

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2025-2027) on 2025-03-31 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 03-31-25 09:00

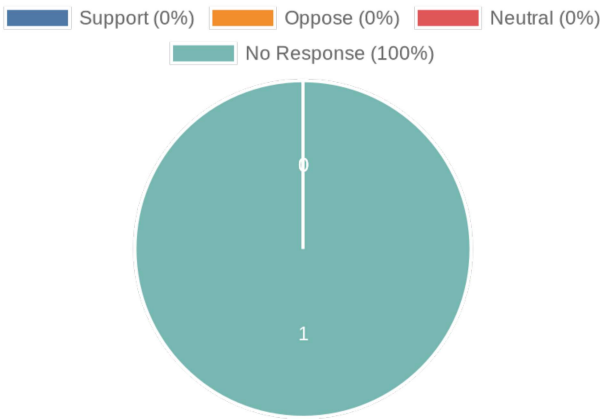
eComments Report

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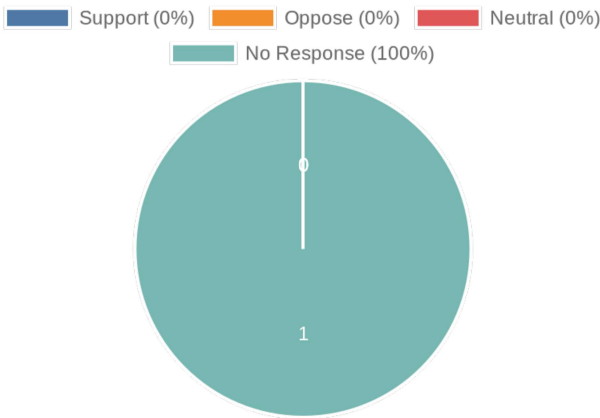


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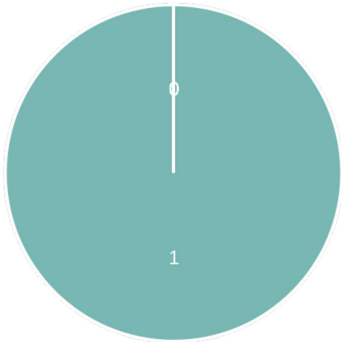
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (0%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (100%)



BFED Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 11:57am 03-31-25

Testimonies received from BFED Committee 03-31-2025

BFED Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:34 AM
To: BFED Committee
Subject: FW: Testimony in support of STEMworks

From: Margaret Ogle-dphrepaulezz <margaret.ogle-dphrepaulezz@k12.hi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 10:09 AM
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Subject: Testimony in support of STEMworks

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Today's Date

Aloha, honored members of the County Council,

My name is Megan Ogle. I am a solo parent of an 8th grade boy and incoming 6th grade girl at Kalama. I am also a teacher at Kula Elementary.

I believe that continuing to fund STEMworks programs in our school is important because in a highly competitive global world, our students need a head start in STEM careers.

I believe that continuing to fund STEMworks programs in our school is important because it provides high-quality, valuable after school enrichment. If there were no after school STEM programs, my children (who walk home) would be laying down in bed on their phones watching You-Tube until I got home from work at 4 pm. Instead, they are learning essential 21st century skills, engaged with high-quality projects and instruction; and collaborating and socializing with peers.

I know with this Trump administration funding is tight, but let's prioritize our future and some of our most vulnerable kids - public school middle schoolers. With a teaching shortage, it is the middle schools that are hardest to fill. Please help to combat that problem with STEMworks.

Please continue to fund STEMworks.

Respectfully yours,

Megan Ogle

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From: Peka Vares <vjadekapeka@gmail.com>
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Aloha,

Attending the STEM Conference 2025 for the first time as a chaperone with my daughter and her school was a transformative experience. I was truly impressed by the opportunities our youth had to engage in hands-on activities, converse with college representatives, interact with Hawai'i's entrepreneurs, and learn about various career paths available here in our island home. As a mākua (parent) and kumu (teacher), I have never felt so proud of our youth for seizing every opportunity presented at this two-day conference.

Additionally, my daughter and her hula 'ohana were given the incredible opportunity to explore and immerse themselves at 'Iolani Palace and Mauna'ala. Culturally, it is essential for our 'ōpio (young people) to delve into the mo'olelo (stories) of our kūpuna (ancestors) to establish a strong kāhua (foundation) that will shape their pīko'u (identity) for the betterment of our future.

This conference beautifully integrated STEM education with cultural enrichment, and I am deeply grateful for the experience.

Mahalo.