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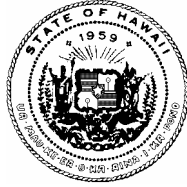
Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1317 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds to support programs that encourage the use of the Hawaiian language by and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language in prekindergarten-aged children.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports HB 1317 that encourages the use of the Hawaiian language by and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language in prekindergarten-aged children.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs

The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair
House Committee on Education

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1317 - RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 2:05 p.m.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1317 is to appropriate funds to support programs that encourage the use of the Hawaiian language and promote fluency of the Hawaiian language in prekindergarten-aged children.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) acknowledges the efforts of the Legislature to seek measures to promote the use and fluency of the Hawaiian language in young children.

The Department currently supports existing programs that promote and encourage the use of the Hawaiian language for prekindergarten-aged children. For both the Department's Preschool Open Doors (POD) and Child Care Connection Hawaii (CCCH) subsidy programs, parents are able to choose their provider. For the POD program, there are Hawaiian language preschools that choose to be licensed by the

Department, even though according to section 346-152 (a)(4) such programs are exempt from licensure. These programs opt for licensure in order to be an eligible participating provider in the POD program. For the CCCH program, parents may choose a license-exempt provider or a licensed provider. There are children receiving CCCH subsidies who are attending a Hawaiian language program.

The Department notes that some of the Hawaiian language program preschools have difficulty finding staff who meet the DHS licensing educational requirements. These programs may receive waivers for staff qualifications on a case-by-case basis, since the focus of the program is to find staff who can provide the Hawaiian language-based requirement.

Additionally, there is federal Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) monies provided to Keiki O Ka Aina (KOKA) via Tribal CCDF funds. The families accessing funds from KOKA would be of Hawaiian descent and may choose to use Hawaiian language programs. The families receiving KOKA subsidies cannot duplicate services with the CCCH subsidies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.



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JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEES ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION

HB1317 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE

Wednesday, February 6, 2013; 2:05pm; Room 309

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano and Chairman Takumi and members of the joint committees meeting on House Bil 1317 Relating to the Hawaiian Language. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testifying in support of this bill that will appropriate funds to expand the current movement to reinvigorate the Hawaiian language.

The Hawaiian Civic Clubs have an established history of promoting and supporting the education of Native Hawaiians in many fields and careers. It is especially gratifying to be able to support education in something as fundamental as re-establishing a native language that was close to being lost just two generations ago.

The funds in this bill will be for children of prekindergarten age, three and four years old, close to developing them as native speakers of the language. It is a worthy ambition.

We urge your support of this bill and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamakana Aquino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill, so that our kamalii are able to continue speaking Hawaiian.

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Kumu Keala Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo! I would like to send a voice of appreciation to all supporters of the State of Hawai'i's dual language status (English and Hawaiian). It is important to support pre-schools, child care or child group programs implementing and supporting the Hawaiian language so that these children are able to enter into a Hawaiian Immersion Program. Support families, children and child care programs by enforcing, enhancing, developing and creating Hawaiian Language opportunities. Mahalo nui loa! Kumu Keala Ching

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Comments:

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