



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

By

Bonnie Irwin, Chancellor  
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

#### HB 1430 HD1 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on HB 1430 HD1. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports passage of HB 1430 HD1, which seeks to establish an Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach to be placed within UH Hilo through a collaboration between the UH Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center ('Imiloa) and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani (College).

The legislature established the College under HRS §§ 304A-1301-1302 in 1997 and has continued to support Hawaiian language revitalization and growth through various legislative acts since that time. HB 1430 HD1 establishes an institute within UH Hilo that will have its own unique powers of scheduling, outreach, and functionality to be able to continue the mission of revitalizing the Hawaiian language and reintegrating its use within the State. Furthermore, the establishment of the institute enhances the ability of UH Hilo, the College, 'Imiloa, and our collaborators to address the needs of the State with a particular emphasis on developing an early education Hawaiian medium pathway and addressing the P-25 efforts of the College.

UH Hilo has found that both 'Imiloa and the College face many unique situations that require agility to address the State's Hawaiian language needs. Among such things are scheduling courses outside the standard university semesters to provide curriculum and instruction to PreK-12 institutions, teaching at the College's laboratory school program in areas where there are gaps in instruction, utilizing upper division college students to teach lower division/dual credit courses in beginning Hawaiian for English medium high school students, and providing personnel support for oceanic voyaging. The Institute would be responsible for assigning personnel to work in coordination with the public and charter schools to address both long term and short term needs and addressing an increasing number of requests from State offices for Hawaiian translation support. Lastly, establishment of the Institute raises the profile of our work in language revitalization and opens up more opportunities to obtain external funding.

UH Hilo is proud of the work that 'Imiloa and the College have already accomplished and see this institute as providing UH Hilo the ability to better serve the State. We look

forward to discussions between UH Hilo administration, 'Imiloa, the College and legislators to further clarify and define the role of the institute.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.



## *Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u*

*"No 'Ane'i Ko Kākou Ola"*

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: 04-6-2023  
Time: 10:00 am  
Location: Conference Room CR 211

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

HB1430, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII' I AT HILO  
**STRONGLY SUPPORT**

E ka Luna Ho'omalua Dela Cruz, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalua Keith-Agaran a me nā lālā Kōmike Ala Ho'okō Pahuhopu, 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'anae. 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 HB1430.**

HB1430 will address the obstacles Nāwahī faces in further developing language proficiency among Nāwahī students, teachers and families, and allow us to work with others more effectively in achieving our vision and mission. As a laboratory school of UHH, we've seen that university systems are designed in a way that requires us to put in extra time and effort to justify intention to create and execute Hawaiian language medium learning experiences taught by highly qualified teachers proficient in the language. Restrictive year-round scheduling, processing approval of new Hawaiian language medium coursework and Hawaiian language medium teacher qualifications are examples of barriers that HB1430 will address. Nāwahī students who are enrolled in dual credit courses require scheduling and planning that require flexibility. HB1430 will support and expand the existing efforts to increase the number of Hawaiian language immersion/medium school teachers, cut the "red tape", extend

collaborations locally and beyond. It will strengthen the overall Hawaiian language medium effort. HB1430 will afford the public with an innovative system through which we can collaborate and create new Hawaiian language medium growth opportunities building on the successes we have experienced over time.

HB 1430 will address the obstacles we now face and accord distinct powers to work in ways that will benefit the needs and goals of the public.

Me ka mahalo 'oia'i'o,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kauano'e Kama'ana". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Dr. Kauano'e Kama'ana  
Director, Principal

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 7:56:35 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kupuna for the Mo'opuna	Testifying for Kupuna for the Moopuna	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HB1430 HD1**.

Mahalo,

~ Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna Pana'ewa, Hawai'i



DATE: April 6, 2023  
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 HB 1430 HD1 Relating to the University of Hawai'i

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee,

My name is Ka'iulani Laehā, Chief Executive Officer of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo. With 13 language nest, child care centers in all counties of Hawai'i, the 'Aha Pūnana Leo is the only statewide provider of Hawaiian medium early childhood programs and education. We stand on 40 years of experience in language revitalization and early childhood related programs.


The 'Aha Pūnana Leo strongly supports HB 1430 HD1.

Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani, the state Hawaiian language college, works with 'Aha Pūnana Leo to provide early childhood teacher training, language fluency development, curriculum development, assessments and action research. Together with the public charter Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u and the college we demonstrate a Hawaiian medium education pathway from infant-toddler through doctoral degree education. Since 2005, the 'Aha Pūnana Leo has conducted its annual 'Aha Nu'ukia statewide professional development for all staff in which laboratory schools of the college throughout the state benefit from the intense week long training. We share an educational philosophy Ke Kumu Honua Maui Ola guides our work. Aligning Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute will increase support for the laboratory school program and further support indigenous language revitalization in Hawai'i and beyond.

One of our most significant challenges in language revitalization work, especially seen in language nest programs, is the dire need for kumu proficient in the language. This bill seeks to move the college and 'Imiloa into an institute model that would allow for the great need to support obtaining higher language proficiency among new teachers year-round.

The establishment of our current P-25 Hawaiian language medium pathway was revolutionary for native language revitalization efforts on a national level; establishing an institute of indigenous education, science and outreach is the next groundbreaking step needed to help us regain a normalized Hawaiian language and remain a national and global leader in native language education.

We urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo,  
  
 Ka'iulani





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No 'Ane'i Ko  
Kākou Ola!

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: 04-06-2023  
Time: 10:00am  
Location: Conference Room 211

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

### HB 1430, HD 1, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT HILO **STRONGLY SUPPORT**

E nā Po'o Kōmike a me nā Lālā Kōmike WAM, 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 1430.

We, the governing board of Nāwahī, **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB 1430, HD 1 that establishes the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

Nāwahī strongly supports the unification of the Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and into the higher grades. This establishment of this institute will also increase support for the College's laboratory school program as well as other educational and outreach support for the Hawaiian language and other Indigenous languages.

The introduction of HB 1430, HD1 indicates an awareness of the significance of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani and 'Imiloa as they address the needs of and ensure the forward progress of Hawaiian language medium education.

