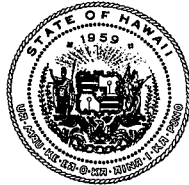


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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB2200 HD 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 29, 2010  
9:00 AM**

1 **Department's Position:** Although the Department understands the State's fiscal crisis, the Department has  
2 concerns about HB 2200, HD 1.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** The House Draft of the State Budget further decreases the Department's general fund  
4 budget by a staggering \$31,343,394. The Executive Supplemental Budget for FY 2010 already proposed a  
5 general fund reduction of \$26,885,194. Therefore, the total proposed general fund reduction for the Department  
6 would be \$58,228,588 which represents approximately a **13% decrease** to our general fund budget since  
7 FY 2009.

8 The Department is concerned about the proposed 20% reduction to our purchase of service (POS) funding. These  
9 proposed reductions will seriously impact the continued provision of necessary services to our clients. It is noted  
10 that for the Family Health Services Division the cut represented 50% of their POS funding, not the intended 20%  
11 as stated in the budget worksheets.

12 The Department is also concerned about changing the means of financing for the Disability and Communication  
13 Access Board (DCAB) to 100% special funds. This action will result in shutting down DCAB effective July 1,  
14 2010.

1 It is noted that the Department appreciates the intent to restore the permanent position counts and temporary FTEs  
2 for those positions that were abolished as a result of the Reduction-in-Force and the vacant abolishments.

3 However, we do not have sufficient funds to fill these positions.

4 The Department has worked hard to maintain the overall health of our state in the most efficient and cost-effective  
5 manner given the limited resources that we have. However, the proposed budget will cripple the Department's  
6 efforts to continue to provide critical health and safety services to the people in our communities.

7 **Purpose and Justification:**

8 Purchase of Service Reductions: The majority of our POS funds are appropriated for the Behavioral Health  
9 programs, including the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD), Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division  
10 (CAMHD), Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) and Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD). These  
11 programs continue to review their purchase of services and make appropriate changes to stay within their  
12 allocations while ensuring that necessary client services are provided. We are ever mindful of the fact that the  
13 State only recently exited from the Federal oversight of Hawaii State Hospital, the Felix Consent Decree and  
14 Makin Settlement and do all we can to prevent reentrance of the federal court.

15 The proposed POS reduction for AMHD is \$11,649,010. Based on an annualized average cost per consumer of  
16 \$6,772, this adjustment will result in a reduction of 1,720 consumers being served through purchase of service  
17 contracts for their severe and persistent mental illness. These contracted services include case management  
18 services, housing services, psychosocial rehabilitation services, and treatment services.

19 Currently, the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) system is at an overall staffing ratio of 30.78  
20 consumers to 1 case manager with the high being 36 consumers to 1 case manager. The national standard case  
21 load ratio is 30 to 1. Therefore, it is not advisable to assume that the CMHC's will be able to address the case  
22 management needs of the consumers who would no longer be served by the contracted providers if the POS funds  
23 are reduced by 20%.

24 It is expected that such a reduction for AMHD would result in higher costs due to increased use of emergency  
25 services, increased hospitalization rates, increased arrest rates, increased disease burden on the individuals and

1 their support systems, and decreased functional status in the community. At this time, it is not clear if any other  
2 resources within the community would become available to fill the needs of these individuals.

3 The proposed POS reduction for CAMHD is \$5,697,600. CAMHD's POS contracts provide the least restrictive  
4 care for their clients. The reduction or elimination of these services could cause a client's mental health issues to  
5 escalate to the point of needing to be placed in hospital based residential services, which would increase costs to  
6 the state. A greater risk is that the youth may become suicidal, or cause harm to themselves or others.

7 Currently, CAMHD has Federal Grants that require a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) level to continue receiving  
8 federal funds. This requirement is met by maintaining the budget at the level of the previous two years.

9 CAMHD's general funds have decreased from \$44,103,742 in FY 08 to \$43,603,248 in FY 09. For FY10 the  
10 general fund appropriation is \$40,554,856. With this proposed added reduction, the CAMHD will not be able to  
11 meet their MOE requirement and is at risk of losing these federal funds.

12 CAMHD also has Federal Grants that require a State match to continue receiving the funding. CAMHD meets  
13 this match through both POS contracts and State personnel working indirectly with the grant. This proposed  
14 reduction may result in the loss of these federal funds.

15 The proposed POS reduction for DDD is \$5,575,878, which is more than the division's total POS budget. DDD's  
16 POS budget in HTH 501/CM for FY 2011 is only \$3,975,934. We would like to note that the POS amounts  
17 previously reported for FY 2009 and FY 10 were inadvertently overstated and included amounts budgeted in  
18 HTH 501/CN which is the Title XIX matching funds for HCBS and ICF/MR services as well as other non-POS  
19 contracts. The Title XIX matching funds are transferred to the DHS for Medicaid services for the DD clients and  
20 not RFPed via the Chapter 103F (POS) process.

21 Deleting the entire POS budget will impact the residential placement of more than 60 individuals living in DD  
22 Domiciliary (DDDOM) Homes, and 98 individuals not eligible for Medicaid services that are supported in the  
23 Long Term Adult and Support Resources (LASR) program. This proposed reduction will result in eliminating the  
24 DDDOM subsidy of \$1,800,000. Participants may have to move to another suitable home. Deleting the subsidy  
25 will impact the current 5 DDDOM home providers serving 63 clients and 1 DDDOM apartment provider serving  
26 48 clients. The LASR funding of \$1,015,890 will also be eliminated. Currently, there are close to 98 people

1 receiving about \$10,000 each for support services. Since all individuals are not Medicaid eligible, individuals  
2 will have to pay for these services out-of-pocket. LASR services support the individual's independence in the  
3 community and include Adult Day Services, Personal Assistance and Specialized Equipment.

4 The balance of DDD's POS budget is allocated for Family Support Services that provide short term support to  
5 individuals that are not Medicaid eligible, and for psychological evaluations used for assessment of individuals  
6 applying for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).

7 Since the POS appropriation is not sufficient to address the proposed reduction, the program will have to reduce  
8 its funds for state match for waiver services by \$1,599,944. The state would realize a loss of \$3,300,344 in  
9 federal funding and program services would need to be reduced by \$4,900,288. Any reduction in waiver services  
10 to developmentally disabled clients must be in accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
11 (CMS) approved guidelines.

12 The proposed POS reduction for Family Health Services Division (FHSD) is \$6,899,894, which actually  
13 represents a **50% cut**. This drastic reduction in POS will result in the termination and/or reduction of many of the  
14 Division's purchase of service contracts.

- 15 • With the proposed reduction, contracts for the Molokai General Hospital and Wahiawa General Hospital  
16 that provide inpatient, outpatient, ancillary, and emergency room services would be terminated in its  
17 entirety. These facilities have received funding from the State for many years to maintain their financial  
18 viability.
- 19 • Comprehensive primary care contracts for Country Doctor Outreach, Queen's Medical Center (Queen  
20 Emma Clinic), and Wahiawa General Hospital (Physician Center at Mililani) would be terminated. These  
21 health centers have seen a substantial increase of both under and uninsured clients which is currently  
22 running at 10% of their patient populations across health centers due to the severe economic recession and  
23 continuing layoffs facing the State. These contracts would be terminated at a time when revenues are  
24 needed to serve more of Hawaii's most vulnerable populations.
- 25 • This proposed reduction would result in the elimination of the Parenting Support Program which includes  
26 a statewide system of community-based parenting education and family support services through POS

contracts and through leadership in statewide early childhood initiatives and consortia. It is noted that general funds for Parenting Support Programs are used as matching for federal funds and leveraged funds in the annual Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) federal grant application.

- The proposed reduction would result in cutting \$738,384 in the family planning program which would mean a total reduction of \$990,384 since FY 2009. This would result in 7,805 less family planning clients and 13,018 less family planning client visits for FY 2011. This reduction may also likely result in an elimination of up to 4 family planning clinic sites statewide.
- Contracts for Perinatal Support Services with the community health centers, rural area physicians, and non-profits that serve uninsured and underinsured clients with very high psychosocial and medical risk factors and limited access to healthcare would be reduced by \$200,000. These contracts case-manage high-risk pregnant women and screen for substance abuse, provide health education, brief intervention and motivational interviewing, counseling, referrals and required follow-up. In 2009, approximately 1,768 clients were served. The additional funding cuts will reduce services to approximately 800 PSS clients and in 3,000 related community outreach contacts annually.
- The Early Intervention Section (EIS) is responsible for providing early intervention services for children who meet federal and state requirements under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L. 108-446, HRS 521.351-354, and the federally approved Hawaii Early Intervention State Plan. State and federal law require services to be provided to children who meet Hawaii's Part C eligibility definitions, which currently include children with a developmental delay in at least one area and those with a biological risk. Based on data from July-December 2009, early intervention services are provided to an average of 1896 eligible children and their families per month who are served by 17 Purchase of Service (POS) programs. In order to stay within their current allocation, EIS is revising their Part C eligibility criteria for EI services. This restricted eligibility is expected to reduce the number of children served by 417.

Based on a yearly cost of \$6,000 per child, the proposed POS reduction of \$1,525,069 will result in the elimination of services for an additional 254 children and their families. This means a reduction of

services for a total of 671 children and their families, or 35.3% of the number currently served, in FY 2011 and beyond. Eligibility for Part C services will need to be even further restricted, so that only children with multiple delays at least 33% in age will be served.

The proposed 22% POS reduction of \$716,938 to the Communicable Disease Division will result in reducing three HIV prevention contracts and will significantly reduce services to women, transgendered individuals and injection drug users. These are three of the priority populations for prevention services in Hawaii. Reduced prevention services will likely lead to increased HIV transmission. Hawaii's nationally recognized syringe exchange program has maintained far lower rates of HIV transmission than in other parts of the country. The cuts will end the possibility of many drug users accessing treatment.

In addition, four POS contracts, one for each county, to provide HIV case management services will be reduced. Together they serve over 1,000 clients. These services are the glue that holds the HIV care system together. HIV clients throughout the state are required to use contracted case management agencies to access any state or federally funded Ryan White services including the HIV Drug Assistance Program. These services save lives and save dollars. Well case managed clients require fewer expensive emergency room visits and hospital admissions. The program does not have the capacity to provide the linkage and services to clients without sufficient contracted case management.

Shifting the entire DCAB general fund budget to special funds: This proposed adjustment will effectively shut down DCAB on July 1, 2010 and the following services/activities will cease:

- The statewide parking program for persons with disabilities will cease, since DCAB operates the statewide internet database, procures all supplies, and contracts with the counties to issue the placards. Approximately 38,000 people with disabilities will not receive the parking placards. The state will be out of compliance with PL 100-641 Federal Uniform System for Handicapped Parking, HRS §291, Part III, and Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11 Chapter 219.
- Construction plans for state and county buildings, facilities and sites will not be reviewed for compliance with the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), as DCAB conducts all reviews prior to construction. Approximately 900 building, facilities, and sites will not be reviewed. Design professionals will not

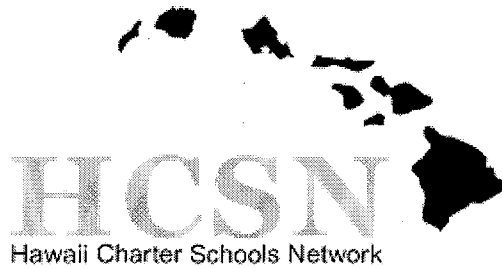
1 receive any technical assistance on compliance with ADAAG design (approximately 1,400 fax requests  
2 per year). The state/county will be out of compliance with the ADA, HRS §103-50 and Hawaii  
3 Administrative Rules Title 11 Chapters 216 and 217.

- 4 • State credentialing for American Sign Language interpreters and the state database for communication  
5 access providers will also cease. DCAB staff tests sign language interpreters and issues the only state  
6 credential, and operates the database used to secure qualified interpreters or other communication access  
7 providers. Approximately 15 interpreters will not be tested annually. The referral database of 63  
8 communication access providers will be shutdown. The state will be out of compliance with HRS §348F  
9 and will not be able to meet its legal obligations under the ADA for communication access.
- 10 • State ADA coordination will cease, as DCAB provides central coordination, technical assistance, and  
11 training to the 27 staff in state departments assigned to handle ADA-related complaints and policy  
12 development. Approximately 70 trainings are conducted per year and approximately 12 complex  
13 employee reasonable accommodation cases were resolved. The State will not be able to meet its legal  
14 obligations under the ADA.
- 15 • State emergency preparedness efforts for people with disabilities will be severely compromised, as DCAB  
16 writes and updates the State Interagency Action Plan for the Emergency Preparedness of People with  
17 Disabilities and Special Health Needs and provides the only disability input for State Civil Defense and  
18 Department of Health all hazards, bio-terrorism, hurricane preparedness, and alternate care site planning.
- 19 • Consumers in the community will not have access to a state clearinghouse of information to obtain  
20 information on laws, programs, services, and activities relating to people with disabilities. DCAB  
21 handled approximately 3,790 requests in FY 2009 and individuals will have no other state resource to  
22 assist them.

23 It is noted that **DCAB's special fund balance is currently only \$2,000** which is insufficient to implement this  
24 proposed change in funding.

- 1 In light of the significant reductions that the Department has already incorporated into its proposed Executive
- 2 Supplemental Budget for FY 2011, the Department absolutely cannot withstand these additional \$31.3 million in
- 3 reductions.
- 4 We will continue to work with your Committee during this budgetary review process to provide information that
- 5 will enable wise decision-making.
- 6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.





March 29, 2010

**LATE**

Honorable Chair Donna Kim  
Honorable Vice-Chair Shan Tsutsui  
Esteemed Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

The Hawaii Charter Schools Network (HCSN) represents the unified voice of all 31 public charter schools in our state. We thank the Committee for this opportunity to speak on their behalf.

HCSN appreciates the work of this committee, its staff and the legislature to support Hawaii's public charter schools.

We have supported amendments to Hawaii's charter school laws that are in line with the expectations of the Obama Administration's Race to the Top (RTT) program and are expected to be in alignment with future federal funding opportunities. With continued work, Hawaii could better position itself to successfully secure an expected \$75million dollars in federal education support.

RTT validates what charters have been saying for years: provide equitable resources, including facilities support, and in return charters schools will better be able to achieve academic success benefiting kids. Charter schools must provide accountable and transparent governance and we are committed to doing so on behalf of Hawaii's public charter school students.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity for a meaningful dialog on Hawaii's public charter schools and look forward to working with the legislature further.

Sincerely,

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### Comments:

The following proviso in the bill puts a restriction on how charter schools use their already limited funds. For some small charter schools, using \$40K or more for a position might be a hardship. Of course, the larger charter schools already have that administrative support position in place.

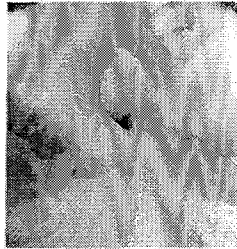
Mandated audits should be financed by the body that wants that information. Already, a few schools have voluntarily ordered audits to ensure the local school board that the necessary internal controls and accountability standards are in place.

For these reasons, we feel that the language below should be amended or removed.

"Section 41.1. Provided that of the general fund appropriation for charter schools (EDN 600), the sum of \$1,550,000, or \$50,000 per charter school, shall be used for the following:

- (1) The hiring of a school administrative support person; and
- (2) An independent annual financial audit; provided further that the funds shall not be expended for any other purpose and provided further that any unexpended funds shall lapse to the general fund."

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Dear Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair and Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

This year during this Legislative Session, the Hawaii Medical Association presented a bill for introduction "by request" to essentially eliminate Naturopathic Medicine, a competitive industry, by all medicines and all procedures from Naturopathic Medical practice. The bill moved quickly in the House primarily based upon deliberately false and misleading testimony offered by the John Burns Medical School of the University of Hawaii.

