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SCR185

I am Joseph Butindaro, a student at the University of Hawaii and am a graduate of the Hawaii Public Education system. I am testifying in support of SCR185.

Currently, I noticed, using my placement of internship, the link between education and incarceration rates. The numbers do not only correlate, but they seem to be causation of the later effect. When speaking to friends who have been to prison, their hope was that they finished their education. Had there been a program for them to turn to afterschool it may have given them incentive to stay in school and possibly continue their education further. Studies show that having one good role model in a disadvantaged child's life can be the difference between perpetuating that sense of marginalization, and furthering to break the chain. That is why I am in agreement with Page 3 line 4-8 in regards to dedicating funds to disadvantaged communities.

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