well as avoid making decisions that result in unintended negative consequences. A consistent representative will also allow the ELB to stay current with the issues and vital work underway to revitalize Native Hawaiian language and culture that require consideration as we build an early learning system.

We are mindful of the need to build a system that will *perpetuate and normalize* ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i, one of our two official languages as reflected in Article X, Section 4 of the Hawai‘i State constitution.

For the above reasons, **we strongly support SB1384.**

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this matter,

Kaulanakilohana

(Early Childhood Education Higher Education Faculty in Hawai‘i)

University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Ka Haka ‘Uka O Ke‘elikōlani - Noelani Iokepa-Guerrero, PhD

Hawai‘i Community College - Janet Smith, MA; and Brenda Watanabe, MEd

Honolulu Community College - Ann Abeshima, EdD; Elizabeth Hartline, MA; Eva Moravcik; Caroline Soga, PhD; Laurie Ann Takeno, EdM; and Cyndi Uyehara, MEd

Kaua‘i Community College - Antonia Fujimoto, MA

University of Hawai‘i at West O‘ahu - Susan Adler, PhD

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa - Christopher Au, PhD; Robyn Chun, MEd; Richard Johnson, EdD; Theresa Lock, EdD; Leah Muccio, PhD

University of Hawai‘i Maui College - Julie Powers, MA; Gemma Medina, MEd

Chaminade University - Elizabeth Park, PhD and Yan Yan Imamura, MEd

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Submitted on: 3/16/2021 10:41:33 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please PASS SB1384, 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 Pānana 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 ‘ĀĀlelo Hawai‘i 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 ‘ĀĀlelo Hawai‘i for future generations to come. I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384!

Mahalo!

Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington

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Submitted on: 3/16/2021 10:44:35 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 11:07:51 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimeona Kane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mai,
O Kimeona Kane kÄ“ia,

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Mahalo nui loa!

Kimeona Kane

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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 12:11:57 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessina A K Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 4:03:20 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Banner Fanene	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 5:08:46 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 5:49:29 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Sample Testimony:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 6:28:58 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna laea-Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Donna laea-Davis

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 7:17:31 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela and members of the Committee,

I support SB 1384 as it will allow for better, continued representation for Hawaiian medium early learning providers on the Early Learning Board.

Mahalo

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 7:31:52 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iolani Kuoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

As a parent who supports Hawaiian medium early learning and who's children have gone through the program.

Please PASS SB1384, 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 PÅ«nana 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 'Å«lelo Hawai'i 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 'Å«lelo Hawai'i for future generations to come. I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! Mahalo!

Me ka ha'aha'a,

'Iolani Kuoha

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 7:39:11 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keiki Kawaiaea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Position: Strong Support:

Aloha e ke KĀ• mike Ho'ona'auao,

As a Hawaiian medium administrator, educator, parent, and grandparent, I can attest to the importance of early education through the medium of Hawaiian. I support and ask you to please PASS SB1384, which will help maintain the specialized Hawaiian-medium voice on the Early Learning Board. Your support will ensure continuous and consistent Hawaiian-medium early education representation on the Early Learning Board.

SB1384 will also help to sustain a voice for Hawaiian-medium early education 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! Mahalo nui!

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:10:27 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faylene Mahina Duarte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

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me ka mahalo,

Mahina Paishon-Duarte

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:16:30 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Penny Atcheson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am not specifically a student, teacher or parent involved in the educational decision making in Hawaii. But I am; as we ALL are, invested in the future of Hawaiian citizenship. Obtaining a foundation in the Hawaiian language for students early on, reinforces a long term sense of pride and secures a place of belonging. Language is all encompassing. It holds deep historical significance and teaches morality and integrity of those who use and experience it. The passing of this bill is one step to supporting the longevity of aloha culture for future stewards of the Hawaiian islands. Youth grow into the stakeholders of their communities. They will practice the culture and ownership in the lifestyle that they grow up with even if they don't specifically speak the language. The culture behind language helps adults make better choices for all. Please do what you can to preserve aloha before it is no longer available. Mahalo nui loa. Penny Kumagai Atcheson

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:17:21 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass SB1384. 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 'Ā• lelo Hawai'i for future generations. I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384. Mahalo.