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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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT  
ENDORISING AN INSTITUTE INDIGENOUS EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND  
OUTREACH  
TO BE ESTABLISHED IN HILO, HAWAI'I

WHEREAS, educational leaders of 26 Native American language schools and programs from across the continental U.S., Alaska, Guam and Hawai'i gathered at the National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs Summit in Hilo, Hawai'i to discuss the possibilities of further revitalization across the country of Native American languages (as defined in the Native American Languages Act of 1990); and

WHEREAS, those discussions began with visits to the preschool through doctorate program in the Hawaiian language to learn about the 40-year progress made in the revitalization of the Hawaiian Language most highly developed in Hilo; and

WHEREAS, leaders of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Ke Kula o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani college of Hawaiian language, and the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center have and continue to demonstrate success and as such has become a critical resource for Native American language revitalization efforts across the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian language is defined as a Native American language under the Native American Languages Act of 1990, along with American Indian, Alaska Native and Native American Languages of the Pacific Island territories; and

WHEREAS, representatives of National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs feel that such an institute will further advance the interest of the revitalization and normalization of Native American languages as a whole; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs feel that the establishment of such an institute will align with, and further advance, the goal of the Biden Administration to develop a 10-Year National Plan on Native Language Revitalization that can benefit the revitalization of Native American languages throughout the United States and its territories;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs meeting in Hilo during a period covering February 23-25, 2023 endorses the creation of an INSTITUTE INDIGENOUS EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND OUTREACH that would unite the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani Hawaiian language college in Hilo.

Signed on this 25th day of February 2023

Leslie Harper (Ojibwe) President of the National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs

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 ENDORSING AN INSTITUTE INDIGENOUS EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND  
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 TO BE ESTABLISHED IN HILO, HAWAII

2. *Chryse* WA Salish School of Spokane
3. *Hlunawho* WA Salish School of Spokane
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12. *Ajuba* GU Chamorro Language Education Consortium
13. *Poni Mitchell* NM Keres Children's Learning Center
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| 32. <del>Keliana</del>             | HI | Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikolani            |
| 33. <del>Kiki Rose</del>  | HI | Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikolani            |
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Re: H.B. 1430 H.D. 1 – Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 1430 H.D. 1. The Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee supports H.B. 1430 H.D. 1, which seeks to establish an Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach to be placed within the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (U.H. Hilo) through a collaboration between the U.H. Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center and the U.H. Hilo Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani.

H.B. 1430 H.D. 1 builds upon the critical mission of revitalizing the Hawaiian language and reintegrating its purpose as an official language of the State of Hawai'i.

Furthermore, establishing such an institute enhances the ability of U.H. Hilo, the Hawaiian Language College, 'Imiloa, and our island community as a national and global leader in native language education.

For these reasons and many more, the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee supports the passage of H.B. 1430 H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Randy Kurohara  
President-Elect, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce  
Chair, Government Affairs Committee

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 6:23:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
C.R.P. Montague-Mullins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 6:29:02 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Elisabeth Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill and all of its objectives

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 6:45:00 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cards Pintor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Cards Pintor

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:00:54 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Namaka Rawlins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz; Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee,

I strongly SUPPORT HB1430 HD1 which establishes the institute of indigenous education, science and outreach at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I urge the passage of this bill.

Mahalo nui!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:40:25 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ashlee Galea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of HB1430

E ola ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i



TO: WAM Committee  
FROM: Kananinohea Māka'imoku Date: April 4, 2023  
**RE: HB 1430 Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

DATE: April 6, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

**IN STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1430 HD1**

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Kananinohea Māka'imoku. I currently serve as the Program Coordinator for Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program at Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I am also a parent of students attending the college's laboratory school, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u. I strongly **support HB 1430**.

This bill seeks to unite the Hawaiian language college with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and on into the higher grades. This institute will also increase support for the college's laboratory school programs as well as other educational and outreach support for the Hawaiian language and other Indigenous languages.

Please **PASS HB 1430**.

TO: FIN Committee  
FROM: Kananinohea Māka'imoku Date: February 27, 2023  
**RE: HB 1430 Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

DATE: February 28, 2023

TIME: 1:30 pm

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

**IN STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1430 HD1**

Aloha e Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

My name is Kananinohea Māka'imoku. I currently serve as the Program Coordinator for Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program at Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I am also a parent of students attending the College's laboratory school, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u. I strongly **support HB 1430**.

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Please **PASS HB 1430**.

TO: HET Committee  
FROM: Kananinohea Māka'imoku Date: February 2, 2023  
**RE: HB 1430 Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

DATE: February 3, 2023

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 309

**IN STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1430**

Aloha e Chair Perruso, Vice Chair Kapela, and members of the committee,

My name is Kananinohea Māka'imoku. I currently serve as the Program Coordinator for Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Program at Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani, College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I am also a parent of students attending the College's laboratory school, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u. I strongly **support HB 1430**.

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Please **PASS HB 1430**.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:45:29 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joslyn Gibbs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1430 that seeks to unite the Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani with ‘Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and on into the higher grades. Nāwahī is already the model for this pathway. This institute will also increase support for the College’s laboratory school program as well as other educational and outreach support for the Hawaiian language and other Indigenous languages. It is to be accorded distinct powers to work “outside the box” normally associated with the university to benefit the needs and goals of the public.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:46:22 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ka'iu Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui,

I would like to testify in strong support of HB1430 HD1 which establishes an institute of indigenous education, science, and outreach within the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. Specifically, this effort will help to:

- Expand the center and college's collective reach and potential to address the State's and community's Hawaiian language needs;
- Provide for year round scheduling and flexibility to extend UH-Hilo's College of Hawaiian Language and 'Imiloa's agility in responding to opportunities and initiatives to develop Hawaiian language proficiency and Hawaiian language medium pathways;
- Innovate and produce work that stand as a model for other indigneous peoples by providing high quality education from a distinctive language base.

This bill will not only strengthen education opportunities, but will also further support the State of Hawai'i's constitutional mandate to provide access to and resources for Hawaiian language usage. This designation will also further fortify Hawai'i as a leader of indigenous language revitalization and can help to attract other funding resources including private and federal dollars to Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure. I humbly ask for your support HB1430 HD1.

na Ka'iu Kimura

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**April 6, 2023**

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hawai'i State Senate  
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**RE: House Bill No. 1430 H.D. 1 - Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

As a Native Hawaiian and as a father of Native Hawaiian children I am proud to testify in **strong support** of House Bill No. 1430 H.D. 1, relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

The unification of the Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and into the higher grades is critical, now more than ever.

The establishment of this institute will also increase support for the College's laboratory school program as well as other educational and outreach support for the Hawaiian language and other Indigenous languages.

The passage of House Bill No. 1430 H.D. 1, indicates an awareness of the significance of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani and 'Imiloa as they address the needs of and ensure the forward progress of Hawaiian language medium education.

