# <u>SCR143/105</u>

Measure Title:	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR A FULL-SERVICE CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN AT KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITIONS TO OPERATE THE KITCHEN.
Report Title:	Keaukaha Elementary School
Description:	
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	EDU, WAM
Introducer(s):	K.KAHELE, CHUN OAKLAND, INOUYE, Baker, Dela Cruz, English, Espero, Gabbard, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Kim, Nishihara, Ruderman, Shimabukuro, Slom, Wakai

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STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION P.O. BOX 2360 HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96804

> Date: 03/23/2016 Time: 01:15 PM Location: 229 Committee: Senate Education

Department:	Education
Person Testifying:	Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education
Title of Resolution:	SCR 143 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR A FULL-SERVICE CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN AT KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITIONS TO OPERATE THE KITCHEN.

## Purpose of Resolution:

#### **Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports community engagement in our schools and welcomes the opportunity for our schools to be community centers. When it comes to School Food Services, the Department's main focus is to serve nutritious meals at the lowest cost to our school families. The Department's ability to maximize its facilities, equipment, and personnel allow the Department to keep meal costs down. Turning Keaukaha Elementary School's kitchen back to a full service site will increase costs in both staffing and equipment. This is at a time when the Department has been asked to look for efficiencies and reduce costs. Additionally, there are new food regulations that if breached can jeopardize the placard status of a kitchen, potentially leading to its closure. The Department is currently working on a policy that will require certified food service workers present during off-hours operations. Therefore, while we understand and are looking for ways to meet community requests, we are concerned that the increase in costs associated with opening an additional preparation site would impact the overall costs associated with meal prices.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keahi Warfield	Keaukaha One Youth Development - RISE Program	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa	Keaukaha Community Association	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and members of this select committee. I'm Patrick L Kahawaiolaa a native Hawaiian as defined under the Act and the president of the Keaukaha Community Association (KCA). We are in strong support of the DOE moved to re-establish the personnel funding and funds to purchase the equipment necessary for the Keaukaha School cafeteria to again become a full service conventional kitchen whereby we can begin to provide healthy meals for students in Keaukaha. KCA truly appreciated the work to build the cafeteria and now we are in support of returning the personnel displaced during construction. I believe we've met all the criteria for returning the status of a full conventional serving kitchen. Any additional information I can be reached at 808-937-8217. 'Owau Patrick L Kahawaiolaa

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Pauline Lilinoe Keliipio-Young. President, Keaukaha School PTA Keaukaha Community Assn. Education Committee Chair

> 197 Desha Avenue Hilo, Hawai'i 96720 <u>lilinoeyoung@yahoo.com</u>

March 21, 2016

<u>Michelle N. Kidani</u> Chair, Senate Education Committee <u>Breene Harimoto</u> Vice Chair, Senate Education Committee <u>Kaiali'i Kahele</u> Member, Senate Education Committee Senate District 1 Hawaii State Capitol, Room 213

Aloha mai,

I respectfully submit testimony relating to

SR105 and SCR143: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR A FULL-SERVICE CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN AT KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITIONS TO OPERATE THE KITCHEN

In 2010, I joined a group of Keaukaha Community leaders and stakeholders to lobby the Abercrombie administration for a new cafeteria when it became evident that our 60+ year old kitchen could no longer accommodate our school's growing population. During the interim, the DOE reallocated our Food Service positions to other Hilo area schools and our keiki's meals were delivered in from Hilo Intermediate School. Needless to say, this was an unacceptable alternative for us; meal delivery was challenged during sewer repairs and Hilo Harbor construction along the main thoroughfare to Keaukaha causing frequent traffic delays with the food arriving late and cold.

When our beautiful new facility opened last summer, our elation was dampened by the news that our keiki's meals would still be delivered because there were no funds to properly equip and staff the new cafeteria. I fail to see the irony in this; most of the equipment were either initially installed or the necessary "tie-ins" for other anticipated equipment were completed. But, more importantly, we seek your assistance in helping us recoup the Meal Service positions and return them to Keaukaha Elementary School so that our children's meals no longer need to be delivered in.

