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**Date:** 02/04/2025

**Time:** 02:00 PM

**Location:** 309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

**Bill Title:** HB 0763 RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes the civic education trust fund to support programs benefiting civic education of public school students. Appropriates funds for the expansion of civic education in the public schools and for two full-time equivalent permanent civic education resource teacher positions.

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of HB 763, which seeks to establish the Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, appropriates \$84,000 for each of the next two fiscal years to expand civic education, and allocates \$200,000 for each of the next two fiscal years for two full-time, permanent resource teacher positions dedicated to civic education.

The creation of a dedicated trust fund for civic education demonstrates the State's commitment to fostering informed and engaged citizens by providing a sustainable and reliable repository for public and private contributions to support long-term, impactful civic education programs for Hawaii's students. However, the Department would defer to the Department of Budget and Finance in regards to creating a new trust fund.

The \$84,000 allocation for each of the next two fiscal years would support the expansion of professional development, classroom resources, and culturally responsive materials aligned with the Hawaii Core Standards in Social Studies, promoting critical thinking, democratic values, and global perspectives while addressing gaps in teacher training and civic education resources.

The \$200,000 appropriation for two full-time civic education resource teachers would fund positions critical to expand the designing, implementing, and sustaining of comprehensive statewide civic education programs and supporting classroom teachers to ensure civic education thrives in students' learning.

The 2018 Hawaii Core Standards in Social Studies established a strong foundation for K-12 civic education, and the additional investment in teacher training and culturally appropriate resources would be appreciated to

expand the Department's work to further equip students with the critical thinking skills necessary to analyze social issues, evaluate solutions, discern evidence-based claims from opinions, and act responsibly. Investing in civic education is a strategic and necessary measure to foster future civic engagement.

The establishment of the Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, combined with targeted appropriations for civic education expansion and resource teacher positions, will advance our shared goal of cultivating informed, engaged, and responsible citizens.

While the Department appreciates the appropriation in this measure, we ask that it does not adversely affect the priorities identified in the Department's Governor-approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 763.



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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 763

**February 4, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Room 309 and Videoconference**

RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION

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

House Bill (H.B.) No. 763 amends Chapter 302A, HRS, to establish the Civic Education Trust Fund (CETF), administered by the Department of Education (DOE), to support programs benefiting the civic education of public school students.

This measure appropriates \$84,000 in general funds for FY 26 and FY 27 for the expansion of civic education in public schools, including professional development and classroom resources related to the Hawai'i core standards in social studies; and appropriates \$200,000 in general funds for FY 26 and FY 27 to fund 2.00 permanent full-time equivalent civic education resource teacher positions.

The CETF may receive funds from the State or county, private contributions of cash and other property, and the income and capital gains earned by the CETF. DOE is responsible for determining the moneys that would be deposited into the CETF. If the CETF is terminated, the unspent appropriations made by the State, if any, shall be distributed to the School-Based Budgeting Program.

As a matter of general policy, B&F does not support the creation of trust funds that require regular general fund appropriations to support its activities. Pursuant to Section 37-62, HRS, a trust fund is defined as a fund in which designated persons or classes of persons have a vested beneficial interest or equitable ownership, or which was created or established by a gift, grant, contribution, devise, or bequest that limits the use of the fund to designated objects or purposes. Regardless of the type of fund, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed CETF would be self-sustaining and thus feasible.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



