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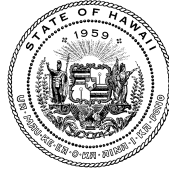
FOR: HB 1328 Relating to Charter Schools
DATE: February 7, 2023
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Education
ROOM: Conference Room 309 & Videoconference
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Marten, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1328**, which provides funding for rental or lease of facilities under legislative appropriations and bond authorizations to the state public charter school commission for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of public charter school improvements. Appropriates general funds for infrastructure costs, rental or lease assistance, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools.

The Commission is grateful for this support of our public charter school system and in recognizing the need to provide facilities funding to our public charter schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



**STATE OF HAWAII
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
P.O. BOX 2360
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House Committee on Education

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309

House Bill 1328, Relating to Charter Schools

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education ("Board") respectfully **supports** the intent of HB 1328, which would provide funding for rental or lease of facilities under legislative appropriations and bond authorizations to the State Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of public charter school improvements and would also appropriate general funds for infrastructure costs, rental or lease assistance, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools.

The Board supports proposed legislation that addresses charter school facilities needs as a longstanding and unresolved issue that the Board cites in its annual charter school report to the Legislature every year.

The Board defers to the Commission on operational and implementation matters related to this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Board.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William N. Arakaki".

Sincerely,

Bill Arakaki
Chairperson, Board of Education 2023 Legislative Ad Hoc Committee



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: HB 1328 - RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

OSA TUI, JR., PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Woodson and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 1328** relating to charter schools. This bill provides funding for rental or lease of facilities under legislative appropriations and bond authorizations to the state public charter school commission for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of public charter school improvements. Appropriates general funds for infrastructure costs, rental or lease assistance, and the repair and maintenance of network infrastructure for charter schools

Facilities funding is a long-standing issue for our public charter schools. In Hawai'i, start-up charter schools have paid the costs of their facilities from operational funds. In 2013; however, lawmakers authorized the Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission to request facilities funding as part of its annual budget request. Later, in 2015, legislators called for a working group to establish a framework for providing facilities funding and support for public charter school facilities with adequate prioritization, oversight, and accountability.

Today, amounts received by charter schools fail to keep pace with the cost of providing and quality instruction and maintaining adequate facilities. Charter schools receive \$8,745, per-pupil this school year, according to the Charter School Commission, most of which is disbursed toward operational expenses, often leaving charters to rely on private donations to fund facilities and rent. Charter schools' per-pupil operating funds cover items like salaries, collective bargaining costs, curricula, school supplies, equipment, and utilities, but do not encompass the facilities and maintenance costs that comprise approximately ten percent of charter school budgets, according the Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network. Poorly funded charter schools are sometimes forced to hold classes in unstable temporary structures to the detriment of their students' learning and safety.

To provide our public charter schools with the funds they need for their students to succeed, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.



Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u

"No 'Ane'i Ko Kākou Ola"

Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Representative Lisa Marten, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: 02-7-2023

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Conference Room 309

Testimony of Dr. Kauanoe Kamanā, Director, Principal
Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u

HB1328, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

STRONGLY SUPPORT

E ka Luna Ho'omalū Woodson, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalū Marten a me nā lālā Kōmike
Ho'ona'auao, Aloha nui kākou,

My name is Dr. Kauanoe Kamanā, Director and Principal of Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u (Nāwahī), a P-12 laboratory school of the Hawaiian Language College, Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani (KH'UOK) at UH-Hilo. Nāwahī has a current enrollment of 646 in its Kea'au campus and two satellite sites in Waimea and Wai'ānae. As a Hawaiian language medium school, families choose Nāwahī for its integrity, research history and a nearly 30-year reputation of providing quality education rooted in the Kumu Honua Mauli Ola philosophy and in the use and study of the Hawaiian language.

Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u **strongly supports** HB1328.

HB1328 will address many of the long-standing issues that have made charter school education an on-going challenge and for our programs. If it were not for the commitment and perseverance of schools and families in our communities, we would not be able to provide the innovative programs that we see today in charter schools. Our charter school children, teachers and families have produced unique "out of the box" outcomes in learning that have drawn the interest and support of the distinct communities where our schools exist.

HB1328 will now help provide the system support for facilities that our charter school children and families need and deserve.

Me ka mahalo 'oia'i'o,

Dr. Kauanoe Kamanā
Director, Principal



Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau
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E mālama ʻia ana ka mauili ola o kākou mai kēlā hanauna a i kēia hanauna.