Respectfully submitted,

Porting h. Young

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amber Huihui	Individual	Support	No

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March 22, 2016

Good Afternoon,

My name is Andrea Aguiar. I am a teacher at Keaukaha Elementary School. Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony. I am in favor of SCR 143/SR105, which requests the DOE provide the equipment necessary for a fullservice kitchen at our school and positions necessary to operate the kitchen. As I continue, I will share with you my reasons for supporting this resolution.

Students at our school are served twice a day for breakfast and lunch. 82.8 percent of our students receive free and reduced lunch. For most of the students at our school these are the only meals that they eat daily. As it stands our school gets our meals from Hilo High School. The challenges have really affected our students during their school day. Students have had to wait in some circumstances to eat lunch because lunch has been delayed in traffic or accidents, or items were forgotten and the lunch van needed to go back to get it. Is these cases, students were very hungry and were left with empty stomachs until the food arrived. It saddens me to see this continue to occur.

If the kitchen is made into a full-service kitchen these situations will not happen, the kitchen could also be rented out to the community to be used for many functions to support the keiki of our community. It could also be used to teach students life skills such as the real-life (hands-on experiences) of how to cook and how our food is made and allow them to be more involved in the process.

All things considered, why would we have a beautiful new facility that we will not be able to fully use?

Thank you for your time,

Andrea Aguiar 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Keaukaha Elementary School

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annette McComber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please approve this bill. There is only one road access to Keaukaha school, should there be a reason for a road closure into Keaukaha- our keiki would not be able to receive thier meals. Thank you for your consideration, our idiot look forward to your approval!

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Aukai ChuHing	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Senators. I will read my testimony at the time of the hearing.Mahalo

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blaise kimura	Individual	Support	No

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BREEANI LEE	Individual	Support	Yes

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Brigido R.R.Quebral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Brigido Quebral is giving my support to Keaukaha Elementary School in requesting the Department of Education to provide equipment necessary for a full service conventional Kitchen. I was a graduate of Kalanianaole School but my sons attend Keaukaha due to the fact that their mother attended the school and her family before her. Stacy Bello is doing a wonderful job in making major changes to the school because our children deserves the best. I give my 100% and more support to Keaukaha School.

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Brigido R.R.Quebral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Brigido Quebral has given my support to Keaukaha Elementary School in requesting the Department of Education to provide necessary positions to operate the kitchen.

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Camille Lepp	Individual	Support	No

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carrie leialoha	Individual	Support	No

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Ceceliaann M Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill and having Keaukaha Elementary Cafeteria to be a full conventional Cafeteria.

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CHANCE AGPOON	Individual	Support	No

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Charlee Reucia	Individual	Support	No

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Chazz Agpoon	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Senators. I will testify tomorrow at the hearing. Mahalo

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COLBY NICOLAS	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Darylyn Ingory	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I truly believe that our cafeteria is in need of a Full serviced kitchen as it will not only provide fresh meals for our children on a daily basis but it'll also allow our community a place to hold a luau or community function and be able to provide fresh meals, etc for our all to enjoy. The fact that our keikis meals will be fresh and readily available is a definite plus and it'll definitely bring a smile to there faces knowing there food is being prepared in the front of there eyes. Please consider opening our already fully formed kitchen for us to use, care for, cherish and appreciate for years to come. Mahalo!

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Testimony for Public Hearing Committee on Education March 23, 2016

> Debbie A. Coloma 766 A Ko'ele Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720

SR105 / SCR 143 – Requesting the Department of Education to Provide Equipment Necessary for a Full-Service Conventional Kitchen at Keaukaha Elementary School and to Provide Necessary Positions to Operate the Kitchen

Aloha! Senator Kidani, Senator Harimoto, and Education Committee members. My name is Debbie Coloma, and I am the School Administrative Services Assistant at Keaukaha Elementary School. I have been in this position since 1999. During my continuous tenure here at Keaukaha Elementary, we had a Full-Service Conventional kitchen at our school from the day it opened in September, 1930, up until July, 2010 when School Food Services made a decision as a Cost Savings to the department, to consolidate its operations in the Hilo-Laupahoehoe-Waiakea Complex Area (now known as Hilo-Waiakea Complex).