## HOUSE BILL 763, RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 4, 2025 · EDN HEARING

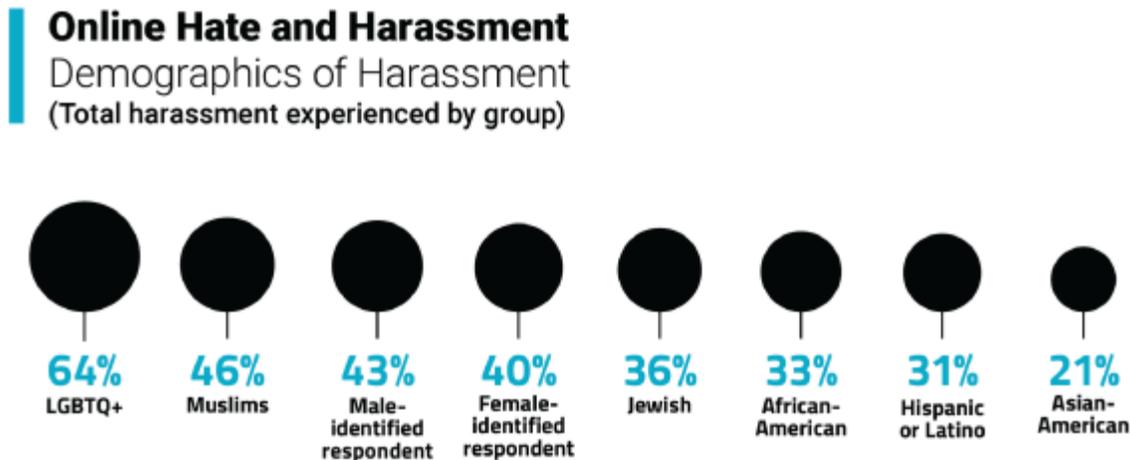
**POSITION:** Support.

**RATIONALE:** The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus **supports** 763, relating to civic education, which establishes the civic education trust fund to support programs benefiting civic education of public-school students and appropriates funds for the expansion of civic education in the public schools and for two full-time equivalent civic education resource teacher positions.

*“We must arm today’s young people with innovative civic education that is relevant to them. Bringing high-quality civics to every school in every state of our union is the only way that the next generations will become effective citizens and leaders.” –Sandra Day O’Connor, iCivics Founder and Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice*

Civic education is essential to the preservation of our democracy. Today, our society is endangered by xenophobic authoritarians who seek to suppress the rights and perspectives of marginalized people. We are witnessing a resurgence of hate crimes in the U.S., which, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, have surged by nearly 80 percent since 2015. Data from the FBI showed a 168 percent increase in anti-Asian hate crime incidents from 2020 to 2021. These are shocking statistics that reveal the structural violence infecting our national community, which we must take seriously.

Increasingly, social media websites have become platforms for the perpetuation of political resentment and the reproduction of social inequality. Major social media platforms, like those owned by Meta, are currently rolling back fact-checking and misinformation detection efforts in an attempt to appease the despotic prejudices of the Trump administration. According to a 2018 report published by the data clearinghouse Statista, 64 percent of teenagers in the United States have encountered hate speech on social media. At the same time, incidents of political violence have been escalating. Cyberspace is no longer an undiscovered frontier. Today, our virtual and actual lives have become inextricably comingled. If we are not careful, though, technological advancement can generate the digital reproduction of violent extremism.



Source: Anti-Defamation League, *Online Hate and Harassment: The American Experience 2021*

We have a responsibility to empower our keiki with the skills necessary to overcome misinformation and online hate speech, and to become fully engaged members of our civic community. As the nonpartisan organization iCivics, founded by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, states, "Something special happens when we have confidence in our democracy. We engage. We raise a hand. We lift our voices. We listen to each other. We come together to share ideas and solve common challenges."

Increasing lack of faith in democracy among younger generations, dearth of civic knowledge, susceptibility to false information, and waning public trust contribute to our current levels of polarization, which is further exacerbated by the lack of meaningful, culturally relevant civic education in our schools. Since the earliest days of our constitutional democracy, public schools have played an essential mission in delivering civic learning. Research conducted by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at Tufts University found that students who receive quality civic education are:

- **More likely to vote** and discuss politics at home;
- **More likely to complete college** and develop employable skills;
- **Four times more likely to volunteer** and work on community issues; and
- **More confident in their ability to speak publicly** and communicate with their elected representatives.

To preserve the foundations of our democracy for generations to come, we should invest in civic education programming in our public school system.

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## Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature, 2025 Regular Session

House Committee on Education  
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Chair  
Rep. Trish La Chica, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 309 and Videoconference

Testimony By  
Professor Colin Moore  
Member, Commission to Promote and Advance Civic Education  
(PACE Commission)

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**Bill No. and Title:** House Bill No. 763  
Relating to Civic Education

**Purpose:** Establishes the civic education trust fund to support programs benefiting civic education of public school students. Appropriates funds for the expansion of civic education in the public schools and for two full-time equivalent permanent civic education resource teacher positions.

**PACE Commission Position:** Strong support

The PACE Commission strongly supports the purposes of the bill to:

(1) establish a Hawai'i civic trust fund for the benefit of students in the public school system;

(2) appropriate funds to the Department of Education (DOE) for the expansion of civic education, including for professional development and classroom resources related to the Hawai'i core standards in social studies; and

(3) appropriate funds to the DOE for two civic education resource teacher positions.