For the benefit of HMA's political agenda, The UH Chancellor, Hinshaw, the Dean of the John A Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Hedges and the Chair of the Department of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Harrigan, have conspired to defraud the Legislature and corrupt political process by submitting false and misleading testimony on SB2489 and HB2312. Hand cuff and hog tie Naturopathic Physicians for the benefit of HMA medical monopoly. They deliberately and blatantly falsify educational requirements and standards in their testimony to the Legislature. **Not only the pharmacology hours but the entire college used as exemplary SIMPLY DOES NOT QUALIFY under HRS 455.**

LET IT BE KNOWN that Clayton College is not an accredited program acceptable to the State Board of naturopathic medicine. When these pompous professors profess on educational standards they are referring to substandard programs that are not acceptable to HRS 455; the graduates of Clayton can not sit for the National Licensing Examinations in any State in the USA.

The educational curriculum of Naturopathic Medical Schools exceeds that of probably all regular MD schools. Naturopathic Medical Schools cover the same basic medical sciences and the same clinical sciences using the same text books and similar curriculum. [The air went out of that argument 30 years ago.] We not only study all the same core courses but also study all the Naturopathic Medical Arts and Practices.

I personally had two to three times more educational hours in pharmacology than the standard MD curriculum. Too Bad for the HMA political agenda that Naturopathic Physicians have more pharmacology hours than MD schools. They certainly wouldn't want the Legislature to know that ND's have more didactic hours in pharmacology than MD's.

This Falsification and Deception harms not only the Consuming Public but also jeopardizes the credibility of the entire University system. A political scandal to defraud the Legislature would easily

jeopardize the University's credibility in research, jeopardizing grant funding.

Even worse, since 2006 I been trying to work with the UH Cancer Research and the John A Burns School of Medicine and the Department of Complementary and Alternative Medicine to do a Clinical Research Study on Vitamin C and other natural cancer wellness projects. They have been running me around, wasting time and refusing millions of dollars wasting thousands of lives.

The Department of Complementary and Alternative Medicine doesn't work well with Naturopathic Physicians, Chiropractors, Acupuncturists, the expert in Traditional Medicine. If they are there to educate the medical students, there are better experts available from the local community. If they are there for research and development, they need to know at least as much as the experts in the field before they can advance the knowledge base. Naturopathic Physicians have been on the cutting edge of health care delivery. In every single medical controversy the ND were right and the MD were wrong. 30 years ago it was quackery to claim the diet and exercise were important for health!

The Department of Complementary and Alternative Medicine is Chaired by a Fraud, a political criminal that doesn't have the medical know how and doesn't know how to bring in the research money. Now, this false and malicious testimony jeopardizes the entire credibility of the entire UH system!

#### NO Funds for FRAUDS

It is unethical to pay duplicitous and deceptive professors and administrator with public funds.

**Please amend HB2200 with language prohibiting the spending of any State Funds for the Department of Complementary and Alternative Medicine of the John A Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.**

Dr. Myron Berney, ND LAc

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Hello Sir or Maddam,

My name is Marlene Kupau, and I am a 1995 graduate of Lahainaluna High School. I am writing to you in favor of granting funds for the Lahainaluna Boarding Department.

My father, John Kupau of Hana, was a boarder at Lahainaluna, and graduated in 1959. Lahainaluna's Boarding Department gave my father an opportunity to learn academic and life skills that he otherwise would not have the opportunity to learn if he had attended any other high school. The Boarding Department is unique in that it is a free program that teaches boarding students about integredy, independence, honesty, loyalty and most of all they become mature adults who contribute positively to society.

I am aware of the funding shortage but I also am aware that if you close the Boarding Department, you will not only affect the future of many promising adults, you will end a proud tradition from a school which has been established since 1831.

Where is there a high school that you can send your child to board for free and get a great education and learn how to become a responsible adult? These boarders wake up before school to take care of farm animals and gardens which they learn to grow and take care of everyday before and after school. These students learn what it's like to have real responsibility and learn at a very early age that in order to become a great human being, you need to learn how to one, take care of your aina, two, learn how to balance studies and extra curricular activities and three, that what you learn from the four years in the Boarding Department, will ultimately help you in everything you choose to do in the future.

Lahainaluna also has an elite sports program which allows students to take advantage of scholarships that lead them to the next level of education. I know many students who have become boarders because of our great sports program. They, like all of us, know that without the Boarding Program, they wouldnt have the opportunity to shine in a sport that will enable them to get sports scholarships which will allow them to achieve a higher education.

**The Boarding Department is the foundation for many students in achieving educational and extra curricular goals.**

Please grant funding for the Lahainaluna Boarding Department. There is only positive that can be said for this program and we need to give our future the opportunity for greatness.

Thank you,  
Marlene Kupau



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Aloha, my name is Christina Molina. I graduated a four-year boarder at Lahainaluna High School back in 1996. I am sad to here that you are even contemplating the idea of shutting down the boarding program at LHS. I do not live a day without remembering the lessons I learned, the people I met, and the value of my four years there as a boarder. My father graduated a four-year boarder as well in 1976, so you can say I followed in his footsteps.

To graduated as a four-year boarder at LHS is an accomplishment all on its own, its something you should be proud of, because I know I am.

The early mornings getting up and reporting to your daily work post, the rushing back to the dorms to take a shower and get ready to make the breakfast line in time, the awesome breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the cafeteria. The afternoons after school, the study hours, the curfews, the friendships made. The stories and memories I have carried with me for a lifetime and I will to the grave.

If you have not experienced the beauty of such a program, then what gives you the right to say "no more funding" just because its suppose to help our economy. When in reality it is our very own government officials who have made the mistakes themselves and now has found it a necessity to take away from the children, who in reality has nothing to do with what has happened.

I have sat back and watched what has been done and though I tend to stay away from politics as much as possible, all those little details, all those little behind closed doors discussions thats happening. Do you know what I only see, I see you taking away from our children, taking away from the future of this country, the future of Hawaii. And I ask myself this simple question, "Why do the children have to suffer for your mistakes?"

So I beg of you, please don't make another mistake when it comes to the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program. Because not only will you be destroying the future chances of children all over Hawaii to experience the program, you will be destroying the tradition, the heart, the spirit, of Lahainaluna High School.

Mahalo,

Christina M. Molina

Graduate of Lahainaluna High School - Four-Year Boarder - 1996

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**Subject:** HB2200 testimony

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Ever since the boarding department became a part of Lahainaluna High School in 1836, it gave students a chance to get a better education and an independent view of life. Since then, the boarding department grew into one of the greatest traditions Lahainaluna has to offer. It really helps the students that are boarders have a good way to a kick start on their life ahead of them, they will have the knowledge they learned at Lahainaluna to help them on their journey through life.

There are many skills you'll learn as a boarder at Lahainaluna. You'll learn how to provide yourself room and board by pulling your own weight and putting in your hours of work on the campus, whether its maintaining the campus, caring for the swine, working in the café, or growing crops, everybody contributes to keep our home maintained. During your years as a boarder you will learn time management by fitting in your studies, sports and club activities in with your daily boarder work schedule. It includes our 3 hours of work, full day of school, and the boarders are giving a mandatory two hour study hall, also the boarders have a rule based system to follow which include being well groomed and a proper dress code. One of the most important skills you'll learn is leadership and taking care of your responsibilities. When you first enter Lahainaluna as a boarder, there will be upperclassmen that will be there to lead and be role models. Living with kids around our own age together from different areas in the world is a good way to explore without the need of traveling. Since I been there I have met kids from the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and even West Virginia, through living with them I have learned how different their lifestyles are. Despite all of our differences we all learn how to come together as one big Ohana.

I'm a three year boarder from Kona, Hawaii but now living in Hana, Maui with my Aunty and grandma. I'm the youngest out of six brothers and one sister. Most of them had dropped out of high school due to the bad choices they made. Now they struggle in life trying to make a living. Being separated from my family when I was 10, and then living with another some-what struggling family made me think life was just so hard to live. But since I have seen my family make bad choices, I have learned from them and expect to do something great with my life. Ever since I was little I always was happy and always sharing my Aloha with everybody. Then when I was 12 I moved to Hana with my dad's sister. She's the one that introduced me to the Lahainaluna boarding program because my grandfather had graduated from there as a boarder and ended up becoming a very successful man that had a great heart. And I also found out that my dad went there too but never grad. So I wanted to try it and make something out of my life.

My Dad had been suffering in the hospital at the time. When I went to visit him with all brothers I had told him I was going to lahainaluna and he seemed so happy like he never needed to worry about anything anymore. Then a week later he passed away in his sleep peacefully and was shocked because I had just seen him too. In a way I was happy because I could always feel his presents. When I became a boarder, I was at first scared, not knowing what's going to happen and how it's going to end. But when I wanted to just give up, I would always think about it and know that my dad I there with me. When I got my mind set I was ready to take full advantage of this blessed opportunity I have received. My first year here I worked hard and started to feel for Lahainaluna as a home and new start in life. When the next year came around I could feel my pride

growing in my heart and my love for this place made me become more of a leader by being a great role model and doing what's right. This tradition of pride and spirit made me understand why I'm here. When this year came I was chosen for the position of lieutenant officer which is a person that makes sure the dorm is in line and makes sure the boarders are doing what they're supposed to do.

Now I am so proud of being a boarder I just love being a boarder. But I was blessed to have my mentor, my friend Jacob Boteilho. He was a junior when I was a freshman and he helped me by letting me talk to him and teaching me the right things to do. He was the boarder president last year. Now it's my turn to pass down my success of being a true boarder down to my fellow underclassmen to keep this tradition going. The great thing about boarding is that it teaches you to give back to the community and I am ready to give back to boarding. To make it better and hope that it will be here for my children and future generations to come. So now I ask you to please fund, my home, Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department.

Ralph Katsumi Sumida JR.

Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department Lieutenant

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Dear Sir.

Although I was not a boarder, I am a graduate of Lahainaluna High School, the oldest school west of the Rocky Mountains. I was saddened to learn that due to lack of funding the boarding dept. may have to shut down.

Unlike the restricted enrollment of "Hawaiian ancestry required" to the Kamehameha Schools and the large sums of money needed to attend Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Lahainaluna High offers students from tiny isolated communities a chance to broaden their horizons and look beyond just their neighborhoods without burdening their families with financial hardships.

The layout of the school campus is extensive and the boarders help take care of the grounds thereby allowing the custodians to focus on maintaining the classroom area. The state saves on not having to hire a groundskeeper.

Graduates from the boarding dept. always comment on how going through the program helped them get ready for the future whether it be a career in the military or college out of state.

Please help keep the boarding dept. up and running especially for some at risk teens whose last chance to succeed may come from attending Lahainaluna High as a boarder.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Y. Tengan, RDH  
(LHS C/O '79)

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**Subject:** WAM Testimony  
LHS Boarding Program

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To the members of the WAM Committee;

I am a 1972 graduate of the LahainaLuna Boarding Program and am a very proud of it.

My family lived in Lahiana until 1965 when we moved to Oahu. I attended schools on Oahu and was reacquainted with LahainaLuna through a 7Th grade classmate who had a brother attending LahainaLuna as a boarder. I then made inquiries to the school counselor on the application procedures. I had submitted an application in the 8th grade and went through interviews and was accepted to attend the LahianaLuna Boarding Program in Sept of 1968. It was a very exciting time for me in my young life.

I believe that the regimented life and the learning environment was most conducive to molding me into a responsible and productive member of society. That in itself is the testament to the effectiveness of the LahainaLuna Boarding Program. To cease funding of the program will be a great loss to thousands of future Boarders who would greatly benefit from this Program and a very sad ending to the Legacy the LahainaLuna Boarding Program is.

Please consider the continued funding of the LahainaLuna Boarding Program for the next fiscal year and in the future.

Thank you for hearing our plea to continue the Tradition that LahainaLuna Boarding Program is and will be in the future. Just as a note, the LahainaLuna Boarding Program will celebrate it's 175th Year of rich Traditions in 2011!

George J Gibo  
1972 Graduate of LahainaLuna Boarding Program

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Kyle Akazawa, Boarding Department Co-President, Class of 2010  
Lahainaluna High School  
Boarding Department  
980 Lahainaluna Road  
Lahaina, HI 96761

March 28, 2010

Attention: The Senate and Committee Members  
Ways and Means Committee

Boarding at Lahainaluna High School is a unique program that has been a growing tradition since 1836. It is the only public boarding program in Hawaii and is what makes the oldest school west of the Mississippi River truly an adverse place to learn. The boarding department should still be funded because it positively affects all the people involved with it and creates opportunities for us to live better lives.

As boarders, we take advantage of the program, gaining insights and knowledge about life after school. Waking up before 6 a.m. to work on the farm and clean the campus grounds, then working another two hours after school teaches us the importance of responsibility and the values of work ethics. Coming from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds from around the world, allows us to learn different lifestyles and meet new people. It also demands that we cooperate and work together with one another to live peacefully amongst ourselves, no matter how different we all are.

Other things that we learn are how to manage our time wisely and how to be independent in our lives. In the dorms, our parents are not there to tell us what to do. Instead, we must figure it out for ourselves to do what is right and what's needed to be done. As the co-president of the boarding department this year, I have also learned the characteristics of a leader. Just like an ohana, the seniors take care and watch over the freshmen and other boarders. It is my duty to make sure that everything runs smoothly in the dorms.

I truly believe that boarding at Lahainaluna offers so much more than just a roof over our heads. It gives us the knowledge to succeed and prepares us for whatever the future brings. If the boarding department was taken away from us, then it would end the modern Hawaiian tradition and change history. Lahaina town would never be the same, without an "L" on top Mount Pa'upa'u, signifying our pride for the school, the boarding department and for the very place that we live in. The opportunities that the boarding department offers are irreplaceable and will be hard to be recreated.

Just like my father and uncles who were also boarders, I want to see that the boarding department of Lahainaluna remains open for the younger generations to take part in.

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Dear Sir,

My husband is a 1989 Graduate of Lahainaluna High School and I am currently an active board member of both the Lahainaluna High School P.T.A. and SCC School Boards. I am really Disappointed that the government of Hawaii is considering the closure of the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department.

I have 4 children where two are currently Boarding at the "Oldest School West of the Rockies". I have A Junior who is in his third year and a Freshman in his first year. I can tell you that this program has nurtured my children along with thousands of others dating back 174 years. I have two younger children, a fifth and seventh grader who have already told me that they too want to attend this program way before all this has come to light. My family sees potential in what this program has to offer, and these are "CHILDREN", who on their own decided to take a step towards being better citizens in our community. My sons chose this school over all the other High Schools on this island for what it has to offer, The Boarding Department offers things that no other school can. My sons have learned time management, Irrigation, agriculture, Leadership, community service, Pride and Tradition. Then have also learned how become better Individuals by helping others who are less fortunate and guide them toward a more positive path in their future. Make the transition of going off to college to live on your own much more easier.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Dept for years have provided a Home, a school, and an Ohana (Family) to children who may not have it. It's provides them a safe heaven, a place to go, to make something out of their lives, get their High School Diploma and pursue their dreams.

For example, I personally know current attending boarders that have made a choice to improve their life. To become the first in their family to receive a High school diploma. Kids who come from families where their opportunity wouldn't exist anywhere else. Children/Students whom want to be here, want to excel, want to be able to say that they have done extraordinary things in their high school career.

There is no other school in the state that offers this, or in the country that can compete with it. Closing down this Department will be sending these children back to uncertain futures. Sending our youth back to square one, to start over.

Sincerely,  
Roxanne M. S. Sinenci

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**From:** Ke'van Dudoit [lhsboarder@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 10:37 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 2200 testimony

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Aloha Members Of The Senate Ways and Means Committee,

My Name is Ke'van Dudoit. I am a 2009 graduate from Lahainaluna High School and a 4 year boarder from the friendly Island of Molokai. And I am here to ask you to please continue funding the Lahainaluna Boarding Department and not to shut it down.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Department had done a lot not only for me, but also for my family, my friends and alumni that came before me. I was able to learn how to become an independent person through the work-study program. The Program goes far beyond just work and study. It is a stepping-stone to life for students from the neighbor islands as well as those living on the other side of Maui. These students gather at Lahainaluna to seek independence and learn life long skills that will benefit them in the future. The Boarding Program is full of mixed cultural and personalities that stretch out to the mainland as well as the Marshall and Micronesian Islands where living is tough.

The Boarding Department's opening in 1836 gave students from all over Hawaii a chance to learn. Currently housing more than 100 students from all over the Pacific Basin and Hawaiian Islands in two dormitories, the David Malo dorm for boys and Hoapili for girls, the Boarding Department thrives on hard work. The Boarding Department is blessed to have the Lahaina Community, I know this from experience because while boarding at Lahainaluna, the community was always there for us, whether it was a ride to the beach or a helping hand on the school campus.