At that time, Keaukaha Elementary cafeteria was converted from a full-service preparation kitchen into a serving kitchen. The cafeteria staff of our Keaukaha Elementary ohana, were reassigned under the consolidation with Hilo Intermediate School. All food preparation took place at Hilo Intermediate with meal delivery to Keaukaha Elementary. My testimony is in Full Support of SR105 and SCR143.

- 1. The cost savings to the department was warranted however, within the Hilo-Waiakea Complex, Hilo Intermediate School is in close proximity of two other schools, Hilo High and Hilo Union. The distance from Hilo Union to Hilo Intermediate is 0.1 miles. The distance between Hilo High and Hilo Intermediate is 69 feet. The distance between Keaukaha Elementary and Hilo Intermediate School is approximately 3.8 miles.
- 2. Mathematically speaking, the consolidation should have been a simple solution to consolidate schools that were in close proximity of each other rather than an "outerlying" school. These three schools, Hilo High, Hilo Intermediate, and Hilo Union all have Full-Service Conventional Kitchens. Is this a cost savings?

Testimony by Debbie Coloma Committee on Education March 23, 2016 Page 2

- 3. In July, 2015, Keaukaha Elementary celebrated the opening of the newly built Keaukaha Elementary cafeteria which is a state-of-the-art facility with the infrastructure already built-in to accommodate the transition from a serving kitchen to a full-service conventional kitchen. We need your support to make this transition into a reality by purchasing the equipment necessary to complete our kitchen.
- 4. Not only will we need the equipment, we will also need the personnel to utilize the equipment and operate our cafeteria to prepare fresh meals for our keiki. The positions that are necessary, at minimum to run a fullservice kitchen are a School Food Service Manager, a Cook, a Baker, and Cafeteria Helpers. We historically have had a total of five cafeteria positions based upon our student population thus; due to the increases in student enrollment, we may need additional support however, we will graciously accept your offers.
- 5. It is my firm belief that bringing Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria to its fullest potential in making it a Full-Service Conventional kitchen will not only be an asset to our keiki, but to our entire Keaukaha and extended community as our school is the piko or center of Keaukaha.

I passionately and full heartedly express my unending support of this resolution and concurrent resolution for it is said, "It takes a village to raise a child." What better way to nurture our children with fresh wholesome cooked food? I thank you for this opportunity to express my support of SR105 and SCR143. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Foster	Keaukaha Elementary School	Support	No

Comments: I am a teacher at Keaukaha Elementary School. We need a full service kitchen so we can provide quality food for our children. There are many times when we run out of food, the food is late and the food is under cooked. We would also be able to use a full service kitchen for community functions.

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Donna Leong	Individual	Support	No

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THE SENATE THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 TIME: 1:15 PM PLACE: Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

RE: SCR 143/SR 105 - TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Senate Committee on Education,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, as a member of the community, in support of SCR 143 and HR 105. My name is Dwight Takamine and I was fortunate to have been a member of the Legislature when funding for the new Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria was added to the State Budget. At that time, Keaukaha was part of the Senate District that I represented.

After the funding had been approved, a question arose over whether the Cafeteria would be a **"full service"** cafeteria where food would be "**both prepared and served**". The Department of Education had, on its own, decided that food would be prepared at another school in Hilo and then would be trucked to Keaukaha, as part of a plan to save money.

This became an important issue because Keaukaha Elementary School is the "heart" of the Keaukaha community. Many programs like their Keaukaha reunions would be held at the school, and all of their community meetings would be held at the school cafeteria. As a rural community there were few resources available, and therefore, the importance of the school cafeteria's ability to prepare food and other refreshments took on greater meaning in supporting community events.

This was the "legislative intent" when the funding was included in the state budget – that the new Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria would continue to play the role of supporting both the school and community by continuing to be a "full service" cafeteria.