This bill is a significant step in the right direction to enhance necessary civics education for students in Hawai'i's public schools.

The PACE Commission just recently completed a report based on an extensive Civics Survey of public and private school educators throughout the state. Significantly, a total of 883 educators—teachers and administrators responsible for civics education in Hawai‘i’s public and private schools—responded to the survey. The results revealed that limited professional development opportunities and a shortage of civics-focused resources are major barriers to effective civics instruction.

Among DOE teachers, only 26% reported satisfaction with the quality of civics teaching and learning at their school. Additionally, 45% reported that available civics education resources were inadequate. In particular, only 13% of teachers in grades 3–5 and 18% of those in grades K–2 indicated they had sufficient materials. This gap highlights a critical area for investment, because elementary teachers play a foundational role in fostering civic understanding from an early age.

Professional development is another key factor in strengthening civics education in Hawai‘i’s public schools. DOE teachers broadly agreed that the highest priority for professional learning is improving civics education pedagogy, especially best practices for engaging students. Three-quarters of administrators and 71% of teachers identified this as the most important area for professional development in civics. Unfortunately, access to civics-specific training remains limited. Only 17% of DOE teachers reported receiving civics-specific training at least once a year.

As the survey results show, one of the major challenges to having a more robust and expansive civics education program in Hawai‘i public schools is the lack of resources. The trust fund created by this bill would provide a way for the DOE to receive funding from a variety of sources, for the purpose of improving and supporting civics education throughout the public school system in Hawai‘i. Focused funding for this purpose will allow the DOE to more fully pursue improvements to civics education on all levels K-12.

Similarly, the appropriation in the bill to expand civics in areas such as professional development and classroom resources is similarly crucial. In the Civics Survey, teachers and administrators throughout the state identified the need for much greater resources in these areas.

Further, the funding for dedicated positions in the DOE, focused on civics education, is imperative. To have the needed attention on everything from training, professional development programs, creation of resource materials, project learning programs, and much more, there needs to be dedicated positions. Currently, the DOE does not have a position dedicated to civics education. The DOE has an Educational Specialist for Social Studies who has broad statewide responsibilities related to social studies generally. Just one part of those duties is to address civics education for *all* students in grades K-12. This position has multiple other statewide duties beyond civics education. Further, as reflected in the Civics Survey, there is a significant shortage in resources for professional development of teachers to teach civics and to support those who are already teaching civics. This is a crucial need that must be addressed.

By appropriating funds for two full-time civic education resource positions, this bill will multiply the effort toward these important goals.

One great example of how civics education can be enhanced is the DOE's Hawai'i Schools of Democracy program. Last year, Mililani High School and Maui High School were the first to be designated as Schools of Democracy. This year, Kalani High School and Kailua High School are also being designated as Schools of Democracy. Further, the program has expanded to start considering intermediate schools for designation, and next year the program will open up to elementary schools. The designation as a School of Democracy means that these schools have a rigorous commitment to civic learning aligned with the core standards for social studies, opportunities for civic learning across the curriculum and through project learning, and a school culture that embraces the Aloha Spirit. This is just a glimpse and start of what is possible in this program alone. With positions and resources dedicated to civics in the DOE, so much more can be accomplished.

In sum, the PACE Commission is in strong support of HB 763.

**Brief background on the PACE Commission:** The PACE Commission was created pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i, issued on January 7, 2021. The purpose of the PACE Commission is to promote and advance civic education for students and citizens throughout Hawai'i. The commission has fourteen members appointed according to Rule 23 by the following: Chief Justice of the Hawai'i Supreme Court, Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Superintendent of the Department of Education, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii, President of the University of Hawai'i, Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law, Hawaii State Bar Association, Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools, and two members selected by the other appointed members.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to provide testimony.



