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January 6, 2003

Mr. Solomon W. H. Wong  
1022 Prospect Street, Apt. 1206  
Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Mr. Wong:

Thank you for your letter regarding the cost of retirees' medical and prescription drug plans and the Department of Defense Overseas Dependent Schools Program.

I share your desire to reduce public employers' costs to provide benefits for retirees, and sent a copy of your letter to Bert Nishihara, administrator for the Health Fund. Mr. Nishihara will present your letter for discussion at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

In addition, I sent a copy of your letter to Mark Fukuhara, administrator for the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund which will take over from the Health Fund effective July 1, 2003. This action was mandated by Act 88, SLH 2001. Mr. Fukuhara has shared the letter with the Trust Fund's benefits consultant and your suggestions will be discussed when the Trust Fund finalizes its rules.

I am interested in receiving the State's equitable share of federal impact funds to educate military children. As such, I will request that the Board of Education continue to be vigorous in their attempts to collect Hawaii's fair share of funds.

I appreciate your taking the time to express your concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ 

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bc: Honorable Pat Hamamoto  
Honorable Georgina K. Kawamura  
Herbert Watanabe, Chair of the BOE  
Bert Nishihara, Health Fund Administrator  
✓ Mark Fukuhara, HEUHBTF Administrator