



Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

March 14, 2022

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and Members of the Committee,

We support HB 2000 HD1, which appropriates funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

To attain the goal of Act 46, which is to provide access to quality early learning seats for all 3- and 4-year-olds in the State of Hawai'i, expansion of physical early learning facilities is necessary. We agree that the School Facilities Agency is the entity that could build or refurbish facilities appropriate for early learning most expediently. We would, however, like to understand the process of how the facilities expansion will occur. We look forward to more discussion and details regarding this bill.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Our support represents a 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

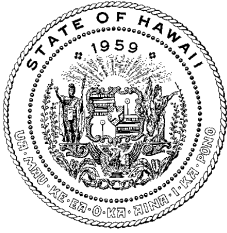
Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director



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IN REPLY REFER TO: **HB2000 EDU**

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H.B. 2000, H.D. 1 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Senate Committee on Education

The School Facilities Authority (SFA) **supports** this measure that proposes an appropriation of general funds for the construction of preschool facilities.

The SFA is appreciative of the legislature's interest in funding these specific school facilities. Flexibility in the use of the funds is appreciated as there are a number of competing SFA priorities for capital improvement projects. The SFA requests your committee's consideration is expanding the purpose of the funding to include a broader range of school facilities including preschools.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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March 11, 2022

TO: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Coleen Momohara, Interim Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: Measure: H.B. No. 2000 H.D. 1 – RELATING TO EDUCATION
Hearing Date: Monday, March 14, 2022
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

Bill Description: Appropriates funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1.)

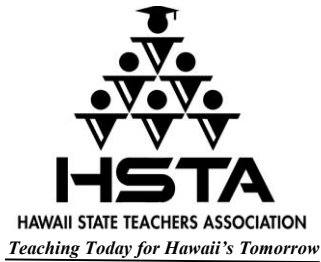
EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: Supports

Aloha. I am Coleen Momohara, Interim Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL supports this bill, which would appropriate funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities and defers to the Authority.

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.

EOEL implements the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program in partnership with the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE). In addition, pursuant to Act 046, SLH 2020, EOEL is responsible for expanding access to early learning programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds. As the School Facilities Authority develops plans to construct new school facilities, EOEL looks forward to collaborating with the Authority and HIDOE as it pertains to constructing preschool facilities and classrooms. We defer to the authority relating to the provisions in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: HB 2000 HD1 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

OSA TUI, JR., PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 2000 HD1** relating to education.

This bill will appropriate a yet unspecified amount to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

We know well the importance of early learning and that it begins in preschool. High quality early education represents one of the best investments we can make for our collective future, especially that of our young keiki. To facilitate the demand for public preschools in Hawaii we believe it is important to aim for a preschool on every elementary school campus across the state. That effort can start with this bill.

Building preschool facilities on already existing and operating elementary school campuses will help in terms of time and money as both the land and infrastructure are readily available for construction of preschools. What's more, once the preschools are built and operating, it could provide convenience for families with multiple young children, as well as the potential to share resources and staff across the campus.

We need to expand public preschool. Now is the time to move quickly ahead. Families across Hawaii cannot wait any longer for early learning and preschool options for their keiki.

To provide early learning opportunities all across Hawai'i, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support this bill**.



Hawaii
Children's Action Network Speaks!
Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

To: Senator Kidani, Chair
Senator Kim, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

Re: **HB 2000 HD1, relating to education**
3:00 PM, March 14, 2022

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and committee members,

On behalf of HCAN Speaks!, thank you for the opportunity to **testify in support of House bill 2000 HD1**, relating to education.

We support the intention of HB 2000. Facilities for early care and learning programs are desperately needed. However, details, like the process of how locations for the construction of preschool facilities would occur and if construction includes renovations of an existing facility or creating a new facility, are unclear. We hope as the bill moves forward additional information becomes available.

I also request the measure be amended for more inclusive language that matches the context of preschool in Hawai'i.

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the construction of ~~preschool facilities.~~ **Early care and learning programs**

HCAN Speaks! respectfully requests the Committee to amend and support this measure.

Thank you,

Kathleen Algire
Director, Early Learning and Health Policy



Kamehameha Schools®

Senate Committee on Education

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Date: March 14, 2022

Where: Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY

By Kau'i Burgess
Kamehameha Schools

RE: **HB 2000, HD1, Relating to Education**

E ka Luna Ho'omalū Kidani, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalū Kim, a me nā lālā o ke Kōmike Ho'ona'auao o ka 'Aha Kenekoa, aloha kākou!