In light of the ongoing dispute between the Keaukaha community and the State Department of Education, the Legislature's support was sought in 2011. At that time, the State Legislature passed what became Act 164, which made explicitly clear that funding for the new Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria would include,

"a full service, conventional kitchen to both prepare and serve food" (Act 164 Session Laws

of Hawaii 2011, Part V. Capitol Improvement Provisos, Section 65)

Common sense dictates that this would include the staffing positions and equipment necessary to "prepare and serve food".

Therefore, your support of these resolutions and any other steps that may be consistent with implementing the full measure of **"legislative intent"** (in this instance) would be appreciated.

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Geraldine Itaman	Individual	Support	No

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Heanu Weller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The passage of this bill will greatly support the needs of our growing Keaukaha community.

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lan B. Lee Loy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: March 20, 2016 RE: SR105 Committee: Senate EDU SUBJECT: STRONG SUPPORT SR105 Aloha Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Education. My name is Ian B. Lee Loy, a resident of Hawaii Senate District 1 and life long member of Hawaiian Homes communities in Keaukaha and Pana'ewa homesteads. I submit this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SCR143. Mahalo a nui loa to Senator K. Kahele for introducing this resolution requesting the State Department of Education (DOE) equip and staff the cafeteria at Keaukaha Elementary School. During the planning process for the new cafeteria facility, DOE representatives explained the new cafeteria would be "fitted" for equipment that would be able to serve the school's needs. DOE also explained that it would not equip the new cafeteria nor staff the cafeteria due to "administrative decisions." This decision by DOE fails the Keaukaha community on critical levels impacting stability and reliable service to the students of Keaukaha Elementary School and the larger neighboring community. Raising this issue through SCR143 will help move the issue toward positive resolution and meeting the community's needs. Please note and remind DOE that Keaukaha is geographically considered at "higher-risk of isolation" community with only one public road in/out, that the entrance to Keaukaha is guarded by the Hilo Harbor and the only major shipping and storage facilities, that Keaukaha lives with the daily risk of being isolated from basic and critical services should maintenance, repair or emergency (e.g. fuel leaks, oil spills, structure fires) work be required, and that DOE's fulfilling SCR143 by fitting the cafeteria with equipment and staff will help meet the needs of the second oldest Hawaiian Homestead in the State of Hawaii, its students and its neighboring community. Mahalo Senator Kidani, Harimoto, Kahele, Inouye and members of Senate Committee on Education for your consideration and support of SR105.

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JoAnn Miranda-Paiva	Individual	Support	No

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Josephine Wroblewski	Individual	Support	No

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Jowell Atiz	Individual	Support	No

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Joy Hohnstine	Individual	Support	No

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Kaleo Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a leader in the Keaukaha Community and who also has sits on one of the charter schools LSB. The presents of a full conventional kitchen will benefit not just Keaukaha elementary schools the surrounding schools in this closely nit community. I humbly ask for your support on this bill Mahalo Kaleo Evans

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THE SENATE THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 TIME: 1:15 PM PLACE: Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

RE: SCR 143/SR 105 - TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Senate Committee on Education,

My name is Kama Hopkins and I testify in **SUPPORT** of SCR 143 and SR 105. The Keaukaha community worked tirelessly with their legislators and the Department of Education to have this cafeteria built. The language in the resolution is correct. In addition to this action in 2010, a proviso was added in 2011 to show legislative intent for a FULL-SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN.

Please note that the following proviso was passed in Act 164 Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, Part V. Capital Improvement Provisos, Section 65.

(2) By amending Item G—49 to read as follows:

"P90083 KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HAWAII

PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW CAFETERIA[.], INCLUDING A FULL-SERVICE, CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN TO BOTH PREPARE AND SERVE FOOD; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.

PLANS 80 DESIGN 520 CONSTRUCTION 7,200 EQUIPMENT 200 TOTAL FUNDING EDN 8,000B B"

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanoa Beatty	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha,

I am writing today in support of SR 105/SCR 143 in which it is requested that the Department of Education allocate funding to provide equipment necessary for a full-service conventional kitchen at Keaukaha Elementary School and to provide necessary positions to operate the kitchen. As a former student of Keaukaha Elementary and a current resident of the Keaukaha community, I support this measure that will help provide our keiki with hot, fresh meals. Although we appreciate the hard work of the Hilo High School cafeteria staff, who continue to service our students, having meals transported from another location is not the same.

