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TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1756.HD1
Relating to Youth After-School Programs

February 5, 2014

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the House Committee on Education, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We **support** House Bill No. 1756.HD1, but **recommend that the bill be amended** to reinstate the effective date of July 1, 2014. We also ask for the committee's support in ensuring that funding in the amount of \$3.1 million is appropriated for the R.E.A.C.H. program.

This measure seeks to establish a program that provides for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools throughout the state of Hawaii. R.E.A.C.H., which stands for resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health, is an initiative aimed at keeping Hawaii's youth engaged and excited about learning during the afterschool hours so they can stay on the right path towards high school graduation and be better prepared for future success. Programs offered will be from three general categories: academic enrichment, arts and culture, and athletics.

House Bill No. 1756.HD1 establishes new sections under Chapter 352D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to establish the R.E.A.C.H. program in the Office of Youth Services in order to provide a standardized framework for afterschool programs offered in public middle/intermediate schools. The program would be administered by the Office of Youth Services through an appropriation of \$3.1 million, including one full-time equivalent position. Provisions in the bill allow for participation fees to be established which would serve to enhance the sustainability of the program. The bill also establishes a revolving fund to receive the fees and other moneys to supplement the cost of administering and operating the program. An appropriation of \$3.1 million has been included in the Executive Supplemental Budget and, therefore, has been accounted for by the Administration in its financial plan.

The Office of Youth Services is dedicated to creating opportunities for the youth to develop competencies that foster resiliency and enable them to achieve a successful transition to young adulthood. The objectives of the R.E.A.C.H. initiative are wholly aligned with the objectives of the Office of Youth Services. Over the past several months, our office has been diligently collaborating with the Department of Education (DOE), the Office of Youth Services, and a working group of middle school principals and DOE administrators to develop both the pilot project and the long-term structure for R.E.A.C.H. In addition to the working group, an Advisory Board comprised of well-known community leaders committed to improving outcomes for Hawaii's youth was also established to provide insight, guidance, and support for this important initiative.

Thanks to the support from the legislature this past session, funds were appropriated and expended on a pilot project that involves five middle/intermediate schools that were awarded between \$26,000 to \$45,000 per school for a total of nearly \$200,000. The five schools are: Hana High and Elementary, Kawanānakoā Middle, Mililani Middle, Molokai Middle, and Waiākea Intermediate. Implementation of this pilot project commences this month and we are very encouraged by the enthusiasm and support exhibited by the students, parents, teachers, and community at a rally held at Mililani Middle School earlier this month.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the legislature for their support with the pilot project and hope that we can continue to build upon what we started in 2013. The middle years are a critical time in a child's life where disengagement can start to take hold. The stakes of disengagement are high. Once students disconnect, recruitment and retention programs require stronger, more persistent outreach and more long-term participation. Juvenile crime, drug rehabilitation, counseling and other forms of intervention result in higher costs to taxpayers. The bottom line is that after-school programs keep kids on the path that leads to high school, college, career, and ultimately a better life.

We **support** HB 1756.HD1, but respectfully ask that the aforementioned amendments be made to this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
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Date: 02/05/2014

Committee: House Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1756 HD1 RELATING TO YOUTH.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the office of youth services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Establishes a revolving fund to receive fees and other moneys to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program. Appropriates funds for establishing the R.E.A.C.H. program to provide funding for after-school programs in middle and intermediate public schools. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to support the program and appropriates funds for that position.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Education) supports HB 1756 HD1 to establish the R.E.A.C.H. program. The middle school years are a critical time in a child's life. Middle and intermediate after-school programs will keep students engaged and allow them to explore activities that will serve to promote a positive lifestyle and achieve a successful transition to young adulthood.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES
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February 4, 2014

TO: The Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair
House Committee on Education

