

SCR49/SR26

Family-School Partnerships
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/25/2013

Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 049/SR 026 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Purpose of Resolution: Education; Family-School Partnerships

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports these resolutions.



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March 25, 2013

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SCR 49/SR 26 - REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS. STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SCR 49 and SR 26**. The purpose of the concurrent resolution is to provide for the actions necessary to fulfill the legislative intent of SCR 145, Regular Session of 2011, and SCR 79, Regular Session of 2012, in order for the Board of Education and Department of Education to report their findings regarding the facilitation of family-school partnerships to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2014.

The Council supports the Board of Education and the Department of Education working with parent organizations to establish policies and practices that encourage greater family engagement and can see the benefits that both families and schools would have with increasing student achievement through partnerships. Family engagement has worked with a variety of parent groups, and we see it as a critical component of student support that will increase both the schools' and families' abilities to support their children's education.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of SCR 49 and SR 26**.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator

J. Curtis Tyler III
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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
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RE: SCR 49/SR 26 - REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND
MONITOR STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL
PARTNERSHIPS

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State
Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
(IDEA), is in **strong support** of SCR 49 and SR 26.

Representatives from SEAC have been working over the last two years
with the Department of Education and representatives from diverse
family and community organizations to address the concerns raised
in SCR 145 (2011) and SCR 79 (2012). Since the Department of
Education's latest report to the Legislature in December 2012 on SCR 79
efforts, there has been no clear plan to accomplish the remaining tasks
outlined by the Department and seconded by the participating family and
community organizations. These efforts are needed to build the capacity
of public schools to engage routinely in family school partnership
practices.

SEAC firmly believes that another resolution is needed to maintain the
momentum of the group and realize our shared goals, so that ultimately,
student achievement is positively impacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our strong support for this
important resolution. If you have any questions, I will be happy to
answer them.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair



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Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 25, 2013

To: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: **SUPPORT** – SCR49/SR26 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I offer testimony in support of SCR49/SR26, which seeks to continue the work between the Department of Education (DOE) and family and community organizations to finalized guidelines for family-school partnerships. As an organization, Family Voices is national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center and are the Medicaid Ombudsman.

A hallmark of the last year has been the collaborative effort between the DOE and family/communication organizations in developing draft policy statement the "Family-School Partnership Policy". This work is not complete and it would benefit our larger school community if the partners involved were able to complete the tasks to finalize the policy and see the effort completed through its adoption by the Board of Education and the development of corollary operational guidelines.

Thank you for your time and consideration in passing SCR49/SR26 .



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Dear Chairs Tokuda and Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) **strongly supports** SCR49/SR26 which proposes to continue the collaboration of family and community organizations to establish, implement and monitor statewide policies for family-school partnerships.

Nationally the PTSA has supported family engagement because of the long-term beneficial impacts on students. Research has shown that family involvement promotes student success. “Families support their children’s learning, guide them through a complex school system, advocate for more and improved learning opportunities, and collaborate with educators and community organizations to achieve more effective educational opportunities. Second, families raise their children in multiple settings and across time, in collaboration with many others.” (The National Family, School, and Community Engagement Working Group, 2009)

To accomplish this in Hawaii schools, more conversation is required between the Department of Education (DOE) and community groups. The PTSA is happy to continue this dialogue and develop general practices that align with national standards.

The Hawaii Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students, also known as the Hawaii State PTSA, is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization made up of more than 7,000 dedicated to improving the lives of Hawaii's keiki. Chartered in 1926, the Hawaii State PTSA is Hawaii's oldest and largest child advocacy organization. We are a state charter of the [National PTA](#), made up of local units throughout the State of Hawaii.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our office. We look forward to your continued support during this legislative session.

Thank you for considering our testimony,

Liz Sager
President
(Original signatures are on file)

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Senate Education Committee
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Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members,

This testimony is in support of SCR49 relating to Family-School Partnerships.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

For the last two sessions, the legislature passed SCR145 and SCR79, respectively, which requested that the DOE, with input from community organizations, to establish, implement, and monitor statewide policies for family engagement in Hawaii's public schools. HE'E along with other organizations worked with the DOE staff to refine policy for family-school partnerships and make recommendations on the implementation of the revised policy. Those recommendations were highlighted in a report to the legislature in 2013.

We support this resolution as it keeps the process moving along through implementation. We want to continue to work with the DOE staff as they move forward. We would be glad to work with the legislature, department and the BOE to make this effort successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

Academy 21

After-School All-Stars Hawaii

Alliance for Place Based Learning

*Castle Complex Community Council

Center for Civic Education

Coalition for Children with Special Needs

*DOE Windward District

*Faith Action for Community Equity

Fresh Leadership LLC

Girl Scouts Hawaii

*Good Beginnings Alliance

Harold K.L. Castle Foundation

*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars

*Hawai'i Charter School Network

*Hawai'i Education Matters

*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

*Hawaii State PTSA

Hawai'i State Student Council

Hawai'i State Teachers Association

Hawai'i P-20

Hawai'i 3Rs

Head Start Collaboration Office

It's All About Kids

*INPEACE

Joint Venture Education Forum

Kamehameha Schools

*Kanu Hawai'i

Kupu A'e

*Leaders for the Next Generation

McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

*Our Public School

*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

*Parents and Children Together

*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

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Dear Chairs Tokuda and Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

The Community Children's Councils (CCCs) **strongly supports** SCR49/SR26 which proposes to continue the collaboration of family and community organizations to establish, implement and monitor statewide policies for family-school partnerships.

Research continues to show that the more families are engaged with their children's learning, the better their grades are, the higher their graduation rates and the better their attitude is towards school.

Much work on this has been done but more is needed to accomplish this in Hawaii schools to obtain establish standards and obtain consistency.

The 17 CCCs are community-based bodies comprised of parents, professionals in both public and private agencies and other interested persons who are concerned with specialized services provided to Hawaii's students. Membership is diverse, voluntary and advisory in nature. The CCCs are in rural and urban communities organized around the Complexes in the Department of Education.

Thank you for considering our testimony,
Tom Smith, Co-Chair

Jessica Wong-Sumida, Co-Chair

(Original signatures are on file with the CCCO)