As a parent of a third grader attending Keaukaha Elementary, I advocate for the optimal use of the newly built cafeteria. It amazes me that the Department of Education would construct this beautifully designed cafeteria and not make effective use of it. As an elementary school principal myself, I understand the restrictions that budget and finances require. However, there are three schools within the Keaukaha community that would benefit from a cooking kitchen and its staff; Keaukaha Elementary, Ke Ana La`ahana and Ka `Umeke Ka`eo. Taking this into consideration (the amount of students that would be serviced), it would make sense to have a full service kitchen available to these students.

Keaukaha is a very unique place. If you take care of the community (keiki), it will take care of you. My time spent helping in the cafeteria in elementary provided me with foundational values; hard work, perseverance, teamwork and an appreciation for the work of those who helped to feed us. These are essential and a similar opportunity will help instill the same type of values in our current students. Our keiki deserve a fully functioning kitchen and the opportunity to give back and learn...Ma ka hana ka `ike (you learn in doing). I implore you to seriously take a look at the testimony provided and help our community and students in this endeavor.

Na`u Nō,

Kasie Kaleohano Principal, Waiākeawaena Elementary Keaukaha Community Member

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Kawohi Huihui	Individual	Support	No

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kekoa sumera-lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Not only will the children of keaukaha elementary benefit from this great idea. But also the community who could use a great and fully operational certified cooking kitchen. From what I've personally heard. Having the children's food prepared there is a great convenience to them. By having the children not have to worry if the cafeteria is going to run out of food and waiting for the food to arrive from it's source, while missing recess and class time is of a great convenience to them. Mahalo for your time. Aloha

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Kimberly Daffron	Individual	Support	No

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Krystin Kelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe it is important for our children to have frsh food made for them at their own school.

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Laurie Sodetani	Individual	Support	No

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Lee Ann Maikui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SR 105 requesting the Department of Education to provide equipment necessary for a full-service conventional kitchen at Keaukaha Elementary School and to provide necessary positions to operate the kitchen.

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Leona Leialoha	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Roldan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support Keaukaha School and community by providing us with a full-service conventional kitchen adequately equipped and staffed for Keaukaha Elementary School and the community it serves. We are in need of this merely for the fact that this community in located in a one way in and one way out community. Should there be any type of emergency which forces road closure or should the meal transport van break down, our keiki will be without meals. We have already run into the problem of not enough food being packed for our school which either the staff needs to "stretch" the food or make a run back to Hilo High, approx 20-30 min, to get more food (this takes away from the children's learning time!). We are 400+ in students and staff. We NEED a full-service kitchen. I humbly ask that you support SR 105 for our keiki and our community. Mahalo nui loa!

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Lorraine Veincent	Individual	Support	No

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Lurline Agbayani	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a graduate of Keaukaha Elementary School and currently a Teacher at Keaukaha Elementary School, I have experience KES cafeteria as a serving kitchen and without a serving kitchen. The benefits of a serving kitchen provides hot meals, family atmosphere and student's ready to learn. There were several incidents that students were not served lunches because there wasn't adequate amount of food provided for student lunches. Lunches had to be driven to campus,30 minutes later.Why? Because KES does not have a serving kitchen. Our school is located in the tsunami zone, on the east coast of Hilo, business zone area with enormous gas tanks, and one road (Kalanianaole Highway) in and out of the district of Keaukaha. In the event of a natural disaster, KES schools is stranded. Help!! Provide a serving cafeteria.

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M. Nani Naope	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is imperative that the Department of Education provide equipment necessary for a full-service conventional kitchen at Keaukaha Elementary School and provide necessary positions to operate the kitchen. We've waited 20 years for this facility to be built and now that it is, we need to fully complete the process of providing full-service to prepare proper meals for ALL our students. Mahalo.