FROM: David Hipp
Executive Director

SUBJECT: H.B. 1756.HD1 – RELATING TO YOUTH

Hearing: Wednesday, February 5, 2014; 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1756.HD1 Relating to Youth, is to establish the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the Office of Youth Services (OYS) to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-schools programs in public middle and intermediate schools. The bill also:

- establishes a revolving fund to receive fees and other moneys to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program
- appropriates funds for establishing the program
- establishes and funds a position to support the program

OFFICE'S POSITION: OYS supports H.B. 1756.HD1 Relating to Youth. There are several common denominators in the lives of our at-risk youth, including but not limited to: a lack of connectedness, a sense of not belonging, and failure in school. These factors all lead to poor decision making – which is evidenced by the fact that middle school aged children represent nearly ½ of all first time juvenile arrests in our state.

Providing quality after school programming for middle schoolers through the R.E.A.C.H. program will address those very issues – relationships, connections and school engagement will positively impact school attendance and success, and is a critical prevention tool.

This funding is targeting the 24 middle and intermediate schools that do not receive funding or programming through the federal funds supporting the state's UPLINK program. The funding amount is based on the costs being expended in the UPLINK schools and includes a position in OYS to work with DOE and provide oversight, support and compliance with the programming goals statewide. We recommend that the bill be amended to reinstate the effective date of July 1, 2014, and that funding in the amount of \$3.1 million is appropriated for the R.E.A.C.H. program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



HB1756 HD1
RELATING TO YOUTH
House Committee on Education

February 5, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Room 309

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB1756 HD1, which would establish a Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (REACH) Program within the Office of Youth Services.

The REACH initiative proposes to fill the current void of after-school activities for public middle and intermediate students with an organizational framework that will ensure that our ‘ōpio at this highly impressionable and vulnerable age receive the kind of positive support and educational stimulation to keep them motivated and engaged in academic enrichment, arts and culture, and athletics.

In recognition of the critical need to create after-school programming for our ‘ōpio, the OHA Board of Trustees on December 5, 2013 approved an allocation of \$75,000 to establish REACH programs at Moloka‘i Middle School and Hāna High and Elementary School.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** HB 1756, HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Hale Kipa, Inc.

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Hawaii Behavioral Health

Hawaii Student Television

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition

Hina Mauka Teen Care

Hui Malama Learning Center

Kaanalike

Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health

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Project

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Kokua Kalihi Valley

Life Foundation

Marimed Foundation

Maui Youth and Family Services

Palama Settlement

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

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REAL

Salvation Army Family Intervention Svcs.

Salvation Army Family Treatment Svcs.

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community Center

The Catalyst Group

The Children's Alliance of Hawaii

Waikiki Health Center

Women Helping Women

YWCA of Kauai

January 31, 2014

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1756 HD 1 RELATING TO YOUTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 1756 HD 1 Relating to Youth.

High quality after-school programs are effective in reducing the risk of a variety of undesirable behaviors among adolescents, including unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, juvenile crime, and substance abuse. They can increase school achievement, reduce dropout rates, and provide service learning opportunities that teach young people the value of contributing back to their communities.

Hawaii has the highest percentage of households in the United States in which all adults are employed. These working families need after school programs to ensure that children are safe and engaged in productive activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH



TESTIMONY OF
TOM APPLE, REACH OUT HAWAII
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1756 HD1
Relating to Youth After-School Programs

February 5, 2014

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and members of the committee

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of House Bill No. 1756.HD1.

I am Tom Apple, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Manoa and also President of a non-profit organization called REACH Out Hawaii which was recently established to support the state's R.E.A.C.H. initiative of developing a comprehensive framework for after-school programs for public middle and intermediate schools throughout the state.