TESTIMONY

House of Representatives, Committee on Education
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309

To: Chair Justin H Woodson, Vice Chair Lisa Marten, and Members of the Committee

HB1328: RELATING TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

E nā Poʻo o ke Kōmike Hoʻonaʻauao a me nā lālā kōmike, Aloha mai kākou,

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in **full support** of HB1328, which provides funding for rental or lease of facilities under legislative appropriations and bond authorizations to the state public charter school commission for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of public charter school improvements.

Since our inception as a New Century Public Charter School in 2000, Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau has leveraged over \$6.2 million in federal and private funds to develop our current facilities in Haʻikū, Heʻeia, Oʻahu. We have managed to survive these past 23 years as a result of our valuable community partnerships with such organizations as DHHL, USDA-RD, private educational institutions, community and family foundations, donations and numerous volunteers. There are still many capital improvement projects that must be addressed and completed on campus to adequately serve our student population, while addressing health, safety and legal compliance. Every child is deserving of safe public school facilities, including those who chose to enroll in the charter schools.

This bill would provide the dire support needed for the **Public Charter Schools**. Efforts to improve our current system will not only greatly impact the education of our students, but it will also enhance the education of the state.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ke aloha,

I Meahilahila. Kelling, Ed.D.
Kahu, Director



February 6, 2022

TO: House Committee on Education:
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Rep. Lisa Marten, Vice Chair
Rep. Jeanne Kapela
Rep. Sean Quinlan
Rep. Rose Martinez
Rep. Chris Todd
Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi
Rep. Diamond Garcia
Rep. Amy A. Perruso

FR: Kanaeokana Network

RE: IN SUPPORT OF HB1328 RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

Aloha Representatives:

Kanaeokana Kula Hawai'i Network is in full support of HB1328 to provide funding for rental or lease of facilities under legislative appropriations and bond authorizations to the state public charter school commission for the design, planning, construction, repair, and maintenance of public charter school improvements.

We support equal funding for charter schools.

Please support HB1328.

Mahalo,

Kanaeokana
advocacy@kanaeokana.net

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:47:11 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani Laeha	Aha Punana Leo	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Marten and members of the committee,

‘Aha Pūnana Leo supports HB1328. This bill will provide funding for rental and leasing facilities. Many of our Pūnana Leo graduates continue into Hawaiian language medium charter school programs.

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Leilani Ka'apuni,
Pu'ukū

Kamalei Hayes

Dr. Kauanoe
Kamanā

Nāmaka Rawlins

Dr. Pila Wilson

Kayla Asing

'Ānela Freitas

No 'Ane'i Ko
Kākou Ola!

Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Representative Lisa Marten, Vice-Chair

Date of Hearing: 02-07-2023
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Conference Room 309

*Testimony of Dr. Kēhaulani 'Aipia-Peters, Governing Board Chair
Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani 'ōpu 'u Iki LPCS*

HB1328, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS STRONG SUPPORT

Ē nā Po'o Kōmike a me nā Lālā Kōmike o ke Kōmike Ho'ona'auao, aloha nui kākou:

My name is Dr. Kēhaulani 'Aipia-Peters, and I am the Governing Board Chair of Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani 'ōpu 'u Iki, Laboratory Public Charter School. I am providing written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1328.**

Facilities funds provided by HB1328 will provide funding to charter schools to ensure our students have access to school facilities that are up to code and at the very least equitable in comparison to DOE school classrooms, and also allow access to funds for building new facilities. The current facilities requirements and costs are unsustainable for charter schools.

The introduction of HB 1328 indicates an awareness of the unique challenges of charter schools and forward movement of this bill will ensure the continued progress of all charter schools. Mahalo for this bill and the many other related initiatives that have come out of our State Legislature.

Mahalo,

Ke. Kēhaulani Aipia-Peters

Dr. Kēhaulani 'Aipia-Peters
Chair, Governing Board
Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani 'ōpu 'u Iki LPCS

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:50:35 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taffi Wise	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Representatives and MAHALO NUI for this bill!

STRONG SUPPORT

The keiki of Hawaii including the over 12000 charter school students all deserve to have their basic human needs of shelter, food and transportation to school taken care of, which is currently not the case. Support for facilities would definitely level the playing field and help with the charter school inequity which is primarily federal funds, facilities, and food. Beyond aesthetics, research has shown that facility conditions impact student education environment and achievement, teacher performance and satisfaction, and the social and community environment.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:20:00 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ahia Dye	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to provide classrooms for our children. Students will not be subject to learn in inadequate facilities.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:23:27 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Rehmert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

I am writing to support HB1328. Our Charter Schools need facilities funding. This is a basic provision and this type of support should be funded with our tax dollars, just like the DOE receives facilities funding, so too should our Charter Schools.