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Maleah A. Lerma	Individual	Support	No

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malia steffen	Individual	Support	No

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MIcah Alameda	Individual	Support	No

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Michele Ebersole	Individual	Support	No

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Michele Sasaki-Cann	Individual	Support	No

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Mindy Skousen	Individual	Support	No

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I am in support for: SR 105, and SCR 143.

#### SR105

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR A FULL-SERVICE CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN AT KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITIONS TO OPERATE THE KITCHEN.

#### SCR 143

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR A FULL-SERVICE CONVENTIONAL KITCHEN AT KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITIONS TO OPERATE THE KITCHEN.

Keaukaha Elementary School

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Patricia "Missy" Kaleohano	Individual	Support	No

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SR105 / SCR 143 –Requesting the Department of Education to Provide Equipment Necessary

for a Full-Service Conventional Kitchen at Keaukaha Elementary School and to Provide Necessary Positions to Operate the Kitchen

Aloha! Senator Kidani, Senator Harimoto, and Education Committee members. My name is

Patrick L Kahawaiolaa and I am the current president of the Keaukaha Elementary School SCC and the president of the Keaukaha Community Association. I have been in this position at KCA since 1999 and the SCC since 2013. We had a Full-Service Conventional kitchen at our school from the day it opened in September, 1930, up until July, 2010 when School Food Services made a decision as a Cost Savings to the department, to consolidate its operations in the Hilo-Laupahoehoe-Waiakea Complex Area (now known as Hilo-Waiakea Complex) while a new cafeteria was being rebuilt.

At that time, Keaukaha Elementary cafeteria was converted from a full-service preparation

kitchen into a serving kitchen. The cafeteria staff of our Keaukaha Elementary ohana, were reassigned while a new cafeteria was under construction is when the consolidation with Hilo Intermediate School began. All food preparation took place at Hilo Intermediate with meal delivery to Keaukaha Elementary. Our testimony is in Full Support of SR105 and SCR143.

1. The cost savings to the department was warranted however, within the Hilo-

Waiakea Complex, Hilo Intermediate School is in close proximity of two other schools, Hilo High and Hilo Union. The distance from Hilo Union to Hilo Intermediate is 0.1 miles. The distance between Hilo High and Hilo Intermediate is 69 feet. The distance between Keaukaha Elementary and Hilo Intermediate School is approximately 3.8 miles.

2. Mathematically speaking, the consolidation should have been a simple solution to consolidate schools that were in close proximity of each other rather than an "outerlying" school. These three schools, Hilo High, Hilo Intermediate, and Hilo Union all have Full-Service Conventional Kitchens. Is this a cost savings?

March 23, 2016 Page 2 3. In July, 2015, Keaukaha Elementary celebrated theopening of the newly built Keaukaha Elementary cafeteria which is a state-of-the-art facility with the infrastructure already built-in to accommodate the transition from a serving kitchen to a full-service conventional kitchen. We need your support to make this transition into a reality by purchasing the equipment necessary to complete our kitchen.

4. Not only will we need the equipment, we will also need the personnel to utilize the equipment and operate our cafeteria to prepare fresh meals for our keiki. The positions that are necessary, at minimum to run a full-service kitchen are a School Food Service Manager, a Cook, a Baker, and Cafeteria Helpers. We historically have had a total of five cafeteria positions based upon our student population thus; due to the increases in student enrollment (420+), we may need additional support however, we will graciously accept your offers.

5. It is my firm belief that bringing Keaukaha Elementary School Cafeteria to its fullest potential in making it a Full-Service Conventional kitchen will not only be an asset to our keiki, but we may be able to accommodate our culturally based public charter school Ke Ana Laahana of an additional 50 students, but to our entire Keaukaha and extended community as our school is the piko or center of Keaukaha.

We passionately and full heartedly express my Strong support of this resolution and concurrent resolution for it is said, "It takes a village to raise a child." What better way to nurture our children with fresh wholesome cooked food? I thank you for this opportunity to express our support of SR105 and SCR143. Any additional information I can be reached at (808)937-8217. Mahalo!