Mahalo for allowing the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of this measure.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. K. Alameda Sr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Micah K. Alameda Sr.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 8:36:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Doug Simons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha – It is a pleasure to offer my **strong SUPPORT** for HB1430 HD1. From my vantage point ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center and Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language at UH Hilo are uniquely positioned, not only within UH but globally, to take a leadership role in developing curricula, methods, and techniques to serve the needs of indigenous populations through the advancement of their native languages and cultures. Establishing the proposed institute within the UH framework will help provide the level of academic stature and international prestige needed to take the existing Hawaiian studies programs at UH Hilo to a whole new level. The numerous programs developed at ‘Imiloa that bring together Hawaiian and contemporary science are a model for other similar organizations and institutions to follow and illustrate the potential if existing resources at UH Hilo are amplified and further empowered through the proposed institute of indigenous education, science, and outreach.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 8:41:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ahia Dye	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In order to benefit the needs and goals of the public, I support HB 1430.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:01:24 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaimana Cabebe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e ka Lunaho‘omalu Dela Cruz, ka Hope Lunaho‘omalu a me nā lālā o ke Kōmike Ala Ho‘okō Pahuhopu,

I am a teacher and parent at Kula Kaiapuni o Hāna and Pūnana Leo o Hāna. We are located in very rural area on the eastside of Maui. I am writing in support of HB1430. This bill would help communities like ours by providing the training and support needed to produce quality Hawaiian language medium early education teachers. Please pass this bill.

me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Kaimana Cabebe

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:14:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Wada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chūwuganabira

Shidigafūdēbiru for this opportunity to send my strong support for HB1430, which will help in expanding the already internationally known Indigenous Language program at Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elokōlani. The importance of the work from Ka Haka ‘Ula at UH Hilo, is priceless, especially to the numerous international Indigenous communities who are working to keep their languages alive. Without native language, there is no culture, identity and breath of the native people that is passed down from our ancestors. I have been so inspired by the work and the encouragement of Ka Haka ‘Ula, that I am now on my journey to hopefully finish my degrees there to continue and strengthen my work for my Okinawan community both in Okinawa and in the diaspora.. I look forward to your positive support and once again send you all my heartfelt mahalo!

Chimugukuru,

Eric Wada

Ukwanshin Kabudan Co-Founder, Educator, Student

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:15:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kawailele Aki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 9:36:55 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheyves Fernandez Kekahu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill as it benefits our lāhui and our future generations.

## HB 1430 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO

Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1430. The Aukahi Ho'ōla 'Ōlelo Hawai'i – the Hawaiian Language Revitalization Movement, continues for 40 years now with a growing foundation of young families with Hawaiian speaking children being regenerated from early childhood education of the 'Aha Pūnana Leo's unconventional philosophy of Hawaiian medium education and adopted by Hawai'i's Department of Education through the Kaiapuni Hawaiian Immersion Program currently in its 36th year. The pioneering success of Hawaiian medium education offers new positive norms of integrating western culture through a Hawaiian way of being. HB 1430 will go a far way to further develop out of the box educational pathways to move Hawai'i onto new horizons of a Hawaiian well being for all of Hawai'i. I urge your support of HB 1430.

Me ka mahalo nui loa,

Dr. Larry Kimura  
College of Hawaiian Language, UH at Hilo  
Board of Directors, 'Aha Pūnana Leo

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 11:35:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Janice Toma Shiira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 1:33:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keiki Kawaiaea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on HB 1430 HD1. I STRONGLY SUPPORT the passage of HB 1430 HD1 as it seeks to establish an Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach to be placed within UH Hilo through a collaboration between the UH Hilo ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center (‘Imiloa) and the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani (College).

An institute model would increase the center and college's collective agility to address further and broaden Hawaiian language efforts through education, science, and outreach efforts. As an institute is generally interdisciplinary in nature, such a structure would provide more flexibility toward amplifying and improving efforts to revitalize the Hawaiian language while further strengthening its Hawaiian medium pathway efforts from preschool to doctorate P-25, in communities, with families and across the growing contexts and workplaces.

The efforts to revitalize the Hawaiian language over the last 40 years have built a national and international reputation as a successful language model. As such, there are also many other endangered languages that look to Hawai‘i for its model in language revitalization. An institute would also increase opportunities to obtain external funding and broaden partnerships and collaboration efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 5:00:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
john komeiji	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my strong support for the passage of HB 143 HD1.

This measure, if enacted, will create an invaluable asset which will continue the mission of revitalizing the Hawaiian language. The Institute would be given flexibility to fully utilize existing resources, as well as leveraging new, innovative and culturally based perspectives to achieve its goals. This Institute will create the necessary capacity to further serve and develop Hawaiian language proficiency within our pre-K through high school student bodies. The creation and ultimate success of the Institute will rely upon the already demonstrated successes of the Imiloa Astronomy Center and the University of Hawaii Hilo language College. Passage of this measure will provide another avenue to continue the State's support and development of Hawaiian language proficiency.

Mahalo for your support for the passage of this measure.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 6:11:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kako'o. Legislation enhances the state's commitment to supporting Hawaiian language as the other official language of the state of Hawai'i.

As noted in the introduction to the legislation, "An institute would help reduce the large Hawaiian language medium education teacher shortage throughout kindergarten to twelfth grade; expand the center's and college's collective reach and potential to address the State's and community's Hawaiian language needs; and produce work that would stand as a model for serving the distinctive needs of other indigenous peoples and marginalized groups, especially with regards to high-quality early education from a distinctive language base. Therefore, an institute model is crucial for the proper development of a Hawaiian language medium early education pathway."

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 7:47:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
abraham kekipi-aurio	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, and Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran.*

*My three keiki currently attend Ke Kula O Nawahiokalaniopuu here in Keaau. Our ohana fully "SUPPORTS" HB1430.*

*Mahalo nui,*

*Abraham 'Ano'ipua Kekipi-Aurio*

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 7:52:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Puawehiwa Kimokeo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:21:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I fully support this bill for the growth of our lāhui.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:22:02 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Simone Kamaunu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Support!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:23:08 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kayla Asing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou e ka mea heluhelu, aloha!

I am a makua, parent advocate, community member, and active participant in the papahana aukahi ho‘ōla ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i (Hawaiian language revitalization movement) and I am in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1430. My children are currently enrolled at Pūnana Leo o Hilo and Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalan‘ōpu‘u. We have made it our goal for Hawaiian to be the language of our household and have laid the foundation for Hawaiian language to be the medium of education for our keiki through the college level. HB1430 will help to streamline and expand current efforts through innovative collaboration to afford my keiki, and all the ‘ohana who are choosing this education pathway now, and for future generations, the ability to be educated to their fullest potential, and in their native language. Allowing this forward will be revolutionary to our current efforts to continue the tireless work our kupuna, elders, and ancestors have prepared for us to continue on. Our work is never done, however these efforts, including what is outlined in HB1430 is another tool to help us holomua, ho‘omau, and push forward to the ‘Āina la‘ela‘e... the beautiful future of a thriving Hawaiian language for all. Mahalo for your time and consideration of my support for HB1430. Aloha nui me ka ha‘aha‘a.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:26:15 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristy Uilani K Palis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:28:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jesse P Neumann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I support bill HB1430.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:32:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tehani Bird	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:33:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in Support of Bill HB1430 - that seeks to unite the Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and on into the higher grades.