Mahalo,

Laura Rehmert

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:24:44 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Serena Hayes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1328 to provide adequate classrooms for students.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:31:38 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandy De Lima-Suganuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1328 to provide funding resources for the charter schools.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:31:59 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawailele Aki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i kēia pila HB1328

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:33:18 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelley Uyeoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou, I fully support HB1328 to provide adequate facilities for our keiki that attend public charter schools so they have inviting, safe, and comfortable learning environments.
Mahalo

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:33:33 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a mother of four keiki, three of which attend/attended charter schools on Hawai‘i island, I support HB1328. Our keiki face enough challenges on their educational journey, having a safe, welcoming, and functional learning environment should not be one of them.

"Regular" DOE schools do not see funds from their budget expended on facilities, taking away from the ability to hire more faculty and staff, which is not fair. Give our keiki the tools they need to be successful, that includes providing reasonable and safe facilities in their respective learning communities.

Having a hale to learn in is a basic necessity, support our island charter schools, show our keiki that they are worthy like their DOE counterparts. Do the right thing!

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:36:20 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erin ODonnell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB1328. Charter School students deserve adequate facilities, especially those in Hawaiian Medium Education. My daughter attends 'Alo Kehau o Ka 'Aina Mauna, which is under Nawahi's charter, our parents have had to fundraise and build classrooms for our students to ensure they can attend and HME school. While our students are thankful for what they have, they deserve more, at least to the same standard as English Medium Students. There are many HME students that are in Charter Schools since the DOE has not worked hard enough to provide HME programs for our students. The least they can do is help to provide facilities that are conducive to students learning for ALL students.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:40:31 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoe Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha members of the Education Committee,

My name is Kanoe Wilson; I am a parent whose three children attend charter schools. Facilities for our charter schools have been a long-standing issue regarding equity and safety for our students. I submit testimony today supporting HB1328 as a first step in addressing this issue for our charter schools.

Mahalo nui,

Kanoe Wilson

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:43:39 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keely Rivera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1328 because I support our student's education. In order for a child to progress well academically, adequate facilities are necessary for teaching and learning. Please pass HB1328 for the benefit of our students of Hawai'i. Mahalo.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:45:48 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana K. Hayashida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

I am in support of HB1328 in which this will help our growing charter school, Ke Kula 'o Nawahiokalaniopu'u, in providing classrooms for our keikis and not be subjected to learn in inadequate facilities.

Mahalo nui loa, Dana K. Hayashida

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:51:27 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya E.L. Kua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of bill HB1328. Students will not be subject to learn in inadequate facilities. That classrooms for our children will be provide. It also addresses renting and leasing of facilities.

Mahalo

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:52:12 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandi Masaoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a parent and an educator in public charter school, I strongly support HB1328. Please provide equal and adequate facilities for all our keiki.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:52:30 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ka'iu Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui,

I humbly request your support of this bill that seeks to further support charter schools - facilities and infrastructure - to help better the educational quality and experience for Hawai'i keiki.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity and for your consideration of this request.

na Ka'iu Kimura

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:58:10 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristine Deitch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My children and our family has been a part of a Charter school for 12+ years. I am in support of HB1328 as I have seen first hand how our charter school students are not given the same classroom accomodations as their DOE equivalent schools. Charter schools work very hard to provide the specific education that they are built upon and therefore should be provided the funding to create the best learning environment for their students.

Again, I am submitting testimony in support of HB1328.

Mahalo.

Kris Deitch

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:05:24 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Namaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I support HB1328

Public charter schools that lack adequate building facilities are sometimes forced to hold classes outdoors, on covered lanais, or in unstable temporary structures and need sufficient funding to address these inadequacies. This bill will support rent and lease for facilities.