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renee n katada	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Carvalho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We really need this cafeteria.

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Rose Shirley	Individual	Support	No

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russell kai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Keaukaha School's students deserve to have a full functioning cafeteria.

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Ruth TM Jarneski	Individual	Support	No

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Sephora Tim Sing Quebral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Sephora Tim Sing Quebral, is hereby requesting the Department of Education to provide equipments necessary for a running Kitchen. I graduated from K.E.S and my families before me. I remembered having a full service conventional kitchen and as a parent I want my children to have the same privilege. Our keikis will benefit from this by eating more of their meal and the ability to cope better in class just by having a freshly made meal. Thank you!

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Sharon Kai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, We have over 400 students who deserve a fully functioning cafeteria at Keaukaha School. We have a beautiful facility with no kitchen equipment or the necessary staff to operate it. It would be great if our students and community could benefit from the full potential of this facility. Mahalo.

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Shyann Loa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Keaukaha school deserves this!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacey Bello	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in full support of this resolution.

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# STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 240 DESHA AVENUE HILO, HAWAII 96720

March 21, 2016

The Honorable Chairwoman Michelle N. Kidani Senate Committee of Education Hawaii State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street, Room 228 Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Resolution (SR) No. 105 Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) No. 143

Dear Senator Kidani:

My name is Stacey Bello and I am the principal of Keaukaha Elementary School, located on the Big Island.

I am writing to you in full support of both resolutions presented to the Senate Committee of Education on behalf of my school. In 2015, Keaukaha Elementary opened an eight million dollar cafeteria, which currently serves as a dining room. The entire cafeteria is not yet complete since our kitchen requires additional equipment to be fully functional. The new facility already has the infrastructure built-in to accommodate a full service conventional kitchen. We are looking to finish what was started.

At the present time, meals are delivered to our school for breakfast and lunch. There were several times, during this school year alone, when we didn't have enough food to feed our students. As a result, students needed to wait for additional food to be delivered. This shortage caused students to miss their recess times and most importantly, valuable instructional time that ranged between 10-40 minutes.

In addition to completing the kitchen, we will also need the cafeteria positions returned to our school since these positions were removed from our school about five years ago. This cafeteria staff would fall under my direct supervision. A fully functional kitchen and staff will allow us the opportunity to provide meals for our neighboring schools and avoid food shortages that have impacted student learning time.

I appreciate your consideration and humbly ask for your support in approving SR 105 and SCR 143.

Sincerely,

Stacey Bello, Principal Keaukaha Elementary School 240 Desha Avenue Hilo, HI 96720

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Pugliese	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a constituent on the Island of Hawaii and a current Faculty member of Keaukaha Elementary School, I am writing to provide testimony in support of SCR 143. By providing the equipment necessary for a full-service conventional kitchen and the necessary positions to operate the kitchen, nutritious hot meals will be provided on-site versus transporting them from the Hilo High cafeteria. This is advantageous from a cost/benefit perspective as well as ensuring consistent compliance with health and sanitation requirements. Mahalo in advance for your consideration of Resolution No. 143.

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TERESA AGPOON	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former student as well as a mother of four children whom all have attended Keaukaha Elementary School, I am in full support of this measure to help ensure that the keiki of our community be granted a fully functioning conventional kitchen. As an active member of the Keaukaha Community I am aware of the numerous times that there weren't enough meals available for the students and they were left waiting for lunch to be made and delivered from an off site location while interfering with their times of study. Please give our Keiki what they need! MAHALO.

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Terrilyn Tirrell-Fiesta	Individual	Support	No

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Tiffany Pa	Individual	Support	No

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Tommy Kosora	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, The students of Keaukaha elementary school deserves to have a full conventional kitchen staffed with full time employees.. please use common sense when approving the bill. We have a beautiful new cafeteria with space to provide our future leaders with fresh meals. Use your po'o

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Victoria Darlene K Mendiola	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support in a full conventional kitchen for our children of Keaukaha Elementary School,

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wendi kimura	Individual	Support	No

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wendy gravela	Individual	Support	No

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