Mahalo,

'Ohana Kua

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:36:09 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaipolani Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

Kāko‘o piha i ka mana‘o e ho‘ohui ai iā Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani a me ‘Imiloa i ‘oihana ho‘okahi nāna e waele i ala ho‘ona‘auao kaia‘ōlelo Hawai‘i mai ka pae kula kamali‘i aku.

Na Kaipolani Kim

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:40:38 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kamalani Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou:

I support HB 1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:41:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laura Rehmert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz,

Please consider this written testimony in full support of House Bill 1430 that seeks to unite the Hawaiian Language College, Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and on into the higher grades.

Na'u me ka mahalo,

na Laura

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:42:47 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Spain	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Honorable Chair DeIa Cruz and Committee Members,

I would like to testify in **strong support of HB1430 HD1** which establishes an institute of indigenous education, science, and outreach within the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. Specifically, this effort will help to:

- Expand the center and college’s collective reach and potential to address the State’s and community’s Hawaiian language needs;
- Provide for year round scheduling and flexibility to extend UH-Hilo’s College of Hawaiian Language and ‘Imiloa’s agility in responding to opportunities and initiatives to develop Hawaiian language proficiency and Hawaiian language medium pathways;
- Innovate and produce work that stand as a model for other indigneous peoples by providing high quality education from a distinctive language base.

This bill will not only strengthen education opportunities, but will also further support the State of Hawai‘i’s constitutional mandate to provide access to and resources for Hawaiian language usage. This designation will also further fortify Hawai‘i as a leader of indigenous language revitalization and can help to attract other funding resources including private and federal dollars to Hawai‘i. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure. I ask that you please support HB1430 HD1.

Mahalo,

Lisa Spain

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:43:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristine Deitch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I am writing in support of HB1430 which will be beneficial to the Hawaiian Medium educational program. Mahalo.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:47:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB1430



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:47:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Caesare Pacheco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill in order to help in reviving the Hawaiian language.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:47:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jolinda Fortunato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill will help grow our program at Nāwahī and other Hawaiian language programs. Our children are already doing great work through our Hawaiian language college Ka Haka ‘Ula and this bill will expand our efforts.

Mahalo

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:51:24 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mapuana Ahia Transportation Manager	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support our Hawaiian lanaguage medium families by passing this bill. HB1430 will help my children's language medium education. As a hawaiian language staff and parent, this bill will support the expansion of our efforts.

This bill will help grow our program at Nāwahī and other Hawaiian language programs. Our children are already doing great work through our Hawaiian language college Ka Haka 'Ula and this bill will expand our efforts.

I am a parent of a student at Nāwahī and strongly support this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:55:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
M. Mailelailii Enos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support our Hawaiian language medium families by passing this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:56:53 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keirianna Dunn-Agonias	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:57:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laʻakea Kanewa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:57:09 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Palikapu Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:57:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Exodus Francisco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:57:19 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Waima White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:57:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kameanui Sato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:57:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hinano Kaawaloa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:57:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
makanalani Takazawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i suport bill HB1430 HD

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:58:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tamahere Garo-Teixeira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:58:05 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keolakai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430 HD1

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:58:54 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patrick Dacayanan Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

As a member of the Hawaiian community, I strongly urge you to support the passing of this bill, which will greatly support the growth and preservation of our Hawaiian language in our households. This bill will not only help our language grow in our schools, but also in the homes of our community members.

By providing education in the Hawaiian language, our students will have a strong foundation that will enable them to learn various subjects, including science, math, history, and literature, while incorporating our Hawaiian language and knowledge into their growth. This will not only benefit our community but also help our students develop knowledge that they can share with the world.

As a community, we are committed to preserving our language and culture, and this bill will undoubtedly help us achieve this goal. By supporting this bill, we will be able to ensure that our Hawaiian language and knowledge are passed down to future generations, ensuring that our culture remains strong and vibrant for years to come.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:59:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leikiele Soller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the callaboration.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:59:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julaine Keamo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i kēia pila.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 8:59:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaliko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:00:09 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jordan Liusa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o wau i kēia pila.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:00:17 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lia Pea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Hawaiian language medium teacher as well as a parent of a student at Ke Kula ‘O Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u, this bill will support the expansion of our efforts. I strongly support this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:00:27 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaʻohulani Kalama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kākoʻo wau i kēia pila, i pōmaikaʻi nā lālā a pau o ia mau papahana.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:01:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dorian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:01:24 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahanuola Lindsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:01:47 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Naliipoaimoku Harman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support, so that they can collaborate freely.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:02:35 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanilau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I supprot

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:03:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahoeuli Anakalea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of my testimony as an individual citizen, I support this bill. For the reason that we as a community and family, we work together and maintain our relationship with our fellow allies.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:03:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kamakani Gustin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

kāko‘o wau i kēia pila(i supprot this bill)

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:04:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lakai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o wau i kēia pila no ka mea me kēia pilina ma waena o Ka Haka‘ula o Ke‘elikolani a me ‘Imiloa hiki iā kākou ke ho‘onui i ka ‘ike e a‘o ‘ia a me ka ho‘onui pū i ka ‘ike e ‘ia ai kākou a i kēia.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:04:15 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keku?iapoiwanui Navas-Colburn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:04:43 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Harley Glendon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i kēia pila.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:04:43 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kikaha Oshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:04:51 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keola	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o!



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:04:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Akoni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o wau i kēia pila.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:05:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
'Eha Kiyun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because I believe it will be beneficial to both parties included and future student's and whoever may be seeking an education through either parties.

