

# LATE TESTIMONY

Date of Hearing: March 16, 2009

Committee: Senate Education and Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: S.C.R. No. 0052, Requesting that the Hookakoo Corporation Report on the Progress and Impacts of the Models for Expanded Learning Time Being Piloted by the Hookakoo Corporation's Partner Conversion Charter Schools

Purpose: Requests that the Hookakoo Corporation submit reports of its expanded learning time initiative that include a description of the expanded learning time models that are or will be piloted by the Corporation's partner charter schools, and collaborate with the Department of Education on the development of plans to pilot expanded learning time models that promote the achievement and success of Hawaii's public school students.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports S.C.R. No. 052. The Department recognizes the importance of providing safe and structured learning environments for school-age children during non-school hours. These programs engage students in experiential, hands-on learning projects, challenge students to delve deeply into core subjects, and allow students to participate in enrichment and remedial opportunities that can enhance their academic, personal, and social development.

The Department currently provides extended learning opportunities, and the preliminary impact data derived from the models for expanded learning time report will help inform the Department's efforts in further developing expanded learning time programs. The evaluation and technical assistance can benefit both conversion charter schools and Department public schools. Hence, the Department will collaborate with the Hookakoo Corporation on developing plans to expand learning opportunities for students.