While Boarding at Lahainaluna I had the opportunity to feel the pride and spirit that the school has. Liming the L on Pu'u Pa'upa'u is a tradition that we boarders do and is known for. You see the boarders hike up Pu'u Pa'upa'u to Lime the Perimeter of the L as well as the Bars, which represent the Sporting Championships

and the Year, which we are currently in. Our last time liming the L is always a memorable moment for us boarders because we lay down a special plaque, with the entire senior boarders names on it, next to those that came before us. After that we sing the songs of Lahainaluna and we look back at the 4 years which we had together in this program, and in this school. And that's where the memories begin, is atop the mountain of Pu'u Pa'upa'u. We also take part in events such as football games where we help set up the Football Stadium Facility for Home Games. We help out the Salvation Army during the Christmas season by ringing bells and singing songs. During Graduation the alumni boarders take part in the lighting of the L where they hike up and light the L as part of the graduation ceremony. But one thing that Boarders learn, is how to give back to the community for all of their help and support throughout the 174 years, which is our annual David Malo Day Program where the Boarders work months after months rehearsing songs and dances that they will present to the community and alumni on one special date. We learn the importance of giving back to those that gives to us.

The Boarding Department has Boarding officers to help run the program. There is a President, which is the leader of the boarders, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lieutenants and Sergeants. Officers are made up of upper classmen boarders that have showed such great leadership skills throughout their under classmen years. These officers had the responsibility to help guide the younger boarders and be role models. I was a lieutenant and it was a great privilege to have the power to lead and help the younger boarders to grow into adults.

I also had the great pleasure in becoming the 1st Molokai Boarder to become the Associated Student Body President of Lahainaluna High School. It was the leadership skills that I developed as a boarder that helped me to become such an important person in such an important role. I represented Lahainaluna High School and The Boarding program in every meeting and event that attended. It was also the beloved Alma Mater that made me a stronger person. Every time I was nervous or scared or just stuck I would sing the Alma mater in my head, and every time I did that, I became strong mentally and moved on to what I was doing. The Alma Mater at Lahainaluna High School is said to be one of those songs that give you the meanest chicken skin

feeling. Well The Alma Mater did two things for me, gave me chicken skin and helped me to become stronger. Just being a Lahainaluna Boarder with all of these great pride and spirit made me stronger as a person.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Program is said to be the heart and soul of the school and the community. Well that's true, but for me and other Lahainaluna Boarders it is the heart and souls in our hearts and bodies. What will happen if the boarding program closes? You will rip our hearts out as well as those that are seeking the opportunity to be a part of a 174-year tradition. So Please don't rip our hearts out, continue to fund the Lahainaluna Boarding Department and keep it open. Boarders as well as day students have a vision, which is to gather at this place of Lahainaluna, grasp the flaming torch of excellence and let us move forward together.

MAHALO AND GOD BLESS,

KE"VAN DUDOIT

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**From:** kamaile hoopii [hoopii\_808@yahoo.com]  
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Aloha Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

My experience as a 3 year boarder at Lahainaluna High School has made me a better person, and has taught me to be responsible and independent. If I had not attended this boarding program I would be living in a small village riding on a 1 hour bus ride back and forth to school every day. Many of my friends that did not attend the boarding program have changed dramatically. I have friends that are now mothers and fathers, I have friends that got caught up in drugs and alcohol, and friends that just decided to hang out with the wrong group of people. If it wasn't for this boarding department I can honestly say that I would have most likely taken the wrong path in life. Personally I wouldn't want this boarding department to come to an end. It's my junior year and I have one more year to go. I wouldn't want to give up all my 3 years of hard work and achievements.

Lahainaluna is known for not only #1 in pride and spirit but also for tradition. The boarding department is the biggest tradition that Lahainaluna is known for. Without the boarders there will be no David Malo Day, an annual event where the Hawaiiana and boarding department open the campus for a free evening of entertainment and fellowship. There will be no-one to lime the L on top of Pu'u Pa'upa'u, the prominent hill high above Lahaina, West Maui, a recognizable land mark. The school campus will not be maintained Monday-Saturdays, for we as boarders are the care takers of this school. This boarding program is a work study program, in exchange for my room and board, I work 18 hours a week.

This boarding program is good for me academically because I live with my grandparents and they are unable to help me with my school assignments. Here at the dorms I have friends, a room-mate, upperclassmen's, and dorm teachers to help me. I was never able to get a 3.0 GPA, until I became a boarder. I pay more attention to school work at the dorms then I did at home. I've also had the chance to go to math tutoring, which is coordinated for the boarders. With all of the support that I have received with my academics in the last 3 years, I am really looking forward to going to college.

During my 3 years of boarding, I have not only developed friends, I made BEST friends, brothers and sisters, that will last a lifetime. Also memories that will never be forgotten.

This year I am serving as the Lahainaluna Boarding Department Secretary. My duties as Secretary are to take notes at all officer meetings held every Sunday night, to help my fellow officers with planning activities for all boarders, and stand by each other's disciplinary decisions , and to set a good example and be a good role model. I wouldn't have had this chance to develop these leadership skills at another school.

Please consider providing funds to continue the Lahainaluna Boarding Program.

Sincerely,

Kamaile Ailana-Kuuipo Young Hoopii

Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department Secretary

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**From:** Steven Raymond [steven@mauiwine.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 10:01 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** HB2200 SD1 - Testimony on the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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Aloha Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

My family and I would like to submit the following testimony in support of the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department:

We have become aware that although the Board of Education had voted to continue funding the boarding program, the proposed SD1 that is coming before you does not have it as a line item for funding. The boarding program remains a part of the larger list of cuts.

Next year, the Boarding Department celebrates 175 years of existence in a school that will be 180 years old. Countless young people have gone thru the program, exiting as responsible, confident and devoted members/leaders of their communities. Many of the students, like our son (5<sup>th</sup> generation), have chosen to continue a family tradition of being a part of the Lahainaluna Ohana. Truthfully, for many, many more of the children, the Lahainaluna Boarding Department provides safety, organization, consistency, guidance and a positive influence to young lives that are in turmoil from their home environment and/or communities throughout Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.

Fully aware of the States economic situation, we must still respectfully request that you consider the negative impacts on present and future students if this program is not funded and ceases to exist. Please amend (if that's the correct language and course of action) the draft to incorporate monies that will allow for the continuance of this much needed and cherished program.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Steven and Puanani Raymond (Parents, Kula, Maui - 878-3454)  
Kanaina Raymond (junior boarder)  
Emma Raymond (proud younger sister, 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

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**Subject:** Please Save Lahainaluna Boarding Program  
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Hi. This email is intended to convey a very important plea regarding the Lahainaluna High School (LHS) boarding program.

The LHS boarding program is very valuable for students and deserves to be funded rather than thrown into the weighted student formula pot. Please restore, or assure that there is, funding for the boarding program at Lahainaluna High School. I would be pleased to share with you numerous supportive statements as to the value of this program and the associated pride shared by the boarders, the student body, the staff/administration and the community, but I think it is most important at this time that you simply hear directly from a student who does not want to be further disappointed by the failure of our government to find ways to support our educational system.

Please step up to the plate and do not allow the LHS boarding program to go unfunded. Thank you for your consideration of this plea.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Fuller  
219 Kahana Ridge Drive  
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(808) 280-0248

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**From:** Monay Rodrigues [monayrodrigues@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 10:14 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony HB2200

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Dear Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Monay Rodrigues and I am the 2010 Boarders Co-President at Lahainaluna High School. On behalf of the Boarders at Lahainaluna, we appreciate your time to consider our concerns regarding the state budget funds for the Boarding Program. There is much more opportunity in the Boarding experience than it is given credit for. This program has become a tradition for many families since 1836. Termination of this program will result in a chapter of history at Lahainaluna to be erased. The dorms offer a home away from home for a variety of personalities. It offers a place of acceptance for youth to develop in an independent and nurturing environment. The dorms allow a safe environment for unstable households as well as preparing you for a real life, real world experience. We live under one roof and we learn and grow from each other each day. The residents of Lahaina are fond of the Boarding Department and are extremely supportive towards the Boarders, who come from all the neighbor islands, and appreciate our dedications and contributions we distribute throughout the Lahaina community. Boarders are generous and willing to give back to the community. We are also in much appreciation to the community as well, for assisting us with our personal needs, and also housing us on the weekends. This program is most definitely a fulfilling and successful way to see life at a different perspective than you are use to.

The Boarding Department has helped me personally. It has given me the confidence and integrity that earned me the Presidency, as well as Homecoming Queen, something I never thought was possible and would not have believed in, had it not been for the confidence building, and sometimes hard lessons learned through my Boarding experience. I would appreciate the Board to reconsider the termination of the funding for the Lahainaluna Boarding. I am confident that the Board will consider this valuable program as an asset to our youth who desperately need this type of program to prepare them for their futures. It is my wish as well as my fellow dorm mates to keep the Lahainaluna Boarding Department an option for all. Please consider and re-evaluate your decision to terminating the Boarding Department for these reasons and so many more that I wish I had the time to touch on.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Monay Kameai'omakamae Rodrigues

Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department Co-President

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**Subject:** Lahainaluna Boarding Department  
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Dear Senators-

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my testimony and e-mail for support for the Lahainaluna High School Boarding department. All of us in the State of Hawaii are well aware of the budget crisis and the difficult situation that the committee and the Senate find themselves in. There are so many special groups, so many special needs and so few funds, I can see why the item on the DOE budget, listing the Lahainaluna High School Boarding department is an attractive option to eliminate in order to balance the budget.

I implore you not to do this.

I realize this is simple, it is effective and you may believe that the \$700,000 or so can be used for better things-- Lahaina is just a small town on the neighbor island, how much of an impact can it really make? I hope you realize, through the individual and community testimonies, how effective that 700,000 or so dollars has made to our State. LHS boarding department is not like the boarding schools on the East coast. Our Boarders are not from affluent homes. When I was a student in LHS, many if not most of the students were from single parent homes, economically disadvantaged home. Many had social situations where the kids were in broken homes. The boarding experience teaches these students discipline, work habits, time management and other "Life" skills. Because of the structured environment and the isolation, it is difficult for them to get involved in drugs or in violence. In part, for us "day students" i.e. those living in Lahaina, we respected our school because this is the home for our boarder friends-- I cannot speak for the current school situation, but until recently, Lahainaluna was one of the best kept schools not only because of the hard work of our Boarders but also, we "day students" respected the campus--We won't hurt the property because of how it would affect our boarders.

You may think saving the 700,000 or so dollars would be a good thing, but you will realize in 5 or maybe 10years that 700,000 probably saved the State hundreds of thousands of dollars , by producing productive citizens; protecting Lahainaluna high school from vandalism and property damage; and preventing at-risk children from falling through the cracks and perhaps ending up on the State rolls for other reasons. Of course I don't have statistics or hard data to present, but just hearing the stories of these students and what the boarding experience has done for them, seeing my beautiful campus compared to the other campuses on Maui (Baldwin, Maui High school etc), speaks for itself.

I appreciate the difficulty you all face, but I hope you will look not just at the short term fix, but also the long term impact this will have on YOUR community that you represent (whether it is the Big Island, Kauai, urban or rural Oahu). For although it is titled the "Lahainaluna High School Boarding department" it is, in actuality, the "State of Hawaii High School Boarding Department"--- You may not realize it, but I am sure that a few members of your represented district/community has been impacted by the Lahainaluna High School Boarding department. This institution has served Hawaii since the time of the Kingdom of Hawaii and until now. It has provided our children a safe place to learn and to grow. Please do not let this valuable resource be cut for expediency. Thank you so much for your time and I hope you work to preserve this valuable institution.

Yours Truly, Dr. Dorothy Shigaki MD (Lahainaluna graduate 1989)

## **kim5 - Deborah**

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**From:** Frederick Sinenci [sinenci1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:40 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** Sen. Shan Tsutsui; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Sen. J. Kalani English; Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Brickwood Galuteria; Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Gary Hooser; Sen. Michelle Kidani; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Roz Baker; kalani@kalanienglish.com; LHSFoundation@hawaiiintel.net; sushidaisukiyo@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna Boarding department Program.  
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Dear Sir,

I am a proud parent of two current Lahainaluna Boarders. A junior in his third year and a freshman nearly completing is first year. I have to say in these past years I have seen my two older children flourish in this program by learning not just scholastic items but also life lessons that cannot be touched upon by any other High school on the Island. My children chose this school not because I am an Alumni, but for what it had to offer educationally, socially, and morally. I have seen them learn leadership at a different level than no other program can offer, skills in agriculture, irrigation, also become citizens of our community that emulate adults with a greater sense of responsibility. I am very proud of my children who have made these choices and I also have a 7th and 5th grader who also decided on their own to attend this school and utilize this program.

As for community.... I know that my sons along with his fellow boarder brothers have gone to assist the community in maintaining grave sites, helping residents maintain their property, and fulfill their boarding obligation at the same time.

I personally know of current attending boarders who if this is taken from them, their choices in life is limited and restricted. I know of current attending boarders who have used this program to better their lives such as becoming the first in their family to achieve a High School Diploma. I know that taking this program from our children of the future will tie their hands during this vital period of their lives...

My family supports many current attending boarders with what we can and I have to say from the beginning till now, I have seen growth in personality, socially, commitment, responsibility, and Individually. These boarders are distinguished. They are Proud.

I know there are many other places the state government can cut besides our education. I can go on about different departments that can be restructured because they have made their paths. But the path of our children to become better leaders, better citizens, and out right better individuals are being attacked. Such as Furloughs that killed that states education to now pin pointing cuts. I think you have done more than enough damage to our educational system that all the kids are suffering. Stop taking! Our youth, our kids out there that needs a chance.

From general cut backs to Pin pointing cuts means cutting their lively hood.

Sincerely,

Frederick N. Sinenci, Jr.  
Lahainaluna High School, Boarder Parent  
Lahainaluna High School, Alumni

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**From:** oweita Gundaker [oweitagundaker@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 4:50 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Sen. Shan Tsutsui  
**Subject:** Lahinaluna Boarding Department

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To whom this may concern,

It deeply saddens me to hear that the Lahainaluna Boarding Department is in danger of being shut down! This very unique program has not only improved many lives but saved many more as well. It is not just a treasure to the people of Lahaina but to families all over the country. Having the option to give their children an experience that will unmistakably change their lives is something that we cannot take lightly. I can tell you from experience that each and every boarder has a wonderful story to tell about how this little boarding program had changed their life. I know I do. I came to Lahaina to become a boarder to give myself the opportunity and the chance to make something out of my life and to gain life skills that to this day, many adults do not possess. My family is from Ka'u on the Big Island, which a large percentage of boarders are from. Ka'u is a beautiful place but ravished by the drug crystal meth and has destroyed many families. I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to escape and given the chance to learn what it takes to be a successful individual. I cannot stress how much I am grateful to this program and the wonderful people who run it. I grew up with four other siblings and myself and my younger brother made the decision to move to Maui and enter the program. What has it done for us? We are both college graduates and very successful adults. Now let me tell you about my siblings who decided not to go to the Boarding department but to stay in Ka'u. They are all crystal meth addicts and I give 100% credit to the Boarding Department for all my success in life. It is more evident now than ever how much we really need a program like this to stay alive. With the downfall of the economy and families struggling more than ever, this program will be a lifesaver for many teens.

Because the Boarding Department is under the chopping block once again only tells me that who ever is considering to cut this amazing program has never been a boarder or been touched by what the program offers, which is surprising to me. (I've been all over the country and ran into people older and younger than myself who have either been a boarder or know and love the program!) Being a boarder teaches a young teen about responsibility, hard work, honesty, consequences, time management, conflict mediation, and the importance of good old hard work. These are skills and lessons that make an adult successful and it can all be found at the Boarding Department. I cannot for the life of me understand why we would want to take that away from our children. And its overall, the pride of this historic school. The pride that it is still running and producing the young adults that it was meant to produce when it first opened. If anything, this school and its program doesn't get the recognition that it deserves. It will be a very sad day and my heart will break the day the Boarding Department shuts its doors. I beg you to reconsider shutting down the Boarding Department not just for the sake of all children around the county but for my brand new daughter who I dream of one day sending to Lahaina to become a Lahinaluna Boarder and to give her the chance that I was given.