Our mission at REACH Out Hawaii is to leverage resources from the private and public sector to build a sustainable funding base for high quality programs that keep our kids engaged in learning so they can succeed in school and in life. As a Chancellor at one of the state's only public institution for higher education, I have a personal stake in promoting and supporting R.E.A.C.H. Middle schools are part of the pipeline to higher education. We are all too familiar with the need to increase both our high school graduation and college going rates. In order to affect this, we need to place more attention at the middle school level. This bill will help achieve this. The need to leverage the power of expanded learning opportunities after school has never been greater as our world has become increasingly complex. We have come to realize that instructional hours alone cannot support all of the learning needs required to adequately prepare Hawaii's youth not only for higher education, but for a career in the 21st century and a globally competitive job market.

We ***strongly support*** House Bill No. 1756.HD1 and respectfully urge the passage of this bill. The bill addresses a critical need for Hawaii's middle school students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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House Committee on Education
Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Takashi Ohno, Vice Chair

February 5, 2014

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for HB1756 HD1, establishing a statewide afterschool program, R.E.A.C.H, within the Office of Youth Services, and the financial appropriations to support the program.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

One issue that is of high priority to Coalition members is school safety, including bullying, addressing students at-risk, and looking for ways to keep children in school. Especially in the middle and intermediate schools years, a young teen's focus can wander if they are not engaged in structured activities. Afterschool programs can provide this structure as well as be a safe place where teens can build confidence. Studies show that afterschool programs can contribute to higher grades and test scores, better attendance records, lower drop out rates and an increase in positive attitudes and behaviors.¹ After school programs can also have benefits to families including better connection between parents, children and communities, and improved relationships between parents and children.²

The Coalition supports a statewide afterschool network targeting middle and intermediate schools. We agree that the Office of Youth Services is the appropriate entity to administer the program. We also would like to see collaboration with the Department of Education, as many afterschool programs take place on public school sites. In addition, we would like to see the afterschool programs and school programs coordinated if possible for positive outcomes for students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership.

¹ Decker, L. E., et al. (2000). *Engaging families & communities, pathways to educational success*. Boca Raton, FL: National Community Educational Association, Florida Atlantic University.

² Harris, E. & Wimer, C. (2004, April). *Engaging with families in out-of-school time learning, No. 4*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Family Research Project.

HE'E Member List

Academy 21
After-School All-Stars Hawaii
Alliance for Place Based Learning
*Castle Complex Community Council
Center for Civic Education
Coalition for Children with Special Needs
*DOE Windward District
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
Girl Scouts Hawaii
*Good Beginnings Alliance
Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and
Economic Justice
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
*Hawai'i Charter School Network
*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity
Coalition
*Hawaii State PTSA
Hawai'i State Student Council
Hawai'i State Teachers Association
Hawai'i P-20
Hawai'i 3Rs
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It's All About Kids
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Keiki to Career
Kupu A'e
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*Pacific Resources for Education and
Learning
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Honorable Roy Takumi, Chair
Honorable Takashi Ohno, Vice Chair
House Committee on Education

RE: HB 1756 HD1 – Relating to Youth – In Support

February 5, 2014; 2:00 PM, Hawaii State Capitol Room 309

Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and members of the committee,

I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HB 1756 HD1, which establishes resources for the R.E.A.C.H. program in the Office of Youth Services to provide a framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools.

I am a member of the R.E.A.C.H. Advisory Board and believe there is a critical need to provide safe, supervised after-hours programs that are of interest to public middle and intermediate students. Far too many adolescents are left on their own during these hours and are prone to risky behavior. The intent of R.E.A.C.H. is to keep them engaged in athletics, academic enrichment, or arts and culture which we hope will assist in developing skills and improving their lives.

The mission of R.E.A.C.H. is to leverage resources from the private and public sector to build a sustainable funding base so we can offer quality programs. Oceanic Time Warner Cable has committed cash and in-kind donations totaling \$60,000 toward this effort.

I ask for your support in passing HB 1756 HD1 with amendments to reinstate the \$3,100,000 appropriation and an effective date of July 1, 2014. Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Barlow
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TESTIMONY OF

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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1756. HD1
Relating to Youth After-School Programs – R.E.A.C.H.