**LATE**

**The Hawai'i Youth Food Council**

Gigi Kiyabu - Mid-Pacific  
Shania Wilson - Mililani High School  
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Kaylie Hirayama - Honoka'a High School  
Star Woo - Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus  
Quingqing Quen - 'Iolani School  
Maya Gaudino - Punahou  
Jaden Tonyokwe - Maui High School  
Leilani Moran Hurtt - Mid-Pacific  
Alvis Agader - Maui High School  
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Chloe Hannsz - Kapaa High School  
Audrey Lin - 'Iolani School  
Talia David - Lahainalua High School  
Mia Nishiguchi - Kalani High School  
Erika Tien - Punahou

Date: February 3, 2025  
To: Representative Justin Woodson, Chair  
Representative Trish La Chica, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Education (EDN)  
From: Hawai'i Youth Food Council  
Re: **SUPPORT for HB 763**  
Hearing: **Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 2:00 pm, Conf. Rm. 309**

Aloha, my name is Mia Nishiguchi, a junior at Kalani High School, and I strongly support House Bill 763. I am very concerned about the current education system in the State of Hawai'i. I am testifying on the fact that countless students don't know the ins and outs of the legislative process and lack knowledge of the basic foundations of our government.

I have a longing desire to travel the world and experience a multitude of cultures. So far, the future in my generation's lenses is corrupted with hate and pollution. Climate change is a huge issue precedent in our world and will have the biggest impact on the younger generation. Youth are constantly expressing concern for the climate, as seen through the recent Navahine case. However, the biggest influence in our State comes from the Legislature itself. Currently, youth have the fire and the power to facilitate immense change for the future but lack the resources and the knowledge to take actionable steps. Allowing civic education to be taught more thoroughly in schools will ultimately provide a microphone for the voice of the youth.

I am terrified of the state of our country regarding politics and environmental standards. I constantly come across youth who have drive but no resources. It should not be my generation's job to teach ourselves about the resources regarding testimony and the legislation process. Civic education knowledge is currently a privilege, not a standard. I am asking for this to not hold the fate of our generation's future. I worry and constantly wonder if I will have the opportunity to live in a clean future. I truly believe civic education is a subject that must be prioritized. This fight should not solely be in the hands of youth with blood stains left from the past generation. I plea for my generation's future, for our desires, for our deserved peace. Thank you for your time and consideration for the support of HB 763.

Sincerely, Mia Nishiguchi

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The Hawai'i Youth Food Council is a Hawai'i Farm to School Network program and Hawai'i Public Health Institute program. It includes students from public, charter, and independent high schools across Hawai'i. The council was established in 2020 to engage and empower youth in rewriting the present narrative of Hawai'i's food system. Members identify and address systemic issues throughout various dimensions of the food chain to promote community participation in forming resilient, equitable local food economies.



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**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:58:59 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan B Roberts Emery	Green Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Susan RobertsEmery and I am the Co-chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i. We are writing in STRONG support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

When I lived in California our local Green Party was very involved at our local high schools! We had teachers tell us the students would engage in deep conversations after our presentations. The students would join our campaigns as they were required to volunteer 10 hours to any campaign. It was a great experience for all who were involved.

Green Party of Hawai'i asks for your support for HB763. Mahalo Nui,

Susan RobertsEmery  
Co-chair GPH  
Green Party of Hawai'i  
Paauilo

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 1/31/2025 5:18:18 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SUPPORT

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 1/31/2025 7:38:19 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

One of the most important tasks of our education system is forming well rounded citizens who are capable of active participation in our republican form of self government. Strengthening the quality of civic education is paramount to achieve this objective.

I strongly urge this Committee to SUPPORT this bill!

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 11:49:44 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

It is no big secret why we need this bill!

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 1:51:32 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice-Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in strong support of HB763, which will crucially buttress existing civic education resources for Hawai'i's public school students. As the coordinator of a democracy initiative, an educator, and a parent, I have seen firsthand how needed such resources are for our keiki. As you well know, Hawai'i has one of the lowest voter registration and turnout rates in the nation, and while our civic educators swim heroically upstream when educating our students about their civic duties, they desperately need resources like those guaranteed by this bill. Most troubling to me as a civics educator is the sense from young people that their voices don't matter - passing this bill will be a crucial first step toward assuring them that our elected representatives welcome youth voices when charting the future. Thank you for your time, attention, and support for civic initiatives statewide.

Sincerely yours,

David Ball, Waialae-Kahala

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 10:54:38 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Mitsumori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of HB763, which proposes to establish the civic education trust fund to support programs benefiting civic education of public school students.