Warmest Mahalo,  
Oweita Gundaker  
4 year Boarder

## **kim5 - Deborah**

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**From:** Rob and Louisa Shelton [rljkohana@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 4:18 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** senkim@Capitol.Hawaii.com; Sen. Roz Baker; sentsutsui@Capitol.Hawaii.com  
**Subject:** House Budget Bill #2200

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Aloha:

My name is Louisa van der Linden Shelton and I am a proud graduate of the Lahainaluna High School class of 1973. I strongly urge you to continue funding the Lahainaluna High School boarding program -- please DO NOT consider cutting funding as this would bring about an untimely death of this 174 year old legacy. There are a number of reasons I ask for your consideration of taking this stand.

**History:** The Lahainaluna High School IS LIVING HISTORY -- it is the oldest school west of the Rockies and the oldest high school west of the Mississippi and it is uniquely the only public boarding school in the country. The management of this program has been carried out honorably over the years, further ensuring success of its students and pride within the community. The program has been adaptive to change, as evidenced by its coeducational mix of boarders but it cannot continue without the fuel of public funding.

**Education:** Let it be clear that school's administrators manage this program to provide help for families who would otherwise find it difficult for their children to obtain a high school education without a change in environment. This is a public school itself not limited to any special group or wealthy elite. Nor is this a free ride for its boarders as these students work daily, before and after classes to maintain the grounds of the historic school campus and provide assistance for various functions both on campus and within its community.

**Responsibility:** Is this an appropriate expense for the Department of Education -- I say yes! There is a moral and fiscal responsibility for its continuance and it can continue to provide positive returns. Through this program, boarders are provided the same inherent rights to a good education and in turn give back to the school and the community. It improves their individual character, builds responsibility, and a wealth of educational experience. It also provides our community and the State COST SAVINGS by not having to expend additional funds for year-round campus upkeep.

If funding is cut as proposed by House Bill #2200 you would literally wipe-out this unique opportunity for public school students present and of the future. From its early years it has provided the spark of learning, and on though the decades, a torch of pride. MALAMA PONO and keep the fuel of funding allocated for this very special school, its community and its place within our State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Louisa Shelton

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**From:** jastey thomas [sway\_hottie\_02@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 4:32 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** please don't destroy lahainaluna boarding dept

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i swayne-lyn brown alum of lahainaluna boarding dept class of 2007  
would like to send in my vote to save my beloved school boarding program  
this school had helped me change my life for the good it thought me how to respect  
other keep me focus and on track it gave me better education and i learned to have  
pride. my daughter is named after the girls dorm hoapili i wish to send her to lahainaluna  
as a boarder to so she to can have an experience an grate experience like i did there  
and also to see and no just no the reason why i had named her hoapili.. please and thank you  
save lahainaluna boarding dept.  
mahalo swayne-lyn brown

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Steve Cramer  
28748 Oldbridge Circle  
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March 28, 2010

Donna Mercado Kim  
Senator

Dear Senator Kim:

I was a Lahainaluna boarder from 1969-1973, and I am writing to express my concern about recent discussion to cut funding for the Lahainaluna boarding department. I understand that the decision is being considered as a way to balance the budget.

However, I do not believe that ending the long standing tradition of the boarding department for the sake of dollars could ever compare to the good that this program has done for countless young boys and girls in Hawaii.

My parents had recently divorced and my brother had died in a surfing accident. My mother was busy working long hours to make ends meet. I had no guidance or male role model. By being a boarder and having the privilege to be mentored by such great people as Earl "Chief" Kukahiko, and Henry "Bruno" Ariyoshi, I was taught to not only respect others but also myself. It instilled a good work ethic in me that has helped me to this day. I have retired from the military as an E8 and now have a job training young men and women of the U.S. Army. Being a boarder teaches young children the all important life skills that will set them up for later success and cannot be translated into budget dollars.

In Closing I respectfully request that you reconsider cutting the funding from this program and ensure this program continues to provides help to Hawaii's Keikis for a long time.

Sincerely,

Steve Cramer

## kim5 - Deborah

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**From:** Ke'van Dudoit [lhsboarder@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 3:53 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** HB 2200

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Aloha Members Of The Senate Ways and Means Committee,

My Name is Ke'van Dudoit. I am a 2009 graduate from Lahainaluna High School from the friendly Island of Molokai. And I am here to ask you to please continue funding the Lahainaluna Boarding Department and not to shut it down.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Department had done a lot not only for, but for my family, my friends and alumni that came before me. I was able to learn how to become an independent person through the work study program which the Lahainaluna Boarding Program offers. The Program goes far beyond than just work and study. It is a stepping stone to life for students from the neighbor islands as well as those living on the other side of Maui. These students gather at lahainaluna to seek independence and learn life long skills that will benefit them in the future. The Boarding Program is full of mixed cultural and personalities that stretch out to the mainland as well as the Marshall and Micronesian Island where living is tough.

The Boarding Department's opening in 1836 gave students from all over Hawaii a chance to learn. Housing more than 100 students from all over the Pacific Basin and Hawaiian Islands in two dormitories, the David Malo dorm for boys and Hoapili for girls, the Boarding Department thrives on hard work. The Lahaina Community is blessed to have the Boarding program. I know this from experience, while boarding at Lahainaluna, the community was always there for the boarders, whether it was a ride to the beach or a helping hand on the school campus.

While Boarding at Lahainaluna I had the opportunity to feel the pride and spirit that the school has. Liming the L on Pu'u Pa'u Pa'u is another tradition that us Boarders do and is known for. You see the boarders hike up Pu'u Pa'u Pa'u to Lime the Perimeter of the L as well as the Bars, which represent the Sporting Championships and the Year which we are currently in. We also take part in events such as football games where we help set up the Football Stadium Facility for Home Games. We help out the Salvation Army during the Christmas season by ringing bells and singing songs. During Graduation the alumni boarders take part in the lighting of the L where the alumni boarders hike up Pu'u Pa'u Pa'u and light the L for the senior graduates and the community. But one thing that Boarders learn, is how to give back to the community for all of their help and support throughout the 174 years, which is our annual David Malo Day Program where the Boarders work months after months rehearsing songs and dances that they will present to the community and alumni on one special date. We learn the importance of giving back to those that gives to you.

I had the great pleasure to become the 1st Molokai Boarder to become the Associated Student Body President of Lahainaluna High School. It was the leadership skills that helped me to become such an important person in such an important role. I represented Lahainaluna High School and The Boarding program in every meeting and event that attended. It was also the beloved Alma Mater that made me a stronger person. Every time I was nervous or scared or just stuck I would sing the Alma mater in my head, and every time I did that, I became strong and moved on to what I was doing. The Alma Mater at Lahainaluna High School is said to be one of those songs that give you the meanest chicken skin feeling. Well The Alma Mater did two things for me, gave

me chicken skin and helped me to become stronger. Just being a Lahainaluna Boarder with all of these great pride and spirit made me stronger as a person.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Program is said to be the heart and soul of the school and the community. Well that's true, but for me and other Lahainaluna Boarders it is the heart and souls in our hearts and bodies. What will happen if the boarding program closes? You will rip our hearts out as well as those that are seeking the opportunity to be a part of a 174 year tradition. So Please don't rip our hearts out, continue to fund the Lahainaluna Boarding Department and keep it open. Boarders as well as students, gather at this place of Lahainaluna, grasp the flaming torch of excellence and let us move forward together.

MAHALO AND GOD BLESS,  
KE"VAN DUDOIT

March 28, 2010

Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Rob Shelton. I serve as President of the Lahainaluna High School Foundation, a nonprofit founded in 2000. Our Mission is to support the school community by providing opportunities and resources, and to assist in preserving and perpetuating Lahainaluna's unique history, culture, and traditions.

Your historic vote today on House Bill 2200 to roll dollars from cuts to student weighted formulas could eliminate a program that is set to celebrate 175 years in 2011.

The Boarding Department is part of the rich culture and tradition that makes Lahainaluna special. Boarding students include those who might otherwise find it difficult to obtain a high school education; those that may benefit by a change in environment, and other applicants in the state who are selected by the Boarding Department Advisory Board.

We realize the many financial difficulties our state faces but don't see any positive benefit of shutting down the Boarding Program. These students take care of the school grounds, set up and breakdown for school and community events and offer many benefits to Maui from their community service projects such as work with Kapalua Maui Charities and others. The DOE would certainly be faced with much larger expenditures to provide the labor necessary to maintain the largest campus in the state as well.

We see first-hand the positive accomplishments of the Boarding program as they nurture these students and assist them with real life lessons, focusing on team building, development of good work habits, and leadership skills. Our Lahainaluna Boarders are hard workers and contribute greatly to the school and the West Maui community.

From the Foundation's point of view, many of our ardent supporters are graduates of the Boarding Program. If the Boarding Department is closed, the school would stand to lose literally hundreds of thousands of dollars which combined provide for grants and sponsorships, endowments, scholarships, and other programs that our Boarder Program alumni faithfully give to our Foundation.

The Westside community is proud of their school and continues to rally together to help due to lagging State funds. A recent example is during the past year, the Realtors Association of Maui Wishing Well program worked with the students to upgrade their dorms with painting projects, repairs, and enhancements to kitchen areas. Private donations also provided for a new computer lab within the dorms. This shows great support for the Boarding program and it would be painful to take that away from the oldest school west of the Rocky Mountains.

We urge you to maintain funding to the Boarding Program which supports education through the many opportunities this program provides. Our school slogan is "Pride and Spirit Since 1831." Pride comes from what this school means to the community, and the Boarding Program is an extremely vital component. Don't diminish our pride with a vote to do away with this educational program.

Instead, please help us continue the effort to perpetuate the torch of excellence in education.

Sincerely,

Rob Shelton, President  
The Lahainaluna High School Foundation

## **kim5 - Deborah**

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**From:** Richard Nishihara [noosh.shore2shore@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 3:01 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony Submitted for Public Hearing HB 2200 3/29/2010

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Testimony submitted for WAM Public Hearing on HB #2200

Madam Chairperson, Distinguished Committee Members:

My name is Richard "Noosh" Nishihara. "Noosh" is a nickname bestowed on me by my fellow Boarders in 1959. I was a four-year boarder at Lahainaluna and served as Boarding Department President during my senior year 1961-62. I currently serve on the Lahainaluna High School Foundation as a Director and Chair the Community Events and Activities Committee.

I am here today to request the Senate Ways and Means Committee consideration and support to restore the funding that was cut DOE budget for the Boarding Department at Lahainaluna High School. Ending a 175-year old tradition must not occur in this way. Not even in these critical economic times.

I personally benefitted from my Boarding Department experience. For me it was the foundation for nearly forty years of international work in agriculture. Countless others undoubtedly can trace their personal success to their own experience as boarders. Generations of others must also be provided a similar opportunity. To zero out the budgetary allocation for the Boarding Department under HB 2200 eliminates forever any such opportunity and ignobly ends a rich tradition that is Lahainaluna.

If it is the wish of the Legislature to permanently shutdown the Boarding Department at Lahainaluna, then any such cessation must be done in a planned, orderly fashion. If the justification for zeroing out the Boarding Department Budget at this time is based solely on budgetary considerations, then the funds must be restored. Ending the 174 year-old program with the stroke of a pen is irresponsible and can only create havoc on Maui's westside Lahaina community and impact heavily on the community's and the school's psyche.

If permanent closure is in fact the Legislature's plan for Lahainaluna's Boarding Department, then you must ensure the provision of funds until appropriate alternatives can be identified and a sustainable program put in place, perhaps through a public-private partnership. The consequences of any other action on the part of the Legislature would I believe be nothing short of a slap in the face for all who have been associated with the Boarding Department and Lahainaluna High School.

Mahlo for providing me an opportunity to present my views today.

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## **kim5 - Deborah**

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**From:** tiffany hernandez [boricuagirl808@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 2:45 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** boarding dept.

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Subject: boarding dept.  
To: [senkim@capital.hawaii.gov](mailto:senkim@capital.hawaii.gov)  
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010, 9:02 AM

Aloha,

My name is Tiffany Hernandez and i am a junior boarder at Lahainaluna high school. I am from the Big Island and i have been boarding for three years. I am also a officer my position is a lieutenant. I would like to say that you shouldn't shut down the boarding department. If you was to my life would be different and devastated because i would have to go back home and go to Keaau high school and i really don't want to. I call Lahainaluna my home because i been a boarder since my freshmen year and my plan is to graduate from Lahainaluna as a boarder.

The boarding helped me a lot in my life. I know how to wash my own laundry, be responsible, manage money, leadership skills, be independent, and work skills. I plan on sending my kids their when i have kids so they can be prepared for life. At Lahainaluna their is so much love you and spirit you can always feel it when you walk around school or listen to us when we sing the Alma mater and O Kou Aloha. When i sing those to songs i can feel the love and i can feel something else it's kind of hard to explain the feeling but if you was to come listen to us sing you can feel the love and spirit we have for our school.

The boarding department means a lot to me and every alumni and boarder attending right now. We all want the boarding department to stay open. Liming the L is a tradition for the boarders we do it twice a year. Also David Malo day is another tradition for us. Lahainaluna is a tradition and it should always be that way you shouldn't change it and shut it down. Please don't shut it down. Mahalo, Tiffany Hernandez

Aloha Ways & Means Committee,

My name is Keola Eharis Rogat. I am a teacher at Lahainaluna High School. I am also a 4-year boarder alum. The Boarding Department at Lahainaluna has been in existence for almost 175 years. It is rich in tradition in Hawaiian values and teaches young men and women on how to be productive citizens. It has taught me independence and life skills at an early age. Many of us began our high school careers as boys and girls and left Lahainaluna as men and women. The program allows students to reach their given potential. Many graduating boarders have become business leaders, lawyers, military service men, and teachers. In the dormitory, I have lived with people from all different races and from distant places. I have had roommates from the Marshall Islands, Waianae, and Maui. We all learned to become one ohana, one family. At times, it was not easy, but that is what brothers and sisters go through.

The work-study program at Lahainaluna shows students the value of hard work and discipline. For a teenager to wake up at 5:45 am before school to tend to work duties, is very impressive. Student's jobs vary in the yard, garden, or farm. All of the grounds at Lahainaluna High School are cared for by the Boarding Department. They do know the value of hard work.

Today, the Lahainaluna Boarding Program are finding ways to be a sustainable energy community. We are trying to harness our most valuable resource on the west side of Maui, the sun. With our growing Biotechnology program, our Boarding Department and the school can find ways to become an eco friendly school.



The Boarding Department and its traditions have been around since the 1830's, the inception of the school. It is one of the oldest schools west of the Mississippi. We also have the distinction of having the only alma mater that is entirely in Hawaiian. Graduating boarders have a deep love of the school and the Boarding Program. I know I do, that is why I came home to become a teacher. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Keola Eharis Rogat  
Lahainaluna High School Teacher  
Boarder class of 1994.

## kim5 - Deborah

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**From:** Kawika [kawikas1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 2:18 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Save the borders

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My name is kawika sasada Iam a 4 year boarder my oldest girl graduated in 2007 my youngest is a freshman in Luna's please I have 3 generations and hopefully more Iam a 83 grad please reevaluate your decision please keep the borders alive in lahainaluna thank you for your time.

## kim5 - Deborah

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**From:** Sigrin Torres Aulenta [siggiekai@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 4:49 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Save Lahainaluna Boarding Dept.

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Dear Senator,

As a Lahainaluna day student Alumni I can say that the Boarding Dept. at the school was a bennefit to all students. What a unique situation to have boarders at a public highschool. It was something we all took pride in. The Boarders always did so much to make the campus beautiful and one of a kind. The boarding Dept. offered a way for students who lived in the more remote areas of the islands to experience "highschool" and to get a great education. I remember a friend who was a boarder who hailed all the way from the Marshall Islands. What a wonderful cultural exchange. Please don't close the boarding dept., with the islands changing so much, lets try to perserve one of our Jems.

All the Best,

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**From:** Clifford Klask [clifford.klask@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 5:17 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** Sen. Shan Tsutsui  
**Subject:** Fw: Lahainaluna Boarding Dept.