Please pass HB1328

Mahalo

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:08:45 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kala'akea Aguiar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB1328 Relating to Charter Schools

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Kala'akea Aguiar and I am writing in **strong support** of House Bill 1328. Charter schools in Hawai'i are in dire need of financial support for their facilities. As a former charter school student, I remember my school having to be creative with their spaces so that students had somewhere to meet for class because there were not enough classrooms. HB1328 seeks to provide facilities funding to charter schools to address inadequacies such as this, as well as provide funding to pay for rental or lease agreements and repair and maintenance costs. I urge you to please pass HB1328.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kala'akea K. Aguiar

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:12:11 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grant Miyashiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Marten and members of the Committee:

My name is Grant Miyashiro, OD, I live in Hilo, Hawaii, and I am writing in strong support of HB1328, which will establish funding for charter school infrastructure costs.

My son attends Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u in Kea‘au, Puna. Our ‘ohana has been more than pleased with the education and care provided by the Nāwahī administration. However, we all know that the quality of guidance provided to our keiki will be significantly improved with increased funding.

I cannot think of many other societal needs of greater importance. Please support this measure.

Mahalo nui loa,

Grant Miyashiro, OD

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:19:13 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Moke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson and Vice Chair Marten and members of the committee,

I support HB1328. My mo‘opuna attend a charter school. This bill will give the support for rental and lease of charter facilities.

Please pass HB1328

Mahalo

Moke

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:20:59 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikiya White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing to support HB 1328. I am a mother of four keiki at Ke Kula ‘O Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u. Our school has grown tremendously over the last few years--a wonderful thing! With such a growth in students, we are in definite need of more classroom areas for our keiki. The pandemic was an especially difficult time. The kumu did their best to properly space out the keiki for health and safety, but the circumstances emphasized the need for adequate facilities. It is my hope that this bill will successfully help address this issue.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:28:48 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Peterson(Nani)	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:32:01 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kawehiokalani Housman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

2/6/2023

Dear Honorable Members of the Legislative Committee of Education,

My name is Kawehi Housman from Puna, Hawai'i. I am a charter school teacher and see how this could really benefit us. I submit my testimony in approval of this bill.

Please consider supporting/opposing this bill. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Me ka mahalo,

Kawehi Housman

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:34:11 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Ha'amauliola Makua Aiona	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this facilities bill HB1328 that will provide classrooms for our children. Students will not be subject to learn in inadequate facilities.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:35:39 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Williams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha I support HB 1328

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:37:07 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tihahne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Tihahne P Clarke-Alvarez support the HB1328 Bill. Mahalo.

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:43:59 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaipolani Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

Kāko‘o piha au i ka mana‘o o HB1328!!

I fully support HB1328!

Mahalo

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:52:27 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. William H. Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1328. Increasing percentages of state government supported students are enrolling in charter schools. Parents are choosing this form of education for their children, but the charter schools continue to face major barriers in terms of facilities. I have served on boards for two charter schools and have personally seen how facilities are a major need for the charter schools. Charter schools are providing an important benefit for the state in terms of innovation and outreach to populations of students who are not succeeding in the standard system. Mahalo to the legislature for addressing this important need of communities throughout the state

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:52:04 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pelehonuamea Harman	Ke Kula o Nawahiokalaniopuu	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

Kāko‘o piha au i kēia pila. PONO e loa‘a nā hale a me nā kumuwaiwai kāko‘o i nā keiki a pau o Hawai‘i; ma nā kula hō‘āmana a me nā kula aupuni.

I am in full support of allocating equitable resources including facilities for all our children in Hawai‘i; those who attend charter schools and public schools alike.

Mahalo nui,

na Pelehonuamea Harman

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:55:15 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raylene Moses	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please approve this facilities bill that will provide classrooms for our children. Students will not be subject to learn in inadequate facilities. Mahalo!

HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:58:09 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rain K. Kahula Yong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill. I group teach 23 students in grades 1-2. My partner teacher teaches 20 students students in Kindergarten-1. We share a classroom between 43 students. Our other grades of our school have the same problems. Our school is expanding with the demands of our people and we are running out of room. Without proper spacing, it is very difficult to focus and build healthy classroom environments in these cramped areas.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:59:28 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauran Chapple	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is important for our keiki. Charter schools need more facilities.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:00:04 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keiki Kawaiaea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1328 which will help the charter schools have adequate facilities to teach our children.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:04:13 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly N Martin-Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1328. As a parent and a teacher at a charter school, more funding would be appreciated to help provide more classrooms in our growing school, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u. We currently do not have enough classrooms and must use our gym as a make-shift classroom. This makes it difficult for students to learn in a conducive environment. Mahalo for your consideration.