Kāko‘o wau i kēia pila ‘oiai mana‘o wau e ho‘oholomua ana kēia mau hui ‘elua kekahi i kekahi a e holomua pū ana nā haumāna a me ‘o wai lā hou aku e ho‘ā‘o ana e ‘imi i ka ho‘ona‘auao ‘ia

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:05:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keʻalahilani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kākoʻo

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:06:19 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kaleo kamai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:06:19 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kekoa L Harman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o wau a me ka‘u ‘ohana i kēia pila no ke ola o ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:06:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tori Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and all it stands for. This will help to preserve and perpetuate Hawaiian language and culture.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:06:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tomoko Skinner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill as a 'ōlelo Hawai'i student. Mahalo

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:06:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kamakoa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o wau i kēia pila. I support this bill to combine ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center with Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani to enhance our learning abilities with environmental things.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:07:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahiau Snyder	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i kēia pila.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:11:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaimalie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:11:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kauʻi K-T	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:12:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mariah Hanson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill HB1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:12:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Titahni Ruano-Parada-Kaawaloa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430 HD1

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:12:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Moani Lyons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill on HB1430 HD1.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:12:42 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jean Bezilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

kāko‘o!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:12:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ka?apu Saguid	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Keola Morales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support our Hawaiian language medium families by passing this bill.

HB1430 will support my children's Hawaiian language medium education.

As a Hawaiian language medium teacher, this bill will support the expansion of our efforts.

This bill will help grow our Nāwahī and other Hawaiian language programs. Our children are already doing great work through the Hawaiian language college Ka Haka 'Ula and this bill will expand our efforts.

I am also a parent of a student at Nāwahī and I strongly support this bill. Mahalo.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ka?ena Castro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
?Ihi?ihi Victor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430 HD1

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:27 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kealohalani N Viritua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kawika	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:45 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hanalei Pe?a-Ferrari	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anuheia Frazier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i support bill HB1430 HD1

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:52 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Hulali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430 HD1



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:13:57 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Akahai Kepoo-deconte	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430 HD1

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:15:32 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mahealani Kobashigawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:15:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

**KĀKO‘O** ka‘u ‘ohana i kēia pila. Our family SUPPORTS this bill, please ensure that it passes.

Mahalo,

M. Leilani DeMello

‘Ōla‘a, Puna, Hawai‘i

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:17:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kawika Lyons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:17:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Namaka Ellis-Tingle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:17:46 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kraus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly Support HB 1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:17:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Isaac Knell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:18:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anela Lavea-Malloe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support/ agree with testimony HB1430.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:18:02 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamaehu Glendon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i support the bill HB1430 HD1

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:18:02 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kyana Gabriel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:18:10 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaumualii	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:18:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kepoinalu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly agree with this bill, HB 1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:19:05 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahiwa Shin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i strongly support HB1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:19:44 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kamaka Frasco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support!!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:19:46 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahaliʻa Masaoka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:19:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kenike Aipolani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:19:58 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joanna Pascual	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly suport HB 1430

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:23:43 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Keone Taaca	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

We are a Hawaiian speaking 'ohana that has chose to have our children educated in Hawaiian. I am showing my strong support for HB1430. This bill will support my children's Hawaiian lanuage medium education and benefit the Hawaiian speaking community and Hawaii as a whole.

Na'u me ka ha'aha'a,

Na Keone Taaca

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:27:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Makulo'i	Testifying for Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalani'opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO'O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,

Aloha, my name is Makualo'i Young, I support the HB1430 bill because the combining of 'Imiloa to the college will help the learning experience of students with the resources that 'Imiloa provides, will help further the growing of our lāhui.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:27:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaya Ahuna	Testifying for Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalani?opu?u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

UPDATED KĀKO'O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

E ke Kenekoa Donovan Dela Cruz ka Luna Ho'omalua a 'o ke Kenekoa Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran ka Hope Luna Ho'omalua. Aloha 'o au no 'o Kaya Ahuna he haumāna au ma Ke Kula 'o Nāwahi'ōkalani'ōpi'u, ua hānau a hānai 'ia au ma Hilo Hawai'i nei a ua ulu au ma ke a'o 'ia i ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Eia au e kāko'o nei i ka pila HB1430, i ko'u mana'o me ka ho'ohui a ho'opu'ulu 'ia 'ana 'o 'elua mau papahana ho'ola i ka 'ike a me ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i e holo pono ana 'ia no ko kākou lāhui a e ho'oulu pū 'ana 'ia i kā mākou lāhui.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:27:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mosiah	Testifying for Nawahiokalani?opu?u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz i am a student here ay Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u. IF yoi approve this bill itll be a good way to utilize the facility more for our teachings here at nawahi. It will brodend our knowledge about our kūpunas. Here at Nāwahī we have a program called Ko Kula Kai that teaches about how our ancestors used the strars to navigate around the world. If bill is aproved it will help not just our knowledge but all Hawai‘is ‘ike as well. Here i am supporting the Bill HB1430 HD1

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:28:49 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
April Pualani Colburn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Hawaiian language medium teacher, this bill will support the expansion of our efforts. I am also a parent of a student at Nāwahī and I strongly support this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:30:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dayshell Kahikina	Testifying for Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalani?opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO‘O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Aloha e Kenekoa Donovan Dela Cruz lāua ‘o Kenekoa Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran. He haumanā wau ma ka papa ‘umikūmākahi ma ke kula ‘o Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u. Kāko‘o wau i kēia pila HB1430 no ka ho‘ohui ana iā Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani a me ‘imiloa no ka mea ‘o kēia ‘oihana ho‘okahi nō ho‘i e ho‘onui i ke kāko‘o i ko ke Koleke papahana kula ho‘okolohua a me ka ho‘ona‘auao a kōkua ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i a ‘ōiwi mai ‘ō a ‘ō. He ala kēia e ho‘ona‘auao i ka ‘ōlelo makuahine ma waho ‘o ke kulanui a me nā palena ma‘amau i loa‘a mua ai. Mahalo no ka heluhelu ‘ana i ko‘u mau mana‘o kāko‘o no ka pila HB1430.

- Dayshell Ka‘ilinaakealoha Kahikina

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:32:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Waiʻolukea Publico	Testifying for Ke Kula ʻŌ Nawahiokalaniʻōpuʻu	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKOʻŌ HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Dear Mr. Senators Donovan Dela Cruz and Gilbert Keith-Agaran,

My name is Waiʻolukea Publico, I am a student at Nāwahīokalaniʻōpuʻu school, and I support bill HB1430 because I think we could utilize ʻImiloa to further our education on astronomy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

With my greatest support,

Waiʻolukea Publico.



Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Aragan, Vice Chair

Date of Hearing: Apr 5, 2023

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

Testimony Michael Pankowski  
HB1430 Relating to The University of Hawai'i at Hilo  
**SUPPORT**

Aloha mai Kākou e ko ke Kōmike Ways and Means,

I am writing today in support of bill HB1430. Not only does this bill have an impact on the languages and cultures of Hawaiians and other indigenous peoples, but it also has a strong impact on my life and that of my family. I work for a Hawaiian immersion school on the Big Island of Hawai'i, and the program's support goes far beyond the paycheck I receive. The Hawaiian language has bridged gaps between myself and my neighbors; it has forged a unique relationship between myself and my children; and it has given me the knowledge to understand current events on Hawai'i Island as well as the people and groups involved. Without the pathways to engage the language and culture it carries with it, there would be nothing more than simple, commercialized words exploited for economic gains.