February 5, 2014

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno and members of the committee:

I ***strongly support*** House Bill No. (HB) 1756.H.D.1 which establishes the R.E.A.C.H. program in the Office of Youth Services and provides much needed funding for after-school programs in our public middle and intermediate schools.

In addition to being the Chief Operating Officer of Pacific Links Hawai'i and a Trustee of Kamehameha Schools, I am also a member of the R.E.A.C.H. Advisory Board. I joined this board because I firmly believe in the need to have a comprehensive statewide approach to after school programs at the middle school level. As a working parent, I strongly support the development of safe, supervised after-hours programs and know first-hand the peace of mind that comes from knowing that my daughters are someplace safe and engaged in healthy, productive activities right after school is out. Yet, there continues to be nearly thousands of adolescents left on their own during the hours after school, making them vulnerable to drug and tobacco use, alcohol, crime and other risky behavior. Through R.E.A.C.H., these students have the opportunity to be engaged in athletics, academic enrichment, or arts and culture – programs and activities aimed at developing responsibility, confidence and a sense of community in Hawaii's youth.

Part of the non-profit entity's mission that is associated with R.E.A.C.H. is to leverage resources from the private and public sector to build a sustainable funding base so that quality programs can be offered. Funding is a key component to state wide programs at the middle school level and this bill will serve to fulfill this critical need. The need to leverage the power of expanded learning opportunities after school has never been greater as the world has become increasingly complex. After school programs provide learning opportunities that help our youth better prepare for high school and a successful life.

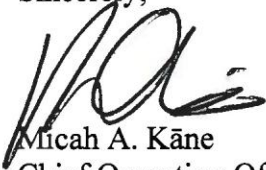
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This bill addresses a critical need for Hawai'i's middle school students. I ***strongly support*** it and respectfully urge the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Micah A. Kāne', written over the printed name.

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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Education
Wednesday, February 05, 2014
State Capitol, Room 309

By Paula Adams
Program Director, Kaho'omiki
Afterschool Ambassador, Afterschool Alliance

HB 1756 – RELATING TO YOUTH

Good afternoon Rep. Roy M. Takumi, Chair and good afternoon Takashi, Vice Chair Ohno, and members of the committee. My name is Paula Adams, Program Director for Kahoomiki, Hawaii Council on Physical Activity and Nutrition and Afterschool Ambassador for the Afterschool Alliance. Kahoomiki, the Afterschool Alliance and I strongly support this measure. House Bill 1756 seeks to establish the R.E.A.C.H (which stands for resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health) program in the Office of Youth Services to provide a standardized framework for afterschool programs in public middle and intermediate schools throughout the state.

A pilot project for R.E.A.C.H. was initiated during the fourth quarter last year thanks to the support from the legislature and the Lieutenant Governor's Office. We have been working closely with this project to help facilitating its implementation.

The middle years are a critical time in a child's life where disengagement can start to take hold. The hours between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. are considered to be the riskiest time for middle-school-age children as they are often left alone. Juvenile crime, drug rehabilitation, counseling and other forms of intervention result in higher costs to taxpayers. The bottom line is that afterschool programs keep kids on the path that leads to high school, college, career, and ultimately a better life. The afterschool alliance shows that afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. We believe that HB 1756 addresses this critical need for such programs. We noticed the monies for this program was taken out of the bill and the effective date was pushed back to the year 2050. We are asking you to re-instate the funding for this important initiative and revert the date back to July 1st., 2014 so students can benefit from REACH in this coming school year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the legislature for their support with the pilot project and hope that middle schools students in this state will get the support they need to stay on right track during the vulnerable hours afterschool.

We **strongly support** HB 1756 and respectfully urge the passage of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Kalani Kaanaana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a high school athletics coach there is indeed a need for programs such as REACH. I support this measure fully and think it can only add to supplement the many athletics programs. Please support the measure.

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