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HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:25:29 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
W. Mapuana Waipa	Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of HB1328



Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo

Hawaiian Immersion Public Charter School

I N K E A U K A H A

TO: House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
Committee on Education
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Rep. Lisa Marten, Vice Chair

FROM: Louisa Lee
Director of Operations
Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Public Charter School

DATE: Tuesday February 7, 2023

RE: Testimony in support of HB 1328, related to facilities funding for public charter schools

Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo Hawaiian language immersion public charter school located in Keaukaha on Hawai'i Island was established in 2001 from what was previously Kula Kaiapuni 'O Keaukaha. We are one of two Hawaiian language immersion schools located in East Hawai'i and currently serve 270 students in PreK3-12th grade. Our leadership is in strong support of HB1328, and for providing an appropriation and bond authorization to the Charter School Commission for charter school facilities and maintenance.

Adequate learning facilities has and continues to be Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo's most persistent challenge. This challenge was further exacerbated in 2017, when we were evicted from the DOE Keaukaha Elementary School campus where the State's Hawaiian Language Immersion Education program originated in 1987. Today our program is spread across three distinct temporary learning sites at a cost in excess of \$425,000 annually. Our lack of facilities is prohibiting both our school's growth and State's ability to meet the increasing demand for Hawaiian language education (Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo is one of six Hawaiian language immersion charter schools across four different islands). Support for this bill would provide for permanent and sustainable facilities opportunities for charter schools and would be a critical step towards ensuring equitable funding for all of Hawai'i's public school students.

We urge you to support HB1328 and thank this committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

I Ulu i ke Kuamo'o ~ I Mana i ka 'Oiwī ~ I Kā'eo no ka Hanauna Hou!

Inspired by Our Past ~ Empowered by Our Identity ~ Prepared for Our Future!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:21:39 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isaac Ahuna	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Isaac Ahuna and I am a mākuā at Ka ‘Umeke PCS and I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keiki’s school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say that your aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai‘i. Mahalo nui! I mua mau kākou!

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HB-1328

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:22:28 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharra Dancel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Adequate learning facilities have and continue to be Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo’s most persistent challenge. This challenge was further exacerbated in 2017, when we were evicted from the DOE Keaukaha Elementary School campus where the State’s Hawaiian Language Immersion Education program originated in 1987. Today our program is spread across three distinct temporary learning sites at a cost in excess of \$425,000 annually. Our lack of facilities is prohibiting both our school’s growth and State’s ability to meet the increasing demand for Hawaiian language education (Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo is one of six Hawaiian language immersion charter schools across four different islands). Support for this bill would provide for permanent and sustainable facilities opportunities for charter schools and would be a critical step towards ensuring equitable funding for all of Hawai‘i’s public school students. Being that this is also Mahina ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i, what a better way to support that than to ensure that our kula ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i are provided adequate funding- which would make it more than just a label on a day with no real action behind it.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:24:46 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonathan Humphries	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My two keiki have attended Ka Umeke Public Charter School since Papa Malao and I only just today found out that they have had to maintain the facilities using their per student allotment. Often I had thought in the past that school facilities were barely adequate and now I understand why. I fully support HB 1328 and having dedicated facility budget for our charter schools and I hope that this allows the school the budget to improve student resources.

Mahalo nui loa,

Jonathan Humphries

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:32:51 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miki'ala Taylor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Miki'ala Taylor. I am a Hawaiian language charter school teacher and I stronger support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:34:49 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahana Kaawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Mahana Ka'awa and I'm a mākuā at Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo PCS and I am in SUPPORT of HB1328 for facilities funds for my keiki's school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services, and resources. I urge you to advocate, support, and vote in support of this bill so that you can say that our Aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:36:52 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Honeyrose Watai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Honeyrose Watai and I am mākua at Ka Umeke Kaeo PCS, and I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keiki school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services, and resources. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say your Aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai'i.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:38:36 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan silva	Kaumeke kaeo ohana	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jordan silva and I am a mākuā at Ka ‘Umeke PCS and I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for the facilities funds for my keiki’s school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources as others . Unfortunately It seems our Hawaiian resources for keiki are very limited - it is vital to support what little we have to offer and it is important to preserve the culture of our Hawaiian language, especially for the future of our islands.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:39:12 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lehua Miller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Lehua Miller and I am a mākua at Ka ‘Umeke PCS and I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keiki’s school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say that your aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai‘i. Mahalo nui!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:48:22 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charla Ann Kahele	Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo PCS	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou, my name is Charla Ann Kahele. I am a mākua at Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo PCS and I am SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keikis' school. My keiki are no less than any keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources. As a parent who has had children in both a regular DOE setting and at a charter school, I can see the differences very clearly. We chose to send our keiki to Ka 'Umeke Kā'eo so that they could be afforded the opportunity to grow up immersed in both 'ōlelo Hawai'i and 'ike Hawai'i. It is a challenge having children on different learning sites for families who have children in preschool, early elementary and even upper elementary, not to mention middle school or high school age. Three different locations for drop offs and pick ups every day is taxing when they supposedly attend the same charter school! With the school having to spend so much of its budget on facilities alone, it makes the overall dream of attaining one campus to service all grades all but impossible. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say your aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai'i, not just those directly under the DOE. Mahalo nui!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:00:25 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Moana Ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