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**From:** Clifford Klask  
**To:** senenglish@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 27, 2010 5:40 AM  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna Boarding Dept.

In 1964, I became a Boarder of Lahainaluna until I graduated in 1967. The circumstances of why I became a Boarder was because my father needed to place me in a school, where I needn't have to move around with him, as his job frequently took him to work on different islands. My parents were divorced and at the time that was the best situation for me. I have to say, that those years will always be cherished by me, as I had learned to garden, took care of live animals, operated trucks and bulldozer, learned to build rock walls and many more teachings that most people my age would never have learned in high school. Above all, we were taught the discipline of working on time, morning and afternoons, and even on Saturdays. We had specific dress codes, study halls, room inspections, and this is just to say the least of being a Boarder.

I often think about how being a Boarder from Lahainaluna, affected my adult life, as I moved on. It definitely gave me the edge, when I left Lahainaluna and enlisted in the U.S. Army soon after graduation. I remembered how important it was to live and work alongside each other. One of my proudest moments in life, was to serve my country after 2 tours in Vietnam, and being a Lahainaluna Boarder.

I ask that you help preserve that Boarders tradition, and keep it going for the betterment of all those who passed through those dormitories.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Clifford Klask (Class of 1967)

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**From:** Steve Godzsak [patnsteve@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:14 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Kupuna Care

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To: Committee on Ways and Means, Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Date: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., State Capitol Room 211  
Re: HB 2200, HD 1 Relating to the State Budget

I wish to express grave concerns regarding funding the Kupuna Care Program - a program that helps senior citizens cope with daily living assistance. These seniors depend on the services provided by the Kupuna Care Program for their health and well-being by providing meals, bathing, and basic transportation so that they may age in place with dignity and as much self reliance as physically possible. The Kupuna Care Program is a valuable and cost effective program - please find the means to continue its funding. Thank you for listening to this concerned citizen. Mahalo.

Steve Godzsak  
871 Hele Mauna Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 6:37 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** phillipsa008@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB2200 on 3/29/2010 9:00:00 AM

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Testimony for WAM 3/29/2010 9:00:00 AM HB2200

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Submitted on: 3/28/2010

**Comments:**

Please support Kupuna Care Bill HB 2200  
and HB 2542. I have had experience with my mom and could not have done it without Kupuna  
Care.

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**From:** Lisa Agdeppa [keolani2@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:30 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna

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Please do not shut down a tradition that is over 150 years old. Don't let the kids suffer

Lisa agdeppa  
Alumni 1986

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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**From:** Kalena Hoopii [kalenahoopii@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:13 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony

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My name is Kalena Kawohikukapulani Hoopii and I am a first year boarder at Lahainaluna High School. From a beautiful valley called Kahakuloa. I've heard about this program because both of my parents including my family memebbers had attended this school and had also graduated as 4 year boarders. Now my sister is currently a 3 year boarder also stands in the position as a secretary at the dormatory. I Think that this school and this program is more than just a boarding department, to me.... its like a 2nd HOME. The people that i pratically live with here is like my brothers and sisters. After a few weeks at this department i could feel myself changing. I have gained independence, I have been doing better in school and I've also learned from my mistakes in the pass. When i heard about the Boarding department getting shut down the first time, i was really sad and upset. I was thinking to myself like why would they want to shut this program down when the students that attend this program learn alot, look forward to how their future is going to turn out and also get some where in life. This program is a head start for all of us to become independent, and also a head start for collage. I dont need to always depend on my parents any more to wash my clothes, clean my room and everything else. At my home town I live like a whole hour away from school so my parents would always have to drive me there after a while it gets sickening. So because i live at school it only takes me like a minute or two to get to school I have a faster way to get to my education now. Also i would always have someone here that i can go to when im down or just feeling upset. One thing that i have experienced in this program was waking up like 5:30 in the morning and getting ready for work. I believe that this program should still be standing for the next generation and future generation. I would really hope to graduate from this school as a four year boarder so that I can follow my parents foot steps. In other schools i see girls pregnant when there my age and sometimes younger. I had never seen or heard of one girl that has gotten pregnant at a young age like this in the boarding department. So imagine how all of these girls are going to be if you guys shut this boarding department down and watch those young kids take care of their own kids. The boarding department was put here for a reason. As you can see alot of people care about it, and if you do shut it down its going to be a big impact, not only on the present boarders but the future and the pass also people that the boarding department had given community service to like the homeless shelter. I really hope you change your guys mind about shutting down the department for good. Oh and one more thing this program has so much beliefs and traditions like David Malo Day, Boarders Chorus, and most importantly the Liming of the L which is the highlight of our school. My heart is with the boarding department. So really think again about what you are doing and how its going to affect alot of people.

Sincerly, Kalena

## **Imua Lunas**

**Gather this place at Lahainaluna, Grasp the torch or  
experience and Let us all move forward together.**

**'O ka Malu 'ulu o lele**

**(oh, the land of shadow of the flying bread fruit)**



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**From:** fallynyoung@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:15 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony

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aloha i am a boarder at Lahinaluna i wanted to email what i needed to say just so i new i had a good input in what i believe. well i am a three year boarder and yes lahaina has taught me different things like waking up and working everyday. also how to live on my own but at the same time it has also taught me many bad traits a lot of the boarders here do drugs and also sale to many of the day students and another thing is that sadly i am an un-lucky one and i was picked on and because are councilors do not take much responsibility in watching us they seem to think we are adults. i believe this boarding department should shut down everybody says TRADITION this and TRADITION that but at the end of the day tradition is not going to pay all the bills and basically what the state is paying for is the running shower water that is wasted everyday and the toilet paper that is on the floors of are bathroom. besides that are dorms aren't even in good standing water leeks though the floors and what not. this program has come along way but there is no since in keeping it because we can all just go to are district schools tax payers money should go towards things like are educations such as eliminating furloughs. i have many other things to state but what it comes down to is that you guys need to make the write decision and also remeber half of all the people that will testify will manly state things about tradition but this program is not about tradition anymore. stealing drug saleing and just today i watched a fight happen between two boys. and nobody stopped it and this is what happens everyday! i hope you read my message with an open mind and sorry i had to rush to write this at the last 10mins. of study so please dont mind my mistakes. also please write me back! aloha and thanks agine for taking the time to read

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**From:** Phillip Anamizu [phil\_anamizu@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:12 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Lahainaluna HS Boarding Department

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CC: keikis5@hawaii.rr.com  
Subject: Lahainaluna HS Boarding Department  
Date: Tue, 23 Mar 2010 21:33:38 +0000

Mar. 23, 2010

Aloha Honorable Senators:

Please do not cut the Lahainaluna Boarding Department from the Department of Education's budget. Besides being an integral part of the high school, the Boarding Department, like the high school, has a rich and treasured history. In the past, Lahainaluna and its Boarding Department had the reputation of being the school for the "bad" boys...boys because up until 1967 or 1968, the Boarding Department was for boys only. And yes, many of the boys who enrolled as boarders may have been "bad" when they first got there but I can testify from experience that a great majority of the boarders who graduated from Lahainaluna became good upstanding citizens.

Unlike a private school like Kamehameha who takes nothing but the "cream of the crop", Lahainaluna's selection criteria includes:

1. Those in the state who otherwise would have difficulty obtaining a high school education;
2. Those in the state who may benefit from a change in environment;
3. Applicants from the Pacific Basin countries who may benefit from the boarding and day school program;
4. And other applicants in the state who are selected by the Boarding Department Advisor Board.

Understandably, the School and Boarding Department has gone through many changes. The working environment for the boarders has changed over the course of time. From what I've been told, the dairy, poultry, vegetable and fruit farm are no longer in existence. The vocational shops (i.e. Agriculture, Carpentry, Machine, and Automotive shop), once the "best" in the State, are only skeletal images of what they used to be. All these, in the past, made Lahainaluna almost self-sufficient. All the food the school needed once grew or were raised on the farm and all the equipment were maintained in the shops. More than just providing work for the boarders, the work provides an invaluable learning experience. Although the work environment has changed, where else in the State can a kid learn to be independent, responsible, and accountable at such a young age.

If success or failure of a school is measured by the amount of positive change in students, then the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department should be ranked amongst the highest in the State. Therefore, instead of cutting the budget and proposing to close the boarding department, the Department of Education should be celebrating and promoting Lahainaluna's Boarding Department.

Regards,  
Phil Anamizu  
LHS Boarder, class of 1966

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**From:** gerkjam@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:08 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** Sen. Shan Tsutsui  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna High School

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Dear Mr. Tsutsui,

This is to let you know that I am fully in favor of keeping the Boarding Department open for those students that need this housing available for them.

My father, Robert S. Tamaye, is a 1938 graduate of Lahainaluna High School. This high school education was made possible for him because of the boarding program. Throughout our upbringing we were constantly reminded about his time at Lahainaluna. Whenever he visited Maui, (he was from Honokaa, on the Big Island), he made sure that he visited his old school and would recall all of his experiences as a boarder, and in 1936-38, I'm sure it is quite different from what is today. However, the memories would all be quite similar.

I am a resident of Maui and fully support in continuing funding for the Lahainaluna Boarding program.

Aloha, and mahalo,

Mary Ann Gerken  
Kihei, 96753

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**From:** panui shepard [onoliciouss@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 8:14 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Boarding at the oldest school West of the Rockies: Lahainaluna High 1831

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Aloha,

What does it mean to Board at the oldest school of Hawaii nei, Lahainaluna High School - oldest school West of the Rockies. **"Opportunity to be more than what you can image".**

My cousins from Molokai have come to learn in an excellent enviroment of Pride & Honor. Offering students from all islands a chance to excel in education, art of hula & Hawaiian music and meet other faculty who were willing to guide them on their journey to success.

Taking Ownership in their living enviroment, grounds and school community gave them a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves. Learning to grow with other young teenagers and encouraging each other so much so....that they became their extended Ohana.

My mom would pick up any boarder walking to town & feed them if they were brought to our home to relax or hang out with my cousins. I have watched these young men and women grow up and become strong citizens of our Hawaiian Islands, essential to our survival. Let's strive to strengthen our youth and enable them to reach their full potential.

We the people of Hawaii, need to KEEP this Boarding department of Lahainaluna High School alive!

Mahalo,

Mrs. Angela Panuiokalani Shepard (Naeole)

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**From:** flomiyazono@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 8:18 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Save LHS Boarding Department

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To all that really cares:

I can probably say a lot of things here that you probably have already heard so I will instead save all of you the time and make this really short and just get to the point. We have heard so much about the importance of being a positive influence in "**making our community a better place to live in**," There are many boarders that has generously given many hours of their time to many worthwhile agencies throughout the community such as the Cancer & Heart Association, Boys & Girls Clubs, and many more have become board members of non-profit agencies that provide the many needed services in our community. Unlike many others that were not fortunate to attend LHS as a boarder, we were all thought the importance of friendship and love at a very early age.

When we were young, we were of course very naive and was not very familiar with our environment. We have seen many boarders from different backgrounds come together as one. There were those that I felt at that time came from broken homes and came from parents that may have not "treated them very well." At first I was really scared and believed that they would eventually "rip me off" or worse yet, physically beat me to a pulp but after a while I found out that they were no different from all of us. They just needed the attention we all deserve and although I may have been wrong, I felt that they may have been deprived of a good family environment which many of us take for granted. Without really trying very hard, they became our Brothers not only during the 4 years at school but they have become our "friends for life" With this experience many "brothers" has given back and I must say that I am extremely proud of what I have learned as a boarder that has taken many of us to a different height.

Mahalo all for your consideration as we all strive to "make this community a better place to live in.!!"

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**From:** Kathleen Giambalvo [Kathleen@KaanapaliLand.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 8:15 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna High School boarding department

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Dear Senators:

The Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program has been an integral part of this school for 174 years. This unique program has provided educational opportunities for thousands of students over the years and has supplied the school, and community, with a stream of individuals who continue to contribute to their respective communities in meaningful ways. This singularly successful program has also proven itself to be an effective way to develop the qualities of character, responsibility, and community service that result in outstanding members of our society.

The Boarding Program helps to pay in part for itself by being the janitorial department, landscape department, most of the agricultural department, and maintenance crew for the school. All these tasks would have to be hired out with the removal of the boarding department and its culture.

The elimination of this exceptional program would be a monumental error on the part of our elected officials. Please help save this unique and valuable program.

Mahalo,

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**From:** Cassidy Boteilho [cassidyk@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 7:42 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** LAHAINALUNA BOARDING DEPARTMENT

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Boarding at Lahainaluna has been the best part of my life so far, which may not be saying much coming from an upcoming 20 year old, but I honestly don't think anything will top the experience I've had there. Till this day I try to explain to people why I love it so much, and why I talk about it with such enthusiasm even 2 years after graduating. I haven't been able to, its funny because though I can never describe it to someone who hasn't been a part of it, I know that if a boarder were to read this they would immediately understand what I mean, though they may not have the words to describe it either.

My freshmen year at Lahaina was Katy Greer's last year there as counselor for Hoapili (Girls) Dorm. One thing from that year I will always remember her saying is that, when you become a boarder something inside you changes. I think it happens when you're no longer just a part of boarding and it becomes a part of you. I've never met a single boarder who has left the program that doesn't regret it and miss it. Nor have I met an alumnus that isn't proud of graduating as a boarder.

The brothers and sisters I have gained through my time there are people that I will always hold dear to my heart, I think about them everyday and miss them everyday. They are the people you turn to when you have a problem because you know that they will always be there for you and, in turn, you will always be there for them. We're a family in every sense of the word aside from actual genetics and in a lot of cases we're more of a family then some.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Department has given so much to me and the people that have went before me, depriving future generations of this would be a shame. Students their learn time management, how to be independent, what its like to have obligations your day student peers may not have to think about until college or maybe even later for some. But boarding is about so much more than that, for many it is an experience that can never be matched.

My opinion may not mean much being that I am still somewhat a fresh alumnus and haven't even begun to dip my toes in the pool of life. However, the things that I talk about are evident not just in me but also in those that have come before me. When they talk about learning the alma mater, performing at David Malo Day, hiking to the "L", their different duties they're have at work, and various other experiences, you sense a longing in their eyes and voice.

There's a pride at Lahainaluna that lives in every student. Its what brings tears to the eyes of the students, alumni, faculty, staff, the community and even random visitor every time we hear our alma mater being sung. Its what inspires so many people to write to you all. And its what will live on long after the boarding department is closed, which may happen one day, but its time hasn't com yet.

After 174 years of service to its students, school and community, the Lahainaluna Boarding Department still has so much more to offer and I beg you to consider all aspects of this special place, before voting to shut it down.



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**From:** Chanelle Oliveira [kalamac1@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 7:32 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna Boarding Department Testimony

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Aloha,

I am writing in regards to the issue with the Lahainaluna Boarding Department. I heard about it closing down. I am writing to express what it did for me and how it has impacted my life. I was born and raised in Hana, where everything is very limited. I wanted to attend a school that offered more opportunities. I only had one option and that was to attend Lahainaluna's boarding department. I picked up the application and started to work on it. I was accepted and that's when my entire life changed.

As a boarder I learned to be independent. Without any family members to assist me with simple tasks, like washing my clothes or managing my money forced me to learn how to do everything on my own. I also learned to make correct choices and to prioritize everything. By my senior year, I applied for scholarships as well as the college I wanted to attend on my own. I was awarded more scholarships than I expected. I did not have any assistance from my parents, except to have them send me my birth certificate or any other documents that were required as well as their signature when required. After I graduated I bought my own vehicle, found a place to live, and started to attend school while holding 2 jobs. I once again had no assistance from my parents.

Lahainaluna also taught me about time management. As a boarder we were busy from the moment we woke up to lights out. Throughout the entire day, we only had about 3 hours of freedom. The rest of our day was scheduled. Therefore we had to juggle working for our room and board, doing school work to get educated as well as any extracurricular activities such as sports. I feel that because I learned to manage myself at such a young age, I am able to manage today. Today I am working 2 jobs and attending college. It's hard to manage, however because of Lahainaluna I am able to do it.

As I look at my younger siblings who did not attend, we are very different. They are not independent and are still dependent on my parents. They are both very young and are already single parents still living with family. Therefore I feel that if it was not for Lahainaluna, I would not be where I am today in life.