With the pathway this bill creates between the institutions, relationships of all types will be forged that will support the Hawaiian language and other languages in similar situations in ways that show its value from the top seats in government down to the kanaka talking story at the local gas station.

I implore the Ways and Means Committee to support this bill as well in a show of solidarity for the state, its Native Peoples, and all of the educational opportunities that are guaranteed to spring forth from such a combination of 'ike waiwai loa.

Na'u me ka mahalo ha'aha'a,

Michael Pankowski  
Moku o Keawe

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:33:30 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aoli'iokapulani	Testifying for Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalani'opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO'O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Gilbert S.C Keith-Aragan, Vice chair

Aloha, 'o wau 'o Aoli'iokapulani Santos, he haumāna papa 11 'ōlelo hawai'i ma ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u. **Eia au ke kāko'o nei i ka pila HB1430, e 'imi ana i ka ho'ohui i ke koleke 'o Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani me 'Imiloa i mea e ho'oulu a ho'ona'auao hou aku ai kākou ka po'e o hawai'i ma ke aukahi 'ōlelo hawai'i.**

Mahalo no kāu ho'omanawanui ma ka heluhelu 'ana i ko'u mau mana'o kāko'o i ka pila HB1430 i mea e 'imi ai i ka ho'ohui i ke koleke 'o Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani me 'Imiloa.

na'u me ke kāko'o,

na Aoli'iokapulani Santos

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:33:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ka'ohali'a Brandt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**KĀKO'O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430**

To: Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice chair

Aloha 'o wau 'o Ka'ohāli'a Brandt, he haumāna au ma ke kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, aia au ma ka papa 'umikūmākahi. **Kāko'o au i kēia pila i ka ho'ohui i ke koleke 'o Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikelani a me 'Imiloa 'oiai ua hiki iā mākou ke ho'ohana i kēia mau mea no ka ho'onui i kō mākou 'ike a hiki ke ho'oulu i ke aukahi 'ōlelo Hawai'i.** Mahalo no ka heluhelu 'ana i kēia leka no ka 'āpono i kēia pila.

Aloha I am Ka'ohāli'a Brandt, I am a student at Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, I am in eleventh grade. **I support this bill because we can further our education and we can revive the Hawaiian Language.** Thank you for reading this, I hope you can approve this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:33:19 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laaulu Kalauokaaea-Kahele	Testifying for Ke Kula 'O NawahioKalani?opu?u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO‘O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz and Mr. Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran, my name is La‘aulu Kalauoka‘ae‘a-Kahele, a proud Hawaiian student at Ke Kula ‘O Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u. Fluent in Hawaiian language with the desire to learn more and acknowledge different areas of education with the Hawaiian Language Program included. I support this bill, HB1430, uniting Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani and ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center as one, with the power to touch many lives of youth who are seeking more knowledge and education in many ways. This gives more choices to students like me who are looking to study in certain areas of expertise. Thank you for taking your time to read this, in hopes that you will approve this bill, for the kids, the community and the future of Hawai‘i.

With my greatest support,

La‘aulu K-Kahele

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:34:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kalehua Ontai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i kēia pila. He kāko‘o kēia pila i ka ho‘ona‘auao ‘ia ‘ana o nā kamali‘i o ka papahana ho‘ōla ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i mai ke kula kamali‘i a i ke kulanui ho‘i. He haumāna puka au, he makua au a he kumu au o ka papahana ho‘ōla ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. Mahalo nui.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:35:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Teyahlia	Testifying for Ke Kula ?o Nawahiokalani?opu?u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO‘O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Senator Donavon M. Dela Crus, Chair and Gilbert S.C Keith- Agaran, Vice Chair,

Aloha, my name is Teyahlia Kepo‘o-DeConte, I am a student at the school of Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u. I support the HB1430 bill along side my school and the rest of the supposters agaisnt this bill. With the knowledge I know about this bill it would be a great way to utilize ‘Imiloa and build upon. Thank you for reading my comment supporting the HB1430 bill.

Teyahlia Kepo‘o-DeConte

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:36:02 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Davon-Tré Ikaikala?amaiokeakua Louis Brown	Testifying for Ke Kula ?O Nawahiokalani?opu?u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO‘O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair.

Aloha kakahiaka, ‘o wau--Davon-Tré Ikaikala‘amaiokeakua Louis Brown--kekahi o nā po‘e like ‘ole e kāko‘o ‘ana i kēia pila ‘o HB1430. He pila e ho‘olana ‘ana i ka po‘e o Hawai‘i e makemake e ‘imi i ka ho‘oikaika ‘ana i ka pilina me ko kākou mau kupuna mai ke komo ‘ana i ke a‘o ‘ana no ko kākou mo‘aukala, a hiki nā kanaka ‘ēa‘e e kāko‘o ‘ana e ‘ōlelo like

Good Morning, I--Davon-Tré Ikaikala‘amaiokeakua Louis Brown--am one of many supporters of the HB1430 Bill. This bill will lift up the citizens of Hawai‘i who wish to strengthen their connections to their ancestors by delving deeper into learning about our history, and i think anyone supporting this bill would say the same.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:38:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keanokualani Perreira	Testifying for Ke Kula 'o Nawahiokalani?opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO‘O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

E ka Luna Ho‘omalua Kenekoa Donovan Dela Cruz a me ka ka Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Kenekoa Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, aloha nui kākou!

‘O wau ‘o Keanokualani Perreira he haumāna papa 11 ma Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u. He kaikamahine au na Hiapo lāua ‘o Hanakahi Perreira, he haumāna au i hānai piha ‘ia ma ka papahana a me ke aukahi ho‘ōla ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, a he keiki i hānai piha ‘ia ma ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. Eia au ke kāko‘o piha aku nei i ka pila HB1430 e ‘imi ana i ka ho‘ohui ‘ia o ke koleke ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i ‘o Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani me ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center i mea e ulu a‘e ai ka papahana ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i a e māhuahua hou a‘e ai ka ‘ōlelo makuahine a kākou. Pā pono mākou ka papahana a me ke aukahi ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i o Hilo i kēia ho‘ohui ‘ana, he ho‘okahi ‘ohana nui e ‘imi ana i ke kūlia mau i ka nu‘u a me ke ola maoli ‘ana o ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i ma nā ‘ano a pau, pau pū me nā honuanua like ‘ole o ke ola.