‘Ano‘ai ke aloha,

My name is Moana Ching and I submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** for HB1328 to appropriate and authorize funds to support charter school facilities and maintenance. I am a mākua at Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo Public Charter School and am also a member of our schools Charter Governing Board since 2021. My two children have attended Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo since papa mala‘ao (kindergarten) and it is disheartening to know that their status as charter school students does not afford them or their school the same level of support as other DOE students. All Hawai‘i’s haumāna should receive the same level of support and services...and their schools should be resourced at equal levels. Despite this disparity in state allocated resources, Hawaiian culture and language-based charter schools like Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo work selflessly to support the state’s demand for K-12 Hawaiian language education. School administrators must make ends meet in creative and innovative, yet unsustainable ways. The advancement of this bill would provide permanent funds to support current and future Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo haumāna.

I humbly urge you to support HB1328 and in doing so, supporting the future of and for Hawai‘i’s keiki.

Me ke aloha,

Moana Ching

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:25:18 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Edward Halealoha Ayau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Edward Halealoha Ayau and I am a mākua (parent) at Ka ‘Umeke Kaeo PCS and I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keiki’s school. My keiki are no less than any other keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources.

I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say that your aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai‘i. Mahalo nui!

Me ke aloha,

Halealoha

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:37:52 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Kanahale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Tracy Kanahale and I am a parent at Ka ‘Umeke PCS. I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keiki's school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say that your aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai‘i. Mahalo nui!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:20:03 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JoAnna Kern	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, My name is JoAnna Kern and I am a mākuā at Ka ‘Umeke PCS and I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keiki’s school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say that your aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai‘i. Mahalo nui!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:25:15 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keikilani Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the efforts of providing funding in any capacity that is related to the improvement of public charter schools.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:31:49 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoeuluwehianuhea Case	Ka Umeke Kaeo Charter School	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

"Aloha, my name is Kanoeuluwehianuhea Case and I am a mākua at Ka ‘Umeke PCS and I am in SUPPORT of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my keiki’s school. My keiki is no less than a keiki attending a DOE school and should be allowed the same support, services and resources. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you can say that your aloha is for ALL keiki in Hawai‘i.

Mahalo nui! Kanoeuluwehianuhea Case

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:48:24 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nena Auld	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I have had five of my children go through a Charter school here in Hilol and Facilities is one of the most important issues that have been surrounding the school during that time, and is currently still a problem. The need for facility support and maintainance is prevelant and this Bill will support a system that encourages and ensures greatness for our keiki.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:59:18 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lahela Kruse	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Committee

I am Tutu Lahela Kruse at Ka Umeke PCS and I am in support of HB 1328 for facilities funds for my mo'opuna's school. I urge you to advocate, support and vote in support of this bill so that you say that your aloha is for all keiki in Hawai'i.

Mahalo Nui

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:59:36 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/7/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahele Nahale-a	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou, my name is Kāhele Nahale-a and I am a former Hawai‘i Public Charter School (PCS) administrator and current kupuna with a mo‘opuna at Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo PCS. I am in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1328 to provide for facilities and infrastructure funds for public charter schools. Our Hawai‘i PCS ‘ohana has been asking for fair and adequate funding to support student learning at Hawai‘i's public charter schools for more than 20 YEARS. Facilities and infrastructure funding is critical to the success of a public charter school and imperative for providing a safe place for keiki to learn and grow. Keiki in every single one of our public schools, which includes public charter schools, deserve equitable support, services and resources. Our communities deserve public charter school options that are resourced to provide excellent and healthy environments for our keiki. I urge you to please advocate for and vote in support of this bill. Mahalo piha.