I feel that Lahainaluna has changed my life and has positively impacted my life.

Mahalo and thank you for reading my testimony. I hope you understand how it has steered my life and how it continues to steer the future generation.

Mahalo,  
Chanelle Kalama-Oliveira

To whom it may concern:

I've been hearing rumors lately about closing the Boarding Department at Lahainaluna High School. Please, **I beg you**, do not take the funding away from the Boarding Department!

I would like to take this opportunity to beseech you not to do that. Lahainaluna Boarding Department is so ingrained in the school that to close it down will change the whole essence of Lahainaluna. There have been thousands of students who benefited from the Boarding Department throughout generations of families who boarded there from grandfathers, to fathers, to sons and then even daughters. They have learned to become independent and have matured in an environment that instilled pride and love for Lahainaluna and their Boarding Department. Lahainaluna High School and their Boarding Department is steeped in tradition, and the pride and loyalty that all the young adults feel for Lahainaluna upon graduating, goes beyond the normal bonding a student feels for their school.

This is a great place to grow up surrounded by the West Maui Mountains overlooking Lahaina Town with the beautiful colors of the sunsets on the horizon near Lanai, as a backdrop. Where else can you find a more beautiful and serene setting for young adults to mature and be taught skills and training to get out there in the world and excel. It's also a life saver for kids who live in the rural sections of Hawaii and want to play in all different types of sports, to get accepted into the Boarding Department and make their dreams come true.

Please don't take this away from the future generations of young people who are looking forward to following in their ohana's footsteps as a boarder at the oldest school west of the Rockies, Lahainaluna. Imua Lunas!

Very truly yours,

*Terry T. Young*

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**From:** Teri Sutherland [beadingsmybag@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 6:54 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna Boarding department

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Everyone knows we are in a budget crisis but does that mean we need to stop a program that is good for kids? Not only would you be cutting out part of Hawaii's history but you would be cutting a program that has benefited thousands and saved thousands from not just quitting school but quitting life as well. I am a 1979 graduate from Lahainaluna and proud of what the school stands for. The boarding department is essential to the campus and the students that have the privilege to be a part of the boarding department and a part of this schools history! No other school in the Hawaiian islands has this kind of boarding program or the rich history that Lahainaluna has, matter of fact no school in the United States has what Lahainaluna has. So do what is right, save history and let no child be left behind. Do not eliminate Lahainaluna's boarding program!

Teresa Sutherland MA ED.  
Lahainaluna 1979 graduate

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**From:** Roland [prietor@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 7:36 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna Boarding Program

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Aloha members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee,

I am sure you have received and heard of several testimonies concerning tradition at this most special school, my Alma mater so I will forego any testimony pertaining to that area. I will say that my wife & I plan on sending our son there hopefully as a boarder. This will enable him to learn responsibility with some semblance of independence. This is a special school with a special boarding program rich in tradition. I urge you to continue to support the program and include it's funding in the budget.

Mahalo.

Roland Prieto, LHS Class of 1989

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Siangco, Joseph [jsiangco@honolulu.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 6:32 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony For the Boarding Program at Lahainaluna High School

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March 28, 2010

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Joseph Siangco, Jr., and I was recently informed that the Ways and Means Committee cut funding for the boarding department at Lahainaluna High School. Please restore funding to this valuable program.

As a four-year boarder from Molokai, I know firsthand the value of this 175-year old program. At Lahainaluna, my fellow boarders and I were taught to be independent and industrious. We learned how to be leaders and team players. I graduated from the school in 1970 and served as president of the boarders association in my senior year. After high school, I enlisted in the US Air Force and retired after 21 years of service.

Past and present Lahainaluna boarders are hard workers who contribute greatly to the school and West Maui community. Closing the boarding department would be a terrible mistake and significant loss for both students and the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Joseph Siangco, Jr.

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**From:** Katherine Kekahuna [k\_kekahuna@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 5:22 PM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** SAVE OUR LAHAINA LUNA HS BOARDING PROGRAM

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Aloha,

My name is:  
Gordon Kekahuna  
1700 Hanohano St.  
Lahaina, HI 96761

We here on the island of Maui find it very distasteful that politicians on Oahu should decide on the possible closing of the Lahaina Luna High School Boarding program in the next few years because of money. The oldest school west of the rocky mountains. I am not a graduate of Lahaina Luna HS but I was born and raised on the island of Maui and a graduate of Saint Anthony High School and a resident of Lahaina. My wife and I also have through the many years taken in boarding students from different islands and through getting to know these students who have long since graduated have found that the program has changed their lives completely making them better person then when the first entered the boarding program. SAVE LAHAINA LUNA HIGH SCHOOL BOARDING PROGRAM FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN, LEADERS OF THESE ISLANDS FUTURE.

MAHALO

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**From:** Darcel Gilbert [darcelg@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 6:55 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony; Sen. Donna Mercado Kim; Sen. Shan Tsutsui  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program

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Attn: Senator ShanTatsui  
Senator Donna Mercado Kim

I have lived in Lahaina for 30 years.

The Boarding program at Lahainaluna High School is a unique feature of LHS and Lahaina town.

The Boarders form an exceptional bond and their constant presence on campus are a reminder of the history and stewardship nurtured on the grounds of the oldest school west of the Rockies.

This is an education that can not be duplicated.

Please continue funding this program

Mahalo,  
Darcel Gilbert, M.D.  
Lahaina, HI

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**From:** Dias, Gary [gary.dias@mauielectric.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 7:05 AM  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna Boarding Dept

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To whom it may concern:

Good morning, I am a past Boarder that Graduated in 1979. Please consider a vote on to keep this program alive. Please here my plea to you and the State. This is a program that is priceless in the sense for the teaching of real life experiences. My name is Gary Dias. I graduated as class President of this program. Combined with my up bringing and this program it made life a lot easier to live each day. After High School I joined the U.S. Air Force, and because of this program it made it easy for me, a boy from a rural place on Maui to Travel by myself and to be independent, and Basic Training and technical Training was an easy task. Times has changed economically but not Traditions at this School which the Boarding Department plays a Huge Role in implementing its duties. From Liming of the "L" twice a year, David Malo Day Program, to pay respect to his grave site on the summit of Mount Ball(David Malo Grave). Also to Mr. Baybayan Grave side also located on the side of the "L". The Lighting of the "L" on Graduation Night. These Traditions are but only a Few. Care for the Campus and the Historic Hale Pa'i. This was the first printing press on the island maybe the State. From Athletics to Education this Department strives to teach young Students the real life experiences. We work for our Room and Board, and meals. Lahainaluna was founded in 1831. This School is 179 years and counting. If you're a Boarder for some reason you needed to be one. From Family Hardships, to Students in Rural areas across the State we came. This department made a difference for all who came. Whether it was one year or for Four years it made a positive difference. I guess I'm asking for a study to close it. To find alternatives to keep it running. From Private Sector, to having a Tuition to go there. I think there are many options to do things. From past Boarders past and present. From myself President 1979, my Brother President 1976, my Brother Sergeant 1974, my Grandfather Class 1923, my Stepson 2000. From Generations like us. This is my Testimony that I give. I would have been their in person but due to my short notice I cannot. All my Statements are true. I owe this Department part of my life as I gave it four years of my Blood and Sweat with no regrets. I only see the negative impact on the Students there now and the Community and across this State if the outcome is passed. So I humbly ask for a Vote for this Program to keep moving forward, maybe a little different way, but in the same Direction of excellence. Thank You !

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To Whom it may concern:

I am a product of the Lahainaluna Boarding Department. Independent, self sufficient, tax paying, Hawaii resident. The lessons learned as a young high school student carried me and continues to influence my daily life. Make no mistake, my character at entry was not angelic, but lessons of hard work, team work, comradery, became part of my personality. Also by attending Lahainaluna Boarding Department, it relieved my single mother economically. She was supporting both of her parents in the same household, by my enrollment at Lahainaluna boarding department it helped alleviate some of the economic stress. The Lahainaluna Boarding department does serve a segment of the Hawaii student population, there are no alternative programs that provide similar provisions.

The Hawaii DOE carries other programs that are carried at various schools that are in relative proximity to each other, you can always cut one school and combine schools to sever the same student population. The Lahainaluna Boarding Dept is one of kind, there is no combining with others. It must be retained and funded to continue to serve that student segment.

Repectfully Submitted,  
Aaron Uno  
Boarder '66

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I'm emailing because I cannot be there in person to testify in front of the Ways and Means Committee regarding the Lahainaluna Boarding Department. Please continue to restore funding for the boarding program at Lahainaluna High School. It's long history and uniqueness is a living historical treasure and traditon that must continue. Please consider the impact of an education that is being deprived by kids that may not have the opportunity to expand their life skills and broaden their education. Mahalo,  
James Francisco c/o 86

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Ano 'ai Ke Aloha Kakou members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee,

I am writing in regards to an extraordinary decision that lies in your hands, a decision that could ultimately alter or change the educational, traditional, & cultural landscape of not only a community but a state and its people.

In 2011, Lahainaluna High School Boarding program will be celebrating 175 years of an unparalleled educational tradition, a tradition that is linked & rooted directly to the history of Hawaii. There is NO other institute, school, or University that carries such an integral part of Hawaii's educational and cultural history. Come April 15, 2011 it is OUR kuleana to celebrate not only the history of Lahainaluna's Boarding Program, but also its future.

I can go on and on about the positive impact the Lahainaluna Boarding Program has had on its current students, alumni, its families, its friends, the community and the state and everyone directly or indirectly related to the school, but, I am pretty sure you have an idea.

If not, I encourage you to read with an open heart each and every letter of testament to Lahainaluna's Boarding Program, to somehow understand the validity of our fight, the depth of our responsibility.

No matter where you grew up, no matter your high school alumni, no matter your current status in life, Lahainaluna Boarding Department has had some kind of impact on you. And if it hasn't, it will now.

I urge you to fill your hearts with pride, your minds with tradition and your soul with responsibility. At that point you will understand why Lahainaluna boarding Department must continue on.

I have also attached a Q & A interview and an article I had with Lahaina news.

Mahalo piha

Michael Makani Tabura,  
Lahainaluna High School (c/o 1989)  
4 year Boarder 1986 -1989

## **From My Interview with Lahaina News....**

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

1) When were you a boarding student at LHS?

I was a 4 year Boarder from the island of Lana'i from 1986-1989. Served as an officer and Vice President of the Boarding Department and Student Body President of the school my Senior year. My Boarder Lineage goes back to 1936, from my first uncle to my younger brothers

2) Why was the boarding program a good option for you and your family?

So many reasons. The majority of males in my family had attended Lahainaluna as Boarders since 1936 and I wanted to continue that tradition. Also, being from the island of Lana'i I was looking at a chance at more opportunity to grow educationally and personally. And coming from a family of 4 boys and my mother being a single parent, I thought the perfect way to ease her daily life as a single parent was, one less mouth to feed and less clothes to wash!

3) What did you learn through the program in the ways of hard work, responsibility and discipline?

I believe exactly that, the hardwork, the responsibility and discipline were core strengths and values of a Boarder. There is no where else in this world that you are not only taught these values but you are in it, experiencing it. An "in the field" "on the job" training so to speak. You never know the fruits of your labor until you get your hands dirty or your mind thinking. Whether it was working in the orchard, in poultry or yard duties, I learned really quick, like the olelo no'eau says, "Aohe loa i ka noho wale. (Nothing is gained by idleness.) ...without hardwork there is no success. And being a Boarder has truly taught me the meaning and feeling of hard work.

To learn responsibility was even more hard work..being 14 years old living somewhat on my own I also had to learn quick that I must hold myself accountable for my actions and my thoughts. Simple things that made huge impacts on my value of responsibility, learning to wash my own clothes, cleaning not only my room but the dorms on a daily basis, making sure I stayed on top of my school work, chores and sports, budgeting and being responsible with my money all the while just trying to be a teenager. It's amazing what a huge part of my adult life and thought process has come from this part of my life, this learning has taught me the true meaning of kuleana.

Discipline...So many aspects to this, the first thing I can think of was the kind that was dealt with quickly at the Dorms. It wasn't the kind of discipline you were used to, getting a scolding or "licken" from your parents, it was discipline that made you think about what you did. I remember when someone had stolen some money and we were confined to our rooms during study time with no breaks, not being able to leave our rooms. A study session from 6p - 10p. That's where I learned the other side of discipline, I needed to learn to take advantage of this "opportunity" to really study. Will I have enough discipline to make sure I use this time to study, but yet think about why we are in this predicament.

4) Did living at Lahainaluna change you as a teenager?

Being a boarder changed me not only as an adult, but hugely as a teenager. I

remember a senior telling me once, your goal is to "come in as a peanut and not come out peanut butter!" Not really sure how to take that at the time, but it eventually meant to me to keep it together, don't get smashed and lose the opportunity the school is presenting to me.

Prior to being at Lahainaluna I was your typical lazy teen. I even remember my grandfather saying, "when you going to Lahaina, your uncles came out good, not good for nothin'!"

One of the biggest things that changed me as a teen at Lahainaluna was being aware of my potential. The faculty, the staff my 120 brothers and sisters in the dorms help me to realize that opportunity is there and that I have the potential. Not taking anything away from Lana'i, but at the time I believe there was much more opportunity for me.

It also taught me, "'Ike aku, 'ike mai. Kōkua aku, kōkua mai. Pēlā ka nohona 'ohana." (Watch, observe. Help others and accept help. That is the family way.)

5) What does the program mean to the school and the kids enrolled in it?

Im going to try to keep this one short, my commentary could be endless. We need to realize the importance of the Boarding program not only to The school and the Boarders but the importance to Hawaii, the United States and the world. When Lorrin Andrews founded Lahainaluna he instantly made a huge impact on the United States, establishing the 1st school west of not the Rockies but the Mississippi, and producing some of Hawaii's top scholars, scholars that have major roles in Hawaii and its culture. Or as I see them now as Kupuna we cannot let down.

I get choked up thinking of what Lahainaluna means to the school and its students, and more importantly its community. The First of many things that come to mind is, What is a Chief without his people? or an Olelo No'eau that says, "'i le'a ka hula i ka ho'opa'a" (the hula is pleasing because of the drummer or chanter.) The boarding program means very simple, educational and personal opportunity to move forward. I cannot say enough how much Lahainaluna Boarding dpt means to the school, like I said commentary is endless, its hard to put into words, its almost rhetorical.

So it is much bigger than that...As one of my friends and classmate from Lahainaluna had said, of Lorrin Andrews "Every Hawaiian is indebted to this man- if not for him, David Malo and Samuel Kamakau would have studied Greek and Hebrew!"

Whether you are Hawaiian, Haole, Japanese, Phillipino, what ever your race or culture, a day-student, a boarder, faculty or staff, a parent of a student, or even a tourist who travels up Lahainaluna Rd. to take pictures of the only public boarding school in existence, this Boarding program does and will impact lives now as it did when Lorrin Andrews first started it. The Boarding program is as important as the Iolani Palace is to Hawaii.

6) Why should the boarding program be preserved?

I think a part of my above commentary can be used as well. I never thought in my life I would actually use the phrase, "it feels like my heart has been ripped from my chest."

The feeling I got and still have when I caught wind of the news to close the program.

The preservation of Lahainaluna's Boarding Dpt is crucial to the survival of Lahainaluna, and its community as a whole. Just as David Malo thought to create his book, "Hawaiian Antiquities" to preserve the culture of a people that was slowly being lost. We to MUST follow the footsteps of our tradition and preserve the culture of the Lahainaluna Boarding dpt. However, we shouldn't have to refer to a book to remind us of what once

was, but rather send our children's children to Lahainaluna to experience first hand what it is.

To close the boarding Dpt would be like closing down Iolani Palace or the Bishop museum. I cannot find the words to describe the impact of it. Just the thought and talks of it already kills my very soul. It says specifically on our crest and our song, "O KEIA KE KUKUI PIO 'OLE I KA MAKANI O KAUA'ULA." Nothing, absolutely nothing...not even the winds of Kauaula will extinguish the torch. To close this program will be just that, the torch of knowledge will cease to exist.

Our Lahainaluna founders, scholars, kupuna and ancestors have given us our kuleana or responsibility to continue what they have started, for the betterment of the school, its community and its people.