Kamehameha Schools **supports** HB 2000, HD1, which appropriates moneys to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

Act 46 (2020) and Act 210 (2021) were pivotal steps toward ensuring every keiki in Hawai'i has access to quality early learning. We must remain steadfast in our commitment to achieve the benchmarks set in these acts for 50% of three- and four-year-olds to have access to a preschool program by the end of 2027, and 100% by the end of 2032. Since the start of the pandemic, Hawai'i has lost over 3,600 seats, at least 6 preschools and many more family childcare providers. Our keiki cannot afford to lose any more.

Facilities space and cost continue to be a major hurdle to expanding access to unserved three- and four-year-old keiki across Hawai'i. In the Hawai'i Early Learning Needs Assessment (2017), center-based program directors listed the lack of space or appropriate facilities as the most common barrier to increasing the number of seats in their classrooms. Investing in the construction of preschool facilities is the next big step toward ensuring the future we all envision and the future that our keiki deserve. **Please advance this measure.**

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to restore our people through education and advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership. Hānai i ke keiki; ola ka lāhui.

'A'ohē 'ulu e loa'a i ka pōkole o ka lou. There is no success without preparation.

DAVID Y. IGE
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WRITTEN ONLY
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2000, H.D. 1

March 14, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Room 229 and Videoconference

RELATING TO EDUCATION

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 2000, H.D. 1, appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 23 for the construction of preschool facilities which shall be expended by the School Facilities Authority.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



Date: March 13, 2022

To: Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

From: Early Childhood Action Strategy

Re: **Support for HB2000 HD1, Relating to Education**

Early Childhood Action Strategy (ECAS) is a statewide cross-sector collaborative designed to improve the system of care for Hawai'i's youngest children and their families. ECAS partners work to align priorities for children prenatal to age eight, streamline services, maximize resources, and improve programs to support our youngest keiki.

ECAS supports passage of HB2000 HD1, which would appropriate funds to the to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

The enactment of Act 46 (2020) was a pivotal commitment by the State to providing access to quality early learning seats for all 3- and 4-year-olds in Hawaii. Availability of space and costs for facilities, however, are critical barriers to increasing the number and capacity of early learning programs in the state. Appropriation of funding for development and construction of facilities would be instrumental to moving forward with the expansion of access intended by Act 46 and critically needed for our keiki.

To expand the scope of early learning programs that might benefit from the development of new facilities, ECAS does respectfully request an amendment to the bill to replace the reference to "preschool" facilities with the more inclusive term "early care and learning" facilities, which more appropriately reflects the range of program-types providing services to preschool-age children.

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$_____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the construction of ~~preschool~~ **early care and learning** facilities.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony **in support of HB2000 HD1**.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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CHAIRPERSON

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FOR: HB 2000 HD1 Relating to Education
DATE: March 14, 2022 3:00 PM
COMMITTEE: Committee on Education
ROOM: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

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

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT on HB 2000 HD1** which appropriates funds to the school facilities authority for the constructions of preschool facilities.

The Commission strongly supports this measure and hopes that public charter schools will be included in the construction of preschool facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

TO: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Morcado Kim, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education



FROM: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board

SUBJECT: **Measure:** HB 2000, HD 1 – Relating to Early Learning
Hearing Date: Monday, March 14, 2022
Time: 3:00 A.M.
Location: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

Description: Appropriates funds to the school facilities authority for the construction of preschool facilities. Effective 7/1/250. (HD1)

Early Learning Board Position: Support the Intent

Aloha. I am Robert G. Peters, Chair of the Early Learning Board, offering testimony in support of the intent of HB 2000, HD 1, which would appropriate funds to the school facilities authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

As the governing board for EOEL, we thank the Legislature for its support of EOEL's work to increase access to high-quality 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.

Act 046, SLH 2020, assigns EOEL the responsibility for expanding access to early learning programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds, which will require expanded facility capacity appropriate for young children. The ELB will support EOEL's efforts to collaborate with the Authority and HODOE as it pertains to constructing preschool facilities and classrooms. As does the EOEL, the ELB defers to the authority relating to the provisions in this bill.