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House of Representatives 25<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
Committee on Education  
Rep. Roy M Takumi, Chair  
Rep. Lyla B. Berg, VP Chair

RE: HR76  
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Conference Rm. 309

Dear Chairpersons:

I am Christina Polston, President of the Hawaii Gifted Association and Liason for State Advisory Council. I am testifying in support of House Resolution 76 .

I support the purpose of this resolution to include Gifted and Talented students in the Special Needs Category. The resolution addresses important factors that effect and will affect the Gifted population. As President of the Hawaii Gifted Association our mission is to enrich the lives of gifted and talented learners, their parents, community and educators. This resolution allows us to further our mission in service to the Gifted and Talented. As the Liason, my responsibility is connecting and communicating these needs.

As President of HGA and Liason for the State Advisory Council, I support House Resolution 76.

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Christina Polston  
Hawaii Gifted Association President  
GT Liason for State Advisory Council

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Comments:  
Aloha,

As a former substitute teacher with the DOE I strongly support this measure. In almost every class that I taught there were gifted and talented students that were bored and wasting their time waiting for the rest of the class to catch up. By classifying gifted and talented as special needs you will be providing a tool for our best and brightest students to thrive and reach their fullest potential in our public school system.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Respectfully,  
Carol Philips