

# LATE TESTIMONY

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Dear Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani, and Senators,

I am voicing my support for SCR21 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII.

In this down economy, we need to continue to invest in our most precious, current and future resource of leaders, namely our youth. Every time we highlight our youth, it gives them courage to face their future with hope. Every time we hear them speak, it gives us courage to face our future with hope. Everyone of us has a concern for our future... and our present. What brings us together is the youth.

In this down economy, we need to continue to encourage those that serve in teaching our youth. Their sacrifice for others in their time, resources, and energy is unmatched in the workforce. Their dedication to give each student an opportunity to pursue life, liberty and happiness is often gone unnoticed and unappreciated. Their talents have often been overshadowed by other occupations and yet their investment often supercedes profits, promotions, and other signs of success measured by others.

In this down economy, we need to encourage the four forces of education to keep up the great work-- public, private, charter, and home. All four play an important part in the raising of our next generation. All four need to be encouraged in their calling. All four need to be recognized for their contribution to the community and state. Each faces their unique challenges in this economy... each finds their unique commitment to bring quality education to fruition in their students.

I believe this resolution will bring an awareness and appreciation especially at the beginning of the school year. This resolution will remind us about the importance education plays in the life of our people. This resolution will give the people and leaders of Hawaii an opportunity to see great things occurring now in the area of education. This resolution will highlight different ways of serving our youth and may encourage us to examine our own paradigms and philosophies of education.

Thank you for considering this resolution.

Sincerely,

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