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:25:41 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:28:13 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gwen Kort Rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:42:07 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Whitney K. Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

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Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Ann K Poire	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 9:20:36 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Luukia Archer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 9:25:15 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lehua Itokazu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha KĀ• kou

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Lehua Itokazu

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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 9:27:45 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Kalua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 9:38:23 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 9:51:41 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Lopes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 11:15:46 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassandra Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 11:51:49 AM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

My kupuna are of Hawaiian descent, so are my mo‘opuna. I am blessed to live in the lands of my ‘aumakua. Within these islands lie the humbled, the steadfast & the protectors of all who came here so very long ago. Our Hawaiian culture, like all who are fortunate enough to exist in 2021 on their ancestral lands are able to thrive within their culture through communication. Ka ‘Ālelo Hawai‘i is not just a term within the legalities of our Hawai‘i Constitution. Ka ‘Ālelo Hawai‘i is a vital part of why our Hawaiian culture is vibrant & alive today. Ka ‘Ālelo Hawai‘i is dependent on being able to freely share this knowledge with our keiki, our people of Hawai‘i & our communities in a way that is smart, efficient & simply makes sense. Provide support to kua ‘Āina, to people & programs who employ knowledge with decency, fairness & common sense. With this said, I ask you to please PASS SB1384, 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 Pānana 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 ‘Ālelo Hawai‘i 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 ‘Ālelo Hawai‘i for future generations to come. I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! Mahalo!

na,

Wehi Kanewa

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 1:03:47 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Genai Keliikuli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha nui kā• kou!

My name is Genai U'ilani Keli'ikuli and I am an associate professor at Leeward Community College - Wai'anae Moku, located in the heart of the Wai'anae coast where the largest population of Native Hawaiians in the world resides. The vital role of Hawaiian language in restoring our Native Hawaiian communities, our families, and our histories (which have and continue to suffer the impacts of colonialism and disparate socioeconomic conditions) cannot be overestimated. As part of this effort to restore our language, the representative of Hawaiian medium early learning providers on the Early Learning Board plays such a critical role. However, being limited to the two-year, two-term policy exacerbates the very problem these representatives are meant to address because these individuals do not have sufficient time to implement and consistently support these culturally-centered programs.

Until we have enough qualified and available individuals to serve on the board who will advocate for Native Hawaiians early learning, I implore upon this legislative body, to pass SB1384, 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 PÅ«nana 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 'ÅElelo Hawai'i 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 'ÅElelo Hawai'i for future generations to come. I respectfully urge you to pass SB1384! Mahalo pihā!

SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 1:21:00 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
NAMOMI K MCCORRISTON	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 1:33:39 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yoshito L'Hote	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-1384

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 1:56:17 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Ferreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Senators Kidani, Chang, Fevella, Shimabukuro, a me Riviere:

As a single mother, I raised two sons who are now intelligent, compassionate, productive members of our community. However, looking back, I wish that they had been able to participate in a Hawaiian medium early learning program, but back in the '80s, I didn't realize just how deeply they might have benefited. I am compelled to look towards impacting future generations, including my own mo'opuna.

Please PASS SB1384, 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 PÅ«nana 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 'ÅElelo Hawai'i 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 'ÅElelo Hawai'i for future generations to come.

I wholeheartedly support this bill, and respectfully urge you to pass SB1384!

Na'u me ke mahalo:

Cathy Ferreira

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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 2:04:24 PM

Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Testimony for EDN on 3/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Noalani Nakasone

Kaua`i Resident

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

Comments:

Support. I also supported HB546.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 10:15:55 AM

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Josh & Kanani DeLary	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sample Testimony:

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