In 1831, it was these very people, the directors who had said, "It is the design of the high school....to disseminate sound knowledge throughout the islands...eventually to elevate the whole mass of people from thier present ignorance that they may become a thinking enlightend and virtous people."

We must not let down our Kupuna.....

Mahalo for the opportunity to voice my mana'o

Makani Tabura

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**From:** haneoo@helloworld.com  
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Aloha:

My name is Earle Medeiros "English" and I reside in Haneo'o, Hana, Maui. I am a former four year Boarder at Lahainaluna and graduated from there in 1973. I never regretted going to the Boarding department. It taught me values and responsibility that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I also have "for life" friends from every island whom to this day, I still get together with. I can also go to every island in Hawaii and have a place or two that I can stay at. As an outsider, who's never boarded at LHS, you cannot feel or see the greatness of being a Boarder. They taught me the history of Lahainaluna and instills in every Boarder a sense of pride that cannot be explained. The work, the schooling, the sports, the caring, the responsibilities, the tradition cannot be matched by any other school here or anywhere else in this world. To take this away from the kids of Hawaii would be a sin that cannot and will not be forgiven. This Boarding department is a treasure and cannot be replaced...174 years strong. The problem with Hawaii today is we are taking our Hawaii right out of Hawaii, maybe we can call these islands.

I also have a daughter who attended LHS and also was a four year Boarder. She is now attending University of Hawaii at Manoa as a second year student. She graduated in 2008 and wants to be a Doctor. Let other kids of Hawaii experience what my daughter and I have at LHS. Imua Boarding department!

Aloha Nui Loa,

Earle Kuikahi Medeiros "English"  
Boarders President 1973

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Hello honored representatives,

My name is Patrick K. Ross & I'm a very proud 1985 graduate of Lahainaluna.

My education from said helped me directly to obtain my bachelor's degree in business from Colorado State University, and more recently, my MBA from Pepperdine. To a large degree, my experience at Lahainaluna helped give me skills that I continue to utilize today while I run my 13-year old business, TerranSoft, Inc.

Although today, I reside in Los Angeles, my Ohana still reside on Maui. When I refer to Ohana, as you know, of course I mean my family & entire community - of Lahaina, including Lahainaluna.

Although I did not board at Lahainaluna, several of my friends & classmates - as I said, my Ohana - did. Hana, Kauai, Oahu, the Big Island, & several other parts of Hawaii, & even the mainland, did (& do) boarders come from.

Today, my nephew, Joey Lum Lung, boards there while his parents & brothers still reside in Las Vegas. His mother is another very proud graduate of Lahainaluna & her pride obviously bled (red & white) to Joey.

Although not in the same fashion as Kamehameha, boarding at Lahainaluna gives some an opportunity to earn a quality education where they may not be able to otherwise.

I implore you to do all you can to keep the boarding department thriving at the oldest school west of the Rockies. I would like others, even from far away places, to experience the same education that I did from Lahainaluna. And to take that education farther than I have.

I would write more, but Lahainaluna also taught me to be succinct.

Please keep the boarding department a part of Lahainaluna.

Mahalo,  
Patrick K. Ross



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**From:** Larry Hu [lluna5556@sbcglobal.net]  
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Aloha,

I can honestly say my four years as a boarder at LHS was life changing, for I was headed in the direction of distruction. I remember families such as mine, living up country Maui, becoming a boarder, eased the hardship of my parents who were struggling for survival. Raising four children was not easy during those times so being accepted into LHS Boarding Department was an answer to their prayers. Boarders worked very hard, on campus, for our room and board. I can only imagine the same scenerio happening today for many families who are living as we were, who are reaching for and needing people like you in todays system, to help them fufill a dream for an education for their children. Families who live in remote areas and families who have hardships send their children to Lahainaluna to have a start in a complex and troubled world.

I am proud to say an uncle preceeded me in the late 20's, two brothers '50 and 51, and I, in '55, were prepared, as boarders, for the real world. I learned respectability big time, to appreciate ohana and what it means, to accept and have responsibility, and an education second to none. This was the best four years of my life.

Don't let our beloved LHS Boarding Department be eliminated. I beg you. You will be doing a great disservice to hundreds of future young adults, who are in need of a helping hand. Please find ways to improve the system, not close the door on our young that are reaching out for your hand. Do not pass HB2200....I beg you.

Mahalo,  
Lawrence Hu, '55  
Member of Lahainaluna Boarders Association

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**From:** Kirsten Lum Lung [kirstenlumlung@yahoo.com]  
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"I can't imagine a person becoming a SUCCESS who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got."

Walter Cronkite

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**From:** Herman Nakoa Jr. [hnakoa@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** Leave Lahaina Alone

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There is no reason for you to be taking away monies from Lahainaluna or any school in Hawaii. You folks already did the damage with the power trip games on the budget. If it wasn't for this school, i don't think there would have been a UH Manoa. Its the oldest school west of the rockies and you know it has history. Raise the tax in Hawaii so all the people will share the pain to help our islands.  
Well, make a pono decision and do whats right!!!!

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**From:** Joseph Kaina [localbraddah65@yahoo.com]  
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My name is Joseph and I have been through the Lahainaluna Boarding Department. I am shocked to hear that they want to discontinue the program. There is an opportunity here that is at stake for any future student who wants to take advantage of. This program is a tool for kids who want to learn the ways of becoming independent, but not limited to. He or she becomes a part of the tradition that the boarding department has been doing for many years. These students also learn what pride is. They are living with at least 50 other brothers and sisters which I would consider as and they will work together, grow together, simply put becoming a family. As a boarder living with 50 other brothers was not easy but when hard times came around there was someone there to listen, to help you, and be there when you needed a friend. Like any family there are always times where you get on top of each other and argue about and that's exactly how living as a boarder is. We get to meet kids from all over the world or from different islands. It is a life-long experience that I will never forget and I would recommend to many kids to go through and have that opportunity to live independently, work hard for something you believe in, learn the traditions of a boarder, take pride in themselves as they will learn to take pride in the boarding system, and most of all gain the education with a life-long experience that they can take with them where ever they may go in life.

I wish the best of this situation, please keep the boarding department going it is an opportunity for students and for these young kids to take advantage of as a step into their adulthood.

In Regards to,

Keeping the Lahainaluna Boarding Department

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**From:** Earl Kalawaia [ekalawaia@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Funding of Lahainaluna Boarding Deptment

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Aloha

I am writing in support of continued funding of the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department. Opportunities and skills developed by students attending LHS Boarding Dept. is unmeasurable. It was vital in my own development as a young man and contributing member of our society.

Again, please consider continued funding and support of the Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department.

Mahalo  
Earl Kalawai`a

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March 26, 2010

Aloha mai kakou:

Chairwoman Mercado Kim and members of the Senate Ways and Means committee for our State of Hawai'i 'mahalo' for your time in hearing our testimonies in support of our Historic Lahainaluna Boarding program's livelihood. My name is John Noah P. Ho'omanawanui, a 1988 Lahainaluna boarding graduate and I encourage your support of not only the livelihood of our beloved Lahainaluna Boarding department for this academic year, but also its' long-term livelihood on our educational landscape. How? You may ask. The answer is quite simple. Look at your own children or our youth of today. As a parent or leader of our state, you would rather leave your children to be educated with an adult who is caring, competent and committed to your or youths development? I know I would! This is my simple testimony, a 'mahalo' to Principal Mitsuji 'Bruno' Ariyoshi, Ms. Mary Helen Lindsey, 'Chief' Earl Kukahiko, Ms. Ellen Barcoma and Coach Watson- who stood by our boarding department time and time again without much recognition only through the graduation of normal people like me who have become productive members of our island State. The responsibilities of working in various capacities whether it is on a produce farm or livestock or cafeteria were role modeled so competently by these adults. We, as boarders took note and took it to heart. As a doctoral candidate in Educational Administration, they have laid a strong foundation for me. From a leadership perspective, Principal Ariyoshi, Ms. Lindsey, Chief and Coach cared for us!

Mahalo to my Hilo Intermediate Seventh grade English teacher Mrs. Harada, who told me that my eldest brother, who is seventeen years older than me, could be my father, stating "Are you sure he is not your father?" Seeds of doubt planted by a 'supposed' caring adult rooted an ambition within me to go further. And further away from adults who thought and taught in this manner on to the committed and caring landscape of the LHS's Boarding program. I vividly remember speaking to our Dorm counselor Georgianne Medeiros about identity and perception, her response "you accept others that are different from you than get to know them" and you will "definitely mature." Dear Senate Ways and Means committee, take note- all my dorm counselors cared for me as an individual, emotionally. My dorm counselor's sage advice has led me to travel and learn from others worldwide.

Mahalo to Coach Bob Kawaguchi, who came to Hilo Hilo School my freshman year to talk a group of Hilo boys who wanted to spread our wings 'ever so slightly.' For me, it offered me the platform to rise above my Hilo High Freshman History teacher Mrs. Aki, who often graded my assignments with D's and F's when the other Asian students who copied me received A's. Thereafter, all my history teachers at Lahainaluna High School (LHS) Ms. Omura, Mr. Fillazar, Mr. Tokita and Mr. Kutsunai nurtured my development with only B's and A's honestly earned. Coach Bob Kawaguchi and these educators cared when it mattered to me, academically! Thus, the LHS boarding program's survival is also dependent on the caring and competent adults who are a part of the program. In the upcoming 2011 school year, I hope and pray that our LHS Boarding program will be in operation with a reinvigorated and committed professional staff to keep it alive beyond 2011. Much more, if you need a volunteer member for an annual LHS Boarding review and evaluation committee, please feel free to notify me at the mailing address and/or phone number above.

Sincerely Committed,

Mr. John Noah P. Ho'omanawanui c/o '88

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**From:** Nestor Ugale [nugalejr@gmail.com]  
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**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Cc:** Sen. Shan Tsutsui  
**Subject:** Letter of Support: Lahainaluna High School Boarding Program

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To whom it may concern:

Aloha, my name is Nestor Limon Ugale, Jr. and I am writing to you a letter of support for the preservation of Lahainaluna's 174 year old Boarding Program. It will be hard to seem unbiased, considering I am alumni to the school. Like all prominent schools we have in Hawai'i, many fine leaders and other contributors of our society have been nurtured through Lahainaluna's public education system. Not only does it have a richness of tradition and culture that is irreplaceable, but I believe it's the significance of the boarding program which has allowed its influence and education to extend beyond Lahaina's shorelines and with that provide opportunities to become viable leaders of the community.

It is with full transparency that I can voice my concern for the struggling boarding program. As a teacher on the Lahainaluna campus for the last 3 years, I have seen a once solid and strong program dwindle in support, resources and passion. It is a program that has been self-sufficient for decades upon decades and upon the backs of thousands of students not native to Lahaina's soil. This is not a matter of student-weighted formulas but rather a preservation of a living history, a testament to Hawai'i's educational backbone. Once known to be the educational hub of the Pacific, Lahainaluna still holds its essence via that pride.

A program like this needs not to be cut from the face of Lahainaluna just like that. It would be unfair to allow our future generations to create memories of the boarding program. The people of Lahaina, and Lahainaluna Alumni all over the world we are pleading that you at least allow us the opportunity to create funding for our program should you decide to allocate these funds elsewhere. To deface the image of Lahainaluna to be without a boarding program would be heartbreaking.

Let us not forget that the first Superintendent of Education in the State of Hawaii was a Lahainaluna Boarder, David Malo. He has been an inspiration to future leaders of Hawai'i, such as myself. Even as a resident of Wailuku, I was able to become Student Body President at Lahainaluna and even had the opportunity to serve on the Hawaii State Student Council and until this day I contribute to Lahaina through my involvement with the Lahaina Restoration Foundation.

It is truly the boundless reaches of its influence that Lahainaluna's integrity through their boarding program must stay alive - and that decision is for you to make.

Mahalo for your time and kokua,  
Nestor L. Ugale, Jr.

Program Director  
Lahaina Restoration Foundation  
LHS Student Body President c/o 2001  
Maui District Head Representative of the Hawaii State Student Council 1999-2000  
Proud Resident of Wailuku, Maui

We, the students of Lahainaluna High School, are strongly against the proposed closure of the Boarding Department. This closure will create a disruption and an upheaval in our lives, and it seems unconscionable to eliminate a successful program that is an integral part of the school; with a long and rich history (174 years), reflecting the Hawaiian ideals and accentuating the tradition of providing quality education. Such notables as retired Federal Judge Alfred Laureta and former Senator Wadsworth Yee are a few of the outstanding graduates of the Boarding Department.


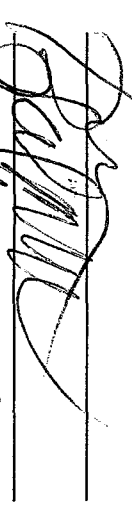
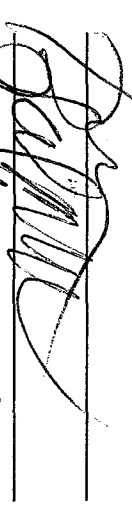
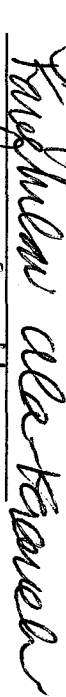




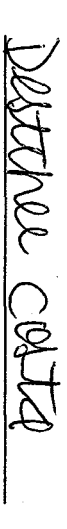



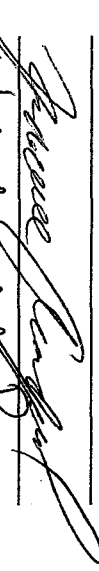
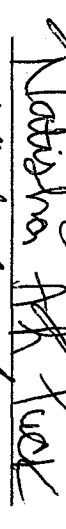

Furthermore, the closure impacts Hawaii by:

- Restricting the alternative educational opportunities for all high school students;
- Eliminating an option for high school students who may benefit from a change in environment;
- Eliminating a program to accommodate students in the state who otherwise would have difficulty obtaining a high school education;
- Eliminating a work/study program that exposes students to real life experiences of working (18.5 hours per week) for their room and board by performing various jobs on campus.
- Conversely, the elimination of the student workforce, would generate additional expenditure requirements for the state to maintain the largest school campus in Hawaii;
- Eliminating an ongoing community volunteers' group that performs service projects

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Jazzy Sado	9	Wailuku/Maui	Jazzy Sado
Jeanne Pamela	9	Lahaina, Maui	Jeanne Pamela
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Vincent Magno	9	Lahaina, Maui	Vincent Magno

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Aloha everybody my name is Ralph Kasumi Sumida JR.  
I'm a lieutenant officer in the boarding department  
and I live in Hana, Maui

Ever since the boarding department became a part of Lahainaluna High School in 1836, it gave students a chance to get a better education and an independent view of life. Since then, the boarding department grew into one of the greatest traditions Lahainaluna has to offer. It really helps the students that are boarders have a good way to a kick start on their life ahead of them, they will have the knowledge they learned at Lahainaluna to help them on their journey through life.

There are many skills you'll learn as a boarder at Lahainaluna. You'll learn how to provide yourself room and board by pulling your own weight and putting in your hours of work on the campus, whether its maintaining the campus, caring for the swine, working in the café, or growing crops, everybody contributes to keep our home maintained. During your years as a boarder you will learn time management by fitting in your studies, sports and club activities in with your daily boarder work schedule. It includes our 3 hours of work, full day of school, and the boarders are giving a mandatory two hour study hall, also the boarders have a rule based system to follow which include being well groomed and a proper dress code. One of the most important skills you'll learn is leadership and taking care of your responsibilities. When you first enter Lahainaluna as a boarder, there will be upperclassmen that will be there to lead and be role models. Living with kids around our own age together from different areas in the world is a good way to explore without the need of traveling. Since I been there I have met kids from the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and even West Virginia, through living with them I have learned how different their lifestyles are. Despite all of our differences we all learn how to come together as one big Ohana.