Me ‘oukou e nā ‘elele o ka ‘Aha‘ōlelo ka mahalo a me ke aloha nui i ke kāko‘o ‘ana i kēia pila HB1430 no nā kaiāulu ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i a pau, keu aku no mākou, ko Hilo.

na‘u me ke kāko‘o piha,

na Keanokualani Perreira



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:39:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kunewa Alapa'i-Cova	Testifying for Ke Kula 'o Nawahiokalani'opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO‘O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Dear Mr. Senator,

He haumāna ha‘aheo au ‘o ka papa 11 ma ke kula kaia‘ōlelo ‘o Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u, eia au e kāko‘o ana i kēia pila HB1430 no ka ho‘okā‘oi a‘e ana i ke aukahi ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i ma ka ho‘ohui ana iā Ka Haka ‘ula o Ke‘elikōlani a me ‘Imiloa. He mea kēia e i hiki ke ho‘ona‘auao hou aku, he pōmaika‘i kēia no ka kākou pahuhopu o ka hō‘ola hou ana i ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i

Mahalo no ka heluhelu ana i nā mana‘o no ke kāko‘o ana i ka pila HB1430.

na Kunewa Alapa‘i-Cova

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:40:53 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shanoa Quanan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the unification of ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center and the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, as it will provide me, and many other native Hawaiian youths with more opportunity to a better education.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:41:52 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kamalei Kalehuawehe	Testifying for Ke Kula 'O Nawahio Kalani'opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**KĀKO‘O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430**

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,

Aloha, ‘o wau ‘o Kamalei Kalehuawehe, he kumu kula kaia‘ōlelo Hawai‘i ma ke Kula ‘O Nāwahio Kalani‘ōpu‘u. **Eia au ke kākō‘o aku nei i ka pila HB1430 e ‘imi ana i ka ho‘ohui ‘ia o ke koleke ‘o Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani me ‘Imiloa i mea e ho‘omāhuahua a‘e a e kākō‘o ai i ka ulu pono o ke aukahi ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i.** He pono ka ho‘ohui ‘ana iā ‘Imiloa me Ka Haka ‘Ula ma ke ‘ano he ho‘okahi i mea e ho‘opa‘a pono ai i ke ala ho‘ona‘auao no kā mākou mau haumāna ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i.

Mahalo ka heluhelu ‘ana i ko‘u mau mana‘o kākō‘o i ka pila HB1430 e ‘imi ana i ka ho‘ohui iā Ka Haka ‘Ula me ‘Imiloa ma ke ‘ano he ho‘okahi. Lana ka mana‘o o ka ‘āpono ‘ia o kēia pila.

na‘u me ke kākō‘o,

na Kamalei Kalehuawehe

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:41:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kauluwena Aiona	Testifying for Ke Kula 'O Nawahiokalani'opu'u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**KĀKO'O HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430**

Aloha kāua e Kenekoa Donovan Dela Cruz,

eia au 'o Kauluwena Aiona, he haumāna o Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u e kāko'o nei i kēia ho'ohui 'ana i Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani me 'Imiloa i 'oihana ho'okahi. He pila kēia e ho'oholomua, ho'omāhuahua a ho'ōla 'ana i ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i ma nā 'ano a pau. 'O ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i ka 'ōlelo mua o ko'u ola. Mai ka puka 'ana mai ka Pūnana Leo o Hilo, a i ka ho'omau i ka ho'ona'auao 'ana ma Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, i ulu a holomua nui ai ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Me ia mana'o eia au **ke kāko'o nei i ka pila 'o HB1430**, ma ke 'ano he ke'ehina e ho'oholomua ana i ka papahana 'ōlelo Hawai'i, a me kākou ka lāhui Hawai'i, 'oiai inā 'a'ole na kākou, na wai lā?

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:41:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaʻanoʻi Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I support this because this will benefit future students and will grow stronger connections.**

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:41:38 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kamaile Deitch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill as a current student of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, as it gives many students like myself more learning opportunities.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:42:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaheanahe	Testifying for Ke Kula ?o Nawahiokalani?opu?u	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB1430/SUPPORT HB1430

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz is the Chair and Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran the Vice Chair,

Aloha, ‘o wau ‘o Kāheanahe Pe‘a, he haumāna ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i au ma Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalni‘ōpu‘u i nui ka makemake e ho‘onui ‘ike no ko kākou mō‘aukala ‘o Hawai‘i a me ka a‘o aku i nā po‘e o waho. Eia au ke kāko‘o aku nei i ka pila, HB1430 e ‘imi ana i ka ho‘ohui i ka koleke ‘o Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani me ‘Imiloa, i mea e ho‘omāhuahua a‘e a e kāko‘o ai i ka ulu pono o ke aukahi ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. He ala no ka ho‘onui ‘ike no nā haumāna a me ka ho‘omau i ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. He mea ko‘iko‘i no ka hō‘ola hou pono i ka ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, no ka po‘e Hawai‘i, no ka lāhui, a me ko kākou kūpuna e nānā aku iā kākou ka po‘e Hawai‘i.

Mahalo ka heluhelu ‘ana i ko‘u mau mana‘o kāko‘o i ka pila HB1430 e ‘imi an i ka ho‘ohui Ka Haka ‘Ula me ‘Imiloa.

Na‘u nō, Kāheanahe Pe‘a

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:42:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanan Tim Sing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1430 as it will benefit students of Hawai'i.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:42:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Malia Kukahiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that this bill needs to be passed for the betterment of the Hawaiian people and the education system as a whole. I firmly believe that if this bill is passed we will involve into a new generation of Hawaiian people.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:42:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Puuwaihaa Kalauokaaea-Kahele	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:42:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kawai Wilbur-Gabriel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the bill HB1430 due to the benefits that will further me as a student of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I have been in many internships under the University at Hilo that has proven worthy for my future.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:42:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahealani P Viritua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1430 because of the benefits it will give to me as a student at UH Hilo as well as an intern under 'Imiloa.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:43:30 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leialohalani Lominario	Testifying for Ke Kula ʻo Nawahio Kalani ʻopu ʻu	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**KĀKO‘O HB1430**

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and Gilbert S.C Keith-Agaran the Vice Chair,

I am Destiny Lominario an 11-grade high school student at Ke Kula ʻO Nāwahio Kalani ʻopu ʻu. I am **submitting this testimony to show my devotion and support to bill HB1430** to bring Ka Haka ʻUla and ʻimiloa to unison. To my motherland, this will support and benefit our native students and nourish the minds of our youth. This bill will benefit many Hawaiian students and families shortly while supporting the revitalization of our mother tongue. I appreciate you taking the time to read my testimony. Mahalo

