

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1102**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable  
Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable  
Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Hawaiian Immersion School Infrastructure Project** in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **‘Aha Pūnana Leo** located at **96 Pu‘uhonu Place, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720**.

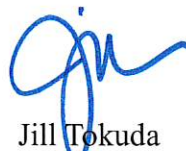
The funding would be used to improve the infrastructure of Hawaiian language medium facilities and consolidate ‘Aha Pūnana Leo-owned parcels to address the school’s rapidly growing student enrollment and better suit the needs of the Hawaiian language community. Specifically, the requested funds would complete the initial phase of lot consolidation and provide for critical infrastructure, including drinking water and wastewater systems, in preparation for subsequent phases of the only Infant through Grade 12 public Hawaiian language medium school in Kea‘au in the Puna District on the island of Hawai‘i.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jill Tokuda  
Member of Congress