I'm a three year boarder from Kona, Hawaii but now living in Hana, Maui with my Aunty and grandma. I'm the youngest out of six brothers and one sister. Most of them had dropped out of high school due to the bad choices they made. Now they struggle in life trying to make a living. Being separated from my family when I was 10, and then living with another some-what struggling family made me think life was just so hard to live. But since I have seen my family make bad choices, I have learned from them and expect to do something great with my life. ~~Ever since I was little I always was happy and always sharing my Aloha with everybody.~~ Then when I was 12 I moved to Hana with my dad's sister. She's the one that introduced me to the Lahainaluna boarding program because my grandfather had graduated from there as a boarder and ended up becoming a very successful man that had a great heart. And I also found out that my dad went there too but never grad. So I wanted to try it and make something out of my life.

My Dad had been suffering in the hospital at the time. When I went to visit him with all brothers I had told him I was going to lahainaluna and he seemed so happy like he never needed to worry about anything anymore. Then a week later he passed away in his sleep peacefully and was shocked because I had just seen him too. In a way I was happy because I

could always feel his presents. When I became a boarder, I was at first scared, not knowing what's going to happen and how it's going to end. But when I wanted to just give up, I would always think about it and know that my dad I there with me. When I got my mind set I was ready to take full advantage of this blessed opportunity I have received. My first year here I worked hard and started to feel for Lahainaluna as a home and new start in life. When the next year came around I could feel my pride growing in my heart and my love for this place made me become more of a leader by being a great role model and doing what's right. This tradition of pride and spirit made me understand why I'm here. When this year came I was chosen for the position of lieutenant officer which is a person that makes sure the dorm is in line and makes sure the boarders our doing what the're suppose to do.

Now I am so proud of being a boarder I just love being a boarder. But I was blessed to have my mentor, my friend Jacob Boteilho. He was a junior when I was a freshmen and he helped me by letting me talk to him and teaching me the right things to do. He was the boarder president last year. Now it's my turn to pass down my success of being a true boarder down to my fellow underclassmen to keep this tradition going. The great thing about boarding is that it teaches you to give back to the community and I am ready to give back to boarding. To make it better and hope that it will be here for my children and future generations to come. So now I ask you to please fund, my home, Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department.

Ralph Katsumi Sumida JR.

Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department Lieutenant

Class of 2011



testimony HB2200

Sunday, March 28, 2010 10:08 PM

From: "kamaile hoopii" &lt;hoopii\_808@yahoo.com&gt;

To: WAMtestimony@Capitol.Hawaii.gov

Aloha Members of ~~the Senate~~ Ways and Means Committee

My experience as a 3 year boarder at Lahainaluna High School has made me a better person, and has taught me to be responsible and independent. If I had not attended this boarding program I would be living in a small village riding on a 1 hour bus ride back and forth to school every day. Many of my friends that did not attend the boarding program have changed dramatically. I have friends that are now mothers and fathers, I have friends that got caught up in drugs and alcohol, and friends that just decided to hang out with the wrong group of people. If it wasn't for this boarding department I can honestly say that I would have most likely taken the wrong path in life. Personally I wouldn't want this boarding department to come to an end. It's my junior year and I have one more year to go. I wouldn't want to give up all my 3 years of hard work and achievements.

Lahainaluna is known for not only #1 in pride and spirit but also for tradition. The boarding department is the biggest tradition that Lahainaluna is known for. Without the boarders there will be no David Malo Day, an annual event where the Hawaiiana and boarding department open the campus for a free evening of entertainment and fellowship. There will be no-one to lime the L on top of Pu'u Pa'upa'u, the prominent hill high above Lahaina, West Maui, a recognizable land mark. The school campus will not be maintained Monday-Saturdays, for we as boarders are the care takers of this school. This boarding program is a work study program, in exchange for my room and board, I work 18 hours a week.

This boarding program is good for me academically because I live with my grandparents and they are unable to help me with my school assignments. Here at the dorms I have friends, a room-mate, upperclassmen's, and dorm teachers to help me. I was never able to get a 3.0 GPA, until I became a boarder. I pay more attention to school work at the dorms then I did at home. I've also had the chance to go to math tutoring, which is coordinated for the boarders. With all of the support that I have received with my academics in the last 3 years, I am really looking forward to going to college.

During my 3 years of boarding, I have not only developed friends, I made BEST friends, brothers and sisters, that will last a lifetime. Also memories that will never be forgotten.

This year I am serving as the Lahainaluna Boarding Department Secretary. My duties as Secretary are to take notes at all officer meetings held every Sunday night, to help my fellow officers with planning activities for all boarders, and stand by each other's disciplinary decisions, and to set a good example and be a good role model. I wouldn't have had this chance to develop these leadership skills at another school.

Please consider providing funds to continue the Lahainaluna Boarding Program.

Sincerely,

Kamaile Ailana-Kuuipo Young Hoopii

Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department Secretary

Class of 2011

From kahakuloa, Maui

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Kyle Akazawa, Boarding Department Co-President, Class of 2010  
Lahainaluna High School  
Boarding Department  
980 Lahainaluna Road  
Lahaina, HI 96761

March 28, 2010

Attention: The Senate and Committee Members  
Ways and Means Committee

Boarding at Lahainaluna High School is a unique program that has been a growing tradition since 1836. It is the only public boarding program in Hawaii and is what makes the oldest school west of the Mississippi River truly an adverse place to learn. The boarding department should still be funded because it positively affects all the people involved with it and creates opportunities for us to live better lives.

As boarders, we take advantage of the program, gaining insights and knowledge about life after school. Waking up before 6 a.m. to work on the farm and clean the campus grounds, then working another two hours after school teaches us the importance of responsibility and the values of work ethics. Coming from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds from around the world, allows us to learn different lifestyles and meet new people. It also demands that we cooperate and work together with one another to live peacefully amongst ourselves, no matter how different we all are.

Other things that we learn are how to manage our time wisely and how to be independent in our lives. In the dorms, our parents are not there to tell us what to do. Instead, we must figure it out for ourselves to do what is right and what's needed to be done. As the co-president of the boarding department this year, I have also learned the characteristics of a leader. Just like an ohana, the seniors take care and watch over the freshmen and other boarders. It is my duty to make sure that everything runs smoothly in the dorms.

I truly believe that boarding at Lahainaluna offers so much more than just a roof over our heads. It gives us the knowledge to succeed and prepares us for whatever the future brings. If the boarding department was taken away from us, then it would end the modern Hawaiian tradition and change history. Lahaina town would never be the same, without an "L" on top Mount Pa'upa'u, signifying our pride for the school, the boarding department and for the very place that we live in. The opportunities that the boarding department offers are irreplaceable and will be hard to be recreated.

Just like my father and uncles who were also boarders, I want to see that the boarding department of Lahainaluna remains open for the younger generations to take part in.

Aloha Members Of The Senate Ways and Means Committee,

My Name is Ke'van Dudoit. I am a 2009 graduate from Lahainaluna High School and a 4 year boarder from the friendly Island of Molokai. And I am here to ask you to please continue funding the Lahainaluna Boarding Department and not to shut it down.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Department had done a lot not only for me, but also for my family, my friends and alumni that came before me. I was able to learn how to become an independent person through the work-study program. The Program goes far beyond just work and study. It is a stepping-stone to life for students from the neighbor islands as well as those living on the other side of Maui. These students gather at Lahainaluna to seek independence and learn life long skills that will benefit them in the future. The Boarding Program is full of mixed cultural and personalities that stretch out to the mainland as well as the Marshall and Micronesian Islands where living is tough.

The Boarding Department's opening in 1836 gave students from all over Hawaii a chance to learn. Currently housing more than 100 students from all over the Pacific Basin and Hawaiian Islands in two dormitories, the David Malo dorm for boys and Hoapili for girls, the Boarding Department thrives on hard work. The Boarding Department is blessed to have the Lahaina Community, I know this from experience because while boarding at Lahainaluna, the community was always there for us, whether it was a ride to the beach or a helping hand on the school campus.

While Boarding at Lahainaluna I had the opportunity to feel the pride and spirit that the school has. Liming the L on Pu'u Pa'upa'u is a tradition that we boarders do and is known for. You see the boarders hike up Pu'u Pa'upa'u to Lime the Perimeter of the L as

well as the Bars, which represent the Sporting Championships and the Year, which we are currently in. Our last time liming the L is always a memorable moment for us boarders because we lay down a special plaque, with the entire senior boarders names on it, next to those that came before us. After that we sing the songs of Lahainaluna and we look back at the 4 years which we had together in this program, and in this school. And that's where the memories begin, is atop the mountain of Pu'u Pa'upa'u. We also take part in events such as football games where we help set up the Football Stadium Facility for Home Games. We help out the Salvation Army during the Christmas season by ringing bells and singing songs. During Graduation the alumni boarders take part in the lighting of the L where they hike up and light the L as part of the graduation ceremony. But one thing that Boarders learn, is how to give back to the community for all of their help and support throughout the 174 years, which is our annual David Malo Day Program where the Boarders work months after months rehearsing songs and dances that they will present to the community and alumni on one special date. We learn the importance of giving back to those that gives to us.

The Boarding Department has Boarding officers to help run the program. There is a President, which is the leader of the boarders, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lieutenants and Sergeants. Officers are made up of upper classmen boarders that have showed such great leadership skills throughout their under classmen years. These officers had the responsibility to help guide the younger boarders and be role models. I was a lieutenant and it was a great privilege to have the power to lead and help the younger boarders to grow into adults.

I also had the great pleasure in becoming the 1st Molokai Boarder to become the Associated Student Body President of Lahainaluna High School. It was the leadership skills that I developed as a boarder that helped me to become such an important person in such an important role. I represented Lahainaluna High School and The Boarding program in every meeting and event that attended. It was also the beloved Alma Mater that made me a stronger person. Every time I was nervous or scared or just stuck I would sing the Alma mater in my head, and every time I did that, I became strong mentally and moved on to what I was doing. The Alma Mater at Lahainaluna High School is said to be one of those songs that give you the meanest chicken skin feeling. Well The Alma Mater did two things for me, gave me chicken skin and helped me to become stronger. Just being a Lahainaluna Boarder with all of these great pride and spirit made me stronger as a person.

The Lahainaluna Boarding Program is said to be the heart and soul of the school and the community. Well that's true, but for me and other Lahainaluna Boarders it is the heart and souls in our hearts and bodies. What will happen if the boarding program closes? You will rip our hearts out as well as those that are seeking the opportunity to be a part of a 174-year tradition. So Please don't rip our hearts out, continue to fund the Lahainaluna Boarding Department and keep it open. Boarders as well as day students have a vision, which is to gather at this place of Lahainaluna, grasp the flaming torch of excellence and let us move forward together.

MAHALO AND GOD BLESS,

KE"VAN DUDOIT

**From:** Monay Rodrigues (monayrodrigues@yahoo.com)  
**To:** WAMtestimony@Capitol.Hawaii.gov;  
**Date:** Sun, March 28, 2010 10:14:13 PM  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Testimony HB2200

Dear Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Monay Rodrigues and I am the 2010 Boarders Co-President at Lahainaluna High School. On behalf of the Boarders at Lahainaluna, we appreciate your time to consider our concerns regarding the state budget funds for the Boarding Program. There is much more opportunity in the Boarding experience than it is given credit for. This program has become a tradition for many families since 1836. Termination of this program will result in a chapter of history at Lahainaluna to be erased. The dorms offer a home away from home for a variety of personalities. It offers a place of acceptance for youth to develop in an independent and nurturing environment. The dorms allow a safe environment for unstable households as well as preparing you for a real life, real world experience. We live under one roof and we learn and grow from each other each day. The residents of Lahaina are fond of the Boarding Department and are extremely supportive towards the Boarders, who come from all the neighbor islands, and appreciate our dedications and contributions we distribute throughout the Lahaina community. Boarders are generous and willing to give back to the community. We are also in much appreciation to the community as well, for assisting us with our personal needs, and also housing us on the weekends. This program is most definitely a fulfilling and successful way to see life at a different perspective than you are use to.

The Boarding Department has helped me personally. It has given me the confidence and integrity that earned me the Presidency, as well as Homecoming Queen, something I never thought was possible and would not have believed in, had it not been for the confidence building, and sometimes hard lessons learned through my Boarding experience. I would appreciate the Board to reconsider the termination of the funding for the Lahainaluna Boarding. I am confident that the Board will consider this valuable program as an asset to our youth who desperately need this type of program to prepare them for their futures. It is my wish as well as my fellow dorm mates to keep the Lahainaluna Boarding Department an option for all. Please consider and re-evaluate your decision to terminating the Boarding Department for these reasons and so many more that I wish I had the time to touch on.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Monay Kameai'omakamae Rodrigues

Lahainaluna High School Boarding Department Co-President

Class of 2010

**From:** ROSELLE RIBUCAN  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** Lahainaluna High School  
**Date:** Monday, March 29, 2010 9:01:25 AM

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Aloha Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I'm Roselle Ribucan. Lahainaluna HS graduate, Class of 1995, a 4yr Boarder from Lana'i. I was raised by this boarding program throughout my high school years. Every person that has been a part of my life here has imprinted tradition and pride in my heart.

Year after year our boarders take the lead and carry out the traditions bestowed from our past generations. They ignite the pride in each and every single boarder who is a part of this program and because of this the people surrounding this school can feel the "mana" of our past. The connection of our past is so alive in every boarder! Our alma mater began with this program, and this school stems from everything associated with this boarding program. Even the day students cradle their boarder friends into their own home, and are welcomed into their families and hanai'd as sons, daughters, brothers, or sisters. Spirit thrives at this school because of this boarding program. The strength and love they have for each other brings the entire school together. There is no other reason to endure the arduous life as a boarder if not for the tradition, pride, and love.

I love my alma mater, I loved being a boarder, and my heart will never forget how it made me feel to be a part of it. It truly was a very special time for me in my life. I beg you to please keep what is worth keeping and please continue to fund our boarding department.

Aloha,

Roselle Ribucan  
92-335 Hookili Place  
Makakilo, HI 96707

**From:** Micah Kawaguchi  
**To:** WAM Testimony  
**Subject:** re: LHS boarding department  
**Date:** Monday, March 29, 2010 8:35:11 AM

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To the Ways and Means Committee and all in attendance:

My name is Micah Kawaguchi-Aileletcher. I am a 2002 graduate of Lahainaluna High School. More recently, I have been in New Zealand as a Fulbright Fellow.

Although I was not a boarding student while attending Lahainaluna, I am seriously concerned about the impending threats to the boarding department and Lahainaluna community. I can assure you that the proposed budget cuts will affect far more lives than just those of past and present boarders.

Behind this single line item on the budget lives a community and a history that cannot be adequately summarized in any single testimony. To make a decision that will effectively close down this 174 year old institution deserves far more dialogue and discussion than that of the current budget crisis of this fiscal year.

Currently, there are so few institutions which provide such a unique access to history and community exchange than the boarding department at Lahainaluna does to students from all over Hawaii and even to our cousins across the Pacific.

The Lahainaluna boarding department represents a dialectic of routes and roots. It is a contemporary tradition that allows today's students to choose their routes and paths in life while also learning, expanding upon and re-awakening their roots, histories and traditions.

This is a decision that cannot be made based upon faceless numbers and budget deficits. I ask only that you listen earnestly to those who testify today. I have faith that this will lead you to the right decision for our community.

Thank you for your time.

Malama pono,

Micah Kawaguchi-Aileletcher  
Fulbright Graduate Fellow (New Zealand 2009)  
Lahainaluna Alumn (2002)

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Ways and Means Committee  
Senator Donna Mercado-Kim, Chair  
Senator Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, March 29, 2010  
2:00 p.m.

RE: **HB 2200, Relating to Lahainaluna Boarding Department**

Chair Mercado-Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui and the members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Nani Dapitan, a proud graduate of Lahainaluna high school. I strongly ***oppose*** ***HB 2200*** and the impending closure of Hawaii's only public school boarding department at Lahainaluna High School.

Yes, our school is unique in it's own way with day students and boarders but think about the how it has molded these young teenagers lives. I can tell you from experience I have made some life long friends and share many wonderful experiences growing up with my boarder friends and we continue our friendships 25 years later.

We are very proud of our school but most of all proud of the *TRADITION* of Lahainaluna for the past 174 years. Times are tough right now and we all must make tough decisions, however; this decision would greatly affect our community in many ways. The boarders are our family they are part of the *TRADITION*, they are the *HEARTBEAT* and that's what makes them so special and unique to Lahainaluna.

Thank you for your time and allowing me to submit my testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Nani Dapitan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nani Dapitan  
Class of 1986