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February 26, 2016

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 2442 SD1– Relating to Children and Youth Day


The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **strongly supports SB 2442 SD1** to recognize the celebration of Children and Youth Day as an official State event.

