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February 12, 2009

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
And Committee Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Senate Bill 1014, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SAFE HAVEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 1014, which would appropriate funds for the Safe Haven after-school program, a Model Demonstration Program in Hawai'i County.

We know that the risk of juvenile crime, drug use, alcohol and tobacco use and sexual activity increases among older children who are left unsupervised in the after-school hours. There is also a consensus that Hawai'i County lacks positive educational and recreational activities for our youth in the after-school and evening hours.

Today there is no "A-Plus" Program for teenagers, but our schools can be a positive place for our kids even after the traditional school day ends. The Safe Haven After School Program would establish safe, structured and supervised after-school learning environments for our youth. It will allow our communities to take responsibility for our children, for our schools and for our communities' health and safety.

We ask you to help us to open our schools to our youth so they can remain there after classes end to engage in positive recreational, educational and cultural activities. Working parents, who are under all kinds of stresses today, will benefit from knowing their children are being supervised in a safe and positive environment.

We all understand these are difficult economic times, but providing positive alternatives for our youth today will pay dividends for decades to come. We owe it to our children to make the Safe Haven Model a reality.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

Billy Kenoi
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NOTICE OF HEARING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009 1:45 PM

Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Room 226 FX: 808-586-6131

Senator Les Ihara, Jr. Vice Chair

RE: S.B. #1014 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SAFE HAVEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Aloha,

My name is Robert "Bobby" Stivers and I am the Vice President of Operations and Branch Executive Director of The Island of Hawaii YMCA. I want to express my support of S.B. #1014 making an appropriation of \$600,000 or so for the fiscal year of 2009-2010 as a grant-in-aid for the county of Hawaii to fund the safe haven after school program.

The county of Hawaii is so large that many children are denied after school opportunities particularly in rural communities. The grant-in-aid will allow DOE, parks and recreation, businesses and non-profits to work together to provide much need after school programs.

The YMCA has been providing after school and non-after school hour programs in Hilo, Kona and Waimea well before the DOE A Plus After school Program began in 1990. The YMCA is particularly concerned about after school opportunities for middle school youth in grades 6 and 7.

Thank you for your time.

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THANK YOU
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