

**Department of Education
Queen Liliuokalani Building
Committee on Weights XI
June 7, 2019**

Minutes

Members: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto (Co-Chair), Mitchell Otani (Co-Chair), Erik Burkman, Chad “Keoni” Farias, Heather Dansdill, Carl Hinson, Justin Hughey, Wendy Matsuzaki, Gail Nakaahiki, Noel Richardson, Katina Soares, Osa Tui, Adam Tuifagu,

Absent: Kristen Brummel, Justin Carmichael, Malaea Wetzel

Staff: Kimberly Chee, Miles Dodo, Brian Hallett, Keli Houston, Ken Kuraya, Wendy Sekiya, Ryan Shimabuku, Shannah Smith, Gary Zane,

Topic	Speaker	Discussion
9:00 a.m. Welcome	Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto and Mitchell Otani	Chairs welcomed committee members and reviewed the Committee on Weights scope and primary role. Their charge is to distribute our most flexible dollars based on data and how they can be used.
Approval of June 7, 2019 Minutes		Heather Dansdill motion to accept minutes. Carl Hinson second. Passed unanimously.
Public Testimony		Two written testimony submitted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther Kanehailua – submitted testimony expressing concerns on the SPED Fiscal Allocation Work Group Recommendation and possible solutions. • Nolan Kawano – submitted testimony to support equity in the distribution of WSF. Keith Hui provided testimony and written testimony on concerns of the SPED Fiscal Allocation Work Group recommendation.
Special Education Fiscal Allocation Workgroup	Amy Kunz & Heidi Armstrong	Presented the Special Education Fiscal Allocation Workgroup executive summary, report and recommendation.
	Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto	Informed the Committee that the Special Education Fiscal Allocation Workgroup is just the start at looking how to distribute SPED funds to allow site-based decision making within the confines of federal laws.
	Brian Hallett	Provided committee with a report that provided the percentage of WSF funds spent on salary versus supplies for each school.
	Kimberly Chee	Explained to the Committee the positions/duties that are included in the calculation of base funding in WSF for each school category.
Small School Equity	Ken Kuraya	Continued the discussion on small school equity.
10:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Break		

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Hawaiian Language Immersion Program	Kalehua Krug	Presented HLIP data and growth of the program.
Teacher Recruitment and Retention	Kimberly Chee	Discussion on a possible weight in WSF for teachers with less than 5 years of service. Explained that ICAA calculation has a weight for teachers with less than 5 years of service at a school and a similar weight can be included in WSF.
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Working Lunch		
Adequacy	Ken Kuraya	Led continue discussion on a local definition on adequacy.
Academic Plan	Steve Nakasato	Shared with the Committee a review of the FY18-19 Academic Plan and process and a preview of the new Academic Plan.
Financial Plan	Gary Zane	Presented to the Committee the current Financial Plan.
Next Steps	Mitchell Otani	Possible continue discussion and crafting a recommendation for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small School Equity • Adequacy • A policy about the viability of a school after enrollment falls below a certain number • HLIP
Adjournment		

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break		
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