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:43:16 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaleinohea Rosehill	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a senior this bill will greatly help me with my upcoming college life style. not only will this benefit me but also all the staff working at the college. This will create a positive environment for me and my fellow classmates.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:43:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Onohi Pacheco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to the fullest extent.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:43:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Miyahira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I submit this testimony as an individual in support of HB 1430. This measure will help to continue the revitalization of the Hawaiian language. The proposed institute will hopefully utilize existing resources as well as create new and innovative viewpoints. Contributing resources such as the Imiloa Astronomy Center and the UH Hilo language college could potentially help us to continue the support for and development of the Hawaiian language.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:44:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaimi Galima-Elvena	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430 due to the fact that I am an intern at Imiloa and a student under Ka Haka Ula. There are strong connections between the stars and the Hawaiian language in that the knowledge from our ancestors about the night sky are taught through the words of our native language. Both places and thier missions strongly support the revival of our culture and I am in full support of that.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:44:38 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kahaukepa ?Aipia-Peters	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill, HB 1430.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:45:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kalai Fragas-Van Blarcom	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430, due to the resources at my disposal as a student of Ka Haka Ula. This bill also allows me the opportunity to expand my knowledge through the relationship between Imiloa and Ka Haka Ula.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:45:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB 1430 Relating to the University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Kala'akea Aguiar and I am a proud 2020 graduate of Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, a K-12 Hawaiian language medium laboratory public school on Hawai'i Island. I **strongly support** House Bill 1430. HB1430 seeks to unite Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language with 'Imiloa Astronomy Center into a single institute to help establish a pathway for developing Hawaiian language medium early education and continuing on into higher grade levels. This institute will also be able to increase support needed for the College's laboratory schools, of which I am a product of, and build upon the progress and hard work that has occurred/is occurring. Please pass HB1430.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kala'akea K. Aguiar

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:45:35 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kamahina Giminiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1430 it will give out more education.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:46:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Taira Pe'a	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Hawaiian language medium teacher, this bill will support the expansion of our efforts.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:46:42 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Haliaka Bird	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1430 as I was raised fluently in the Hawaiian language and Hawaiian culture so I know first hand how this will be a huge step and a huge benefit for the Hawaiian language. Mahalo nui!

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:49:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gale Mejia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1430 that seeks to unite the Hawaiian language college, Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani with 'Imiloa Center into a single institute that will lay the early education pathway for Hawaiian medium education and on into the higher grades.



**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:50:46 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nawaipahe Freeman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

As a person whose root is set in the soil of the Hawaiian language as well as a student of the Hawaiian medium school known as Nawahīokalani‘ōpu‘u, I strongly support Bill HB1430 which involves the unity of Kahaka‘ula O Ke‘elikolani as well as ‘Imiloa into one entity. This will be very beneficial to the Hawaiian community as a whole in the sense that it will be able to expand the cultural as well as the scientific side of Hawaiian knowledge by exploiting our language as well as our traditions. The one thing these two have in common is the desire to grow and teach the ‘ike of our kupuna to the next generation and this Bill could amplify that ideal.

Sincerely, Nawaipahe Freeman

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:51:49 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kiera Lee Awai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB1430, for the reason that it will benefit the students in the future and will create stronger bonds with the Hawaiian culture and between the two organizations.

## **Testimony in strong support of passage of HB 1430 HD1**

Dr. William H. Wilson March 19, 2023

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

My name is Dr. William H. Wilson. I am a linguist working at the Hawaiian Language College where I teach doctoral courses in Hawaiian, endangered Indigenous language revitalization and Indigenous language medium education.

HB 1430 HD1 provides a means to address a major state concern, the development of a Hawaiian language medium pathway for early education. It also seeks to support other Indigenous and marginalized groups of people with a model that might be expanded to serve them. Our College has been quite successful in developing high proficiency in Hawaiian among students by adopting a total Hawaiian language working environment and course delivery model that is growing to function like a Hawaiian medium mini university with courses beyond Hawaiian Studies taught through Hawaiian. It is through our mini Hawaiian medium university model that we can provide students with the 1,100 hours of language use recommended by the US Foreign Service.

We have also succeeded in developing a P-12 demonstration Hawaiian language medium school under the laboratory school provisions of HRS 304H establishing the College. However, much of the work in doing so has been very difficult and slow moving due to constraints within the overall University of Hawai'i System, that are standard university procedures in the country, but not designed for an entity like our own. We want to be able to spread the benefits of our work further across the state. There are major needs of the state including teacher shortages in both Hawaiian language medium/immersion schools and in standard model high school as well as new needs appearing as such entities as the Judiciary seek to make more use of Hawaiian. This new structure will allow us to address those needs more efficiently and quickly.

The Hawaiian/English bilingual 'Imiloa Center has an outstanding record of working with the general public and bringing science and the Hawaiian world view as found in the language together. They have done a wonderful job of outreach, but 'Imiloa lacks the ability of our College to provide credits, certificates and degrees. They too are sometimes constrained by standard university procedures and regulations. The standard university structure is not meant for an entity like 'Imiloa that is part museum and part outreach unit. HB 1430 HD1 and the proposed institute will be a major benefit to the state.

The provisions of HB1430 might be further strengthened with more details regarding some of the work of the Institute such as being responsibility for creation of a new dictionary, provisions that might allow for more out-of-state Indigenous student enrollment and therefore more financial support, and strengthening the work of the laboratory school program to develop teachers. Such details might best be addressed in the future. I strongly urge passage of HB1430 HD1. This is an important bill.

Mahalo nui for the special interest of the legislature in the work of the College and 'Imiloa.

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:59:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shannon Matson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

As a parent of 2 keiki in Hawaiian Immersion school I am in strong support of this bill. Please pass this legislation to support expanding Hawaiian medium language education and innovation.

Mahalo nui,

Shannon Matson

Hawai'i Island Resident

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**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 10:04:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nako'o Warrington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT for HB1430 HD1!

**LATE**

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 10:36:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nalei K. Harris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

My name is Nalei K. Harris and I strongly support HB1430. This bill will enable the Hawaiian language programs to flourish because of the merging of the University of Hawaii Imiloa astronomy center with the University of Hawaii at Hilo Hawaiian language College. The merging of these two programs will allow for a more innovative and productive way of reaching and teaching the children of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your time...

Nālei K. Harris

**LATE**

**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 10:37:41 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bruce Fischer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kāko‘o au i kēia pila.

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**HB-1430-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 11:30:59 PM  
Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shauna Springer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KĀKO‘O PIHA WAU, I am in full support! Mahalo for you consideration!