

Before the House Committee on Legislative Management

DATE:

Friday, February 5, 2010

TIME:

2:05 PM

PLACE:

Conference Room 423

Re: HB 2144 HD1 Relating to Legislative Caucuses

We are testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children ("HAEYC") in support of HB 2144 HD1. HAEYC's mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and servces for Hawaii's children (0~8) and their families.

HB 2144 HD1 statutorily establishes the joint legislative keiki caucus and joint legislative kupuna caucus.

We believe the work of the keiki caucus is critically important for the future of the state and we support its establishment by statute.

We look forward to engaging in positive dialog with the legislature on early learning matters.