Being a thriving and contributing part of our community and our democratic nation requires so much more than academic knowledge. Even at the individual level, we are interconnected with people and communities across the globe on issues such as food, the environment, and the movement of people through tourism, education, work, and family. Civic education builds civic engagement by developing critical thinking skills, including how to evaluate possible solutions to problems and how to separate evidence-based claims from opinions.

Civic education also builds social skills by helping students learn to interact with curiosity and respect with those who are different, and by providing opportunities for students and teachers to engage with community resources and institutions, such as visiting our county council members or museums and cultural centers, or participating in programs such as Youth Council or Hawai'i History Day.

The civic education trust fund provides the resources and mechanism needed to provide valuable support for public school students, teachers, and facilities. For these reasons, I urge you to **support HB763** to make a significant impact in preparing our young people to participate in the public and political lives of our communities.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Michele Mitsumori  
Hilo

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 4:38:53 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Janik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Richard JANik, MD, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

Richard JANik, Lihue, HI

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 4:53:23 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is kimdonghyeon, and I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

kimdonghyeon

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 4:56:48 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives. Mahalo.

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 5:18:22 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. Given the violations of the constitution taking place at the national level, I think it's quite clear that we need more civics education. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives. We need to increase public support for our democracy.

Please pass HB763 out of your committee. Mahalo for your consideration!

Mahalo,

Paul Bernstein

Aina Haina

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 6:31:26 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Eliel, and I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

Eliel, Kapaa

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 7:23:32 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jennifer Lum, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

As a high school teacher, I see how important it is to get the youth involved in our community. Civic education helps to teach our students informed and able to make clear decisions.

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

Jennifer Lum, 'Ewa Beach

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:48:11 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JarraeTehani Manasas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is JarraeTehani, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

As a High School Substitute Teacher at Konawaena, having expanded educational programs in our schools encourage students to become involved and engaged, They need Civic Education to guide them in ways to make positive shifts within their community that they can see.

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

JarraeTehani Manasas, Kailua Kona Hawai'i

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 10:13:32 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice Palma-Glennie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

i'm asking for your support for HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, It's painfully obvious that our keiki ae missing out on civics education while their parents, often of the age to have not had the opportunity either, don't provide their children with the knowldege and skills to participate in their democracy.

This legislation will expand civics education in schools, helping to expand civic involvement in later life including understabnding and voting on critical issues.

mahalo for supproing HB763.

sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

**LATE**

**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/3/2025 10:20:56 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

David Leake, Kaneohe

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**HB-763**

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 1:19:51 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/4/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KEALA FUNG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whine it may concern,

Aloha, my name is Keala Fung and I strongly support HB763 that establishes a Hawai'i Civic Education Trust Fund to enhance and expand civic education in public school. I never had this when I was growing up and I really wish I did because if I was more educated in civi matters I could have been such a better member of society and I would have definitely engaged more.

As the next generation of leaders and voters and community members, our youth need this type of education so they can be as best prepared as possible in civic education when entering their young adulthood. The more they are educated the better they are in serving and participating.

mahalo for your consideration ,

Keala Fung

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Submitted on: 2/4/2025 6:55:30 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isis Usborne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Isis Usborne, and I am writing in **STRONG** support of HB763, which establishes a Hawaii Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

I would not be the person I am today (submitting testimony on many bills of importance to me, engaging in political activism and organizing, a student in law school) if it weren't for the high quality Civic Education I received as a child. In a time where public education itself is being threatened by the Federal Executive, it is more vital than ever that we invest in this kind of programming for our keiki. We are responsible for their future.

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

Isis Usborne, 96815

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Submitted on: 2/4/2025 7:35:49 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Representative Woodson, Vice Chair Representative La Chica and Members of the Committee on Education.

Please vote for HB 763 to support and benefit civic education of public school students.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki and life long resident of Oahu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joell Edwards	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Woodson, Vice Chair La Chica, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joell Edwards, and I am writing in STRONG support of HB763, which establishes a Hawai'i Civic Education Trust Fund, which will expand civics education programs in schools. When students are exposed to civic involvement, it leads to higher voter participation and stronger community participation throughout their lives.

My participation in community and civic involvement is due in part to my amazing Civics Teacher Richard Miller. His class and his own excitement changed my thinking and had stuck with me now for almost 40 years since I took his class.

Let's help our youth experience that same feeling!

Please support HB763. Mahalo for your consideration!

Joell Edwards