

SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

c/o 869 Punchbowl Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813

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Governor

Alan Oshima
Chairperson

IN REPLY REFER TO: **HB2000 EDN**

February 10, 2022
2:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Teleconference

H.B. 2000 RELATING TO EDUCATION

Senate Committee on Education

The School Facilities Authority (SFA) **supports** this measure that proposes an appropriation of general funds for the construction of preschool facilities.

The SFA is appreciative of the legislature's interest in funding these specific school facilities. Flexibility in the use of the funds is appreciated as there are a number of competing SFA priorities for capital improvement projects. The SFA requests your committee's consideration is expanding the purpose of the funding to include a broader range of school facilities including preschools.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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February 9, 2022

TO: Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Representative Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Chair
Representative Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Coleen Momohara, Interim Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: Measure: H.B. No. 2000 – RELATING TO EDUCATION
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Videoconference

Bill Description: Appropriates moneys to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: Comments

Aloha. I am Coleen Momohara, Interim Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL supports the intention of this bill, which would appropriate funds to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities, and defers to the Authority.

EOEL is statutorily responsible for the development of the State's early childhood system that shall ensure a spectrum of high-quality development and learning opportunities for children throughout the state, from prenatal care until the time they enter kindergarten, with priority given to underserved or at-risk children.

EOEL implements the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program in partnership with the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE). In addition, pursuant to Act 046, SLH 2020, EOEL is responsible for expanding access to early learning programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds. As the School Facilities Authority develops plans to construct new school facilities, EOEL looks forward to collaborating with the Authority and HIDOE as it pertains to constructing preschool facilities and classrooms. We defer to the authority relating to the provisions in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2000

February 10, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Room 309 and Videoconference

RELATING TO EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 2000 appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 23 for the construction of preschool facilities which shall be expended by the School Facilities Authority.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2022 2:21:11 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports HB2000.



Hawaii
Children's Action Network Speaks!
Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

To: Representative Woodson, Chair
Representative Kapela, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

Re: **HB 2000, relating to education**
2:00 PM, February 10, 2022

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Kapela, and committee members,

On behalf of HCAN Speaks!, thank you for the opportunity to **testify in support of House bill 2000**, relating to education.

We support the intention of HB 2000. Facilities for early care and learning programs are desperately needed. However, details, like the process of how locations for the construction of preschool facilities would occur and if construction includes renovations of an existing facility or creating a new facility, are unclear. We hope as the bill moves forward additional information becomes available.

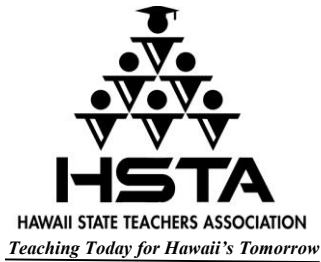
I also request the measure be amended for more inclusive language that matches the context of preschool in Hawai'i.

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the construction of ~~preschool facilities.~~ **Early care and learning programs**

HCAN Speaks! respectfully requests the Committee to amend and support this measure.

Thank you,

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Director, Early Learning and Health Policy



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: HB 2000 - RELATING TO EDUCATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022

OSA TUI, JR., PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Woodson and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 2000** relating to education.

This bill will appropriate a yet unspecified amount to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

We know well the importance of early learning and that it begins in preschool. High quality early education represents one of the best investments we can make for our collective future, especially that of our young keiki. To facilitate the demand for public preschools in Hawaii we believe it is important to aim for a preschool on every elementary school campus across the state. That effort can start with this bill.

Building preschool facilities on already existing and operating elementary school campuses will help in terms of time and money as both the land and infrastructure are readily available for construction of preschools. What's more, once the preschools are built and operating, it could provide convenience for families with multiple young children, as well as the potential to share resources and staff across the campus.

We need to expand free public preschool. Now is the time to move quickly ahead. Families across Hawaii cannot wait any longer for free public preschool for their keiki.

To provide early learning opportunities all across Hawai'i, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support this bill.**



Kamehameha Schools®

House Committees on Education and Housing

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: February 10, 2022

Where: Conference Room 309

TESTIMONY

By Dr. Wai‘ale‘ale Sarsona
Kamehameha Schools

RE: **HB 2000, Relating to Education**

E nā Luna Ho‘omalū Woodson a me Nakamura, nā Hope Luna Ho‘omalū Kapela a me Hashimoto, a me nā lālā o kēia mau Kōmike ‘elua o ka Hale o nā Lunamaka‘āinana, aloha kākou! My name is Dr. Wai‘ale‘ale Sarsona, Vice President of Hi‘ialo at Kamehameha Schools.

Kamehameha Schools **supports** HB 2000, which appropriates moneys to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

The enactment of Act 46 (2020) was a pivotal step forward and we must remain steadfast in our commitment to this future in Hawai‘i. Since the start of the pandemic, Hawai‘i has lost over 3,600 seats, at least 6 preschools and many more family childcare providers. Our keiki cannot afford to lose any more.

Facilities space and cost continue to be a major hurdle to expanding access to unserved three- and four-year-old keiki across Hawai‘i. In the Hawai‘i Early Learning Needs Assessment (2017), center-based program directors listed the lack of space or appropriate facilities as the most common barrier to increasing the number of seats in their classrooms. Investing in the construction of preschool facilities is the next big step toward ensuring the future we all envision and the future that our keiki deserve. **Please advance this measure.**

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to restore our people through education and advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership. Hānai i ke keiki; ola ka lāhui.

‘A‘ohe ‘ulu e loa‘a i ka pōkole o ka lou. There is no success without preparation.



Committee on Education

Representative Justin Woodson, Chair

Representative Jeanne Kapela, Vice Chair

Committee on Housing

Representative Nadine Nakamura, Chair

Representative Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair

February 10, 2022

Dear Chairs Woodson and Nakamura, Vice Chairs Kapela and Hashimoto, and Members of the Committees,

We support HB 2000, which appropriates moneys to the School Facilities Authority for the construction of preschool facilities.

To attain the goal of Act 46, which is to provide access to quality early learning seats for all 3- and 4-year-olds in the State of Hawai'i, expansion of physical early learning facilities is necessary. We agree that the School Facilities Agency is the entity that could build or refurbish facilities appropriate for early learning most expediently. We would, however, like to understand the process of how the facilities expansion will occur. We look forward to more discussion and details regarding this bill.

Hui for Excellence in Education, or "HE'E," promotes a child-centered and strength-based public education system in which families, communities and schools are valued and empowered to help every student succeed. HE'E works to bring diverse stakeholders together to harness collective energy, share resources, and identify opportunities for progressive action in education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Our support represents a 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director



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American Civil Liberties Union
Alliance for Place Based Learning
*Castle Complex Community Council
Coalition for Children with Special Needs
Education Institute of Hawai'i
*Faith Action for Community Equity
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Voting Members () Voting member organizations vote on action items while individual and non-voting participants may collaborate on all efforts within the coalition.*

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 11:55:10 AM

Testimony for EDN on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ka'ano'i Walk	Kamehameha Schools	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha. Our organization has submitted written testimony and I will be attending the hearing to offer oral testimony on behalf of Dr. Wai'ale'ale Sarsona, the written testimony author. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 3:30:15 PM

Testimony for EDN on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Makanoe Hufana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2000.

Mahalo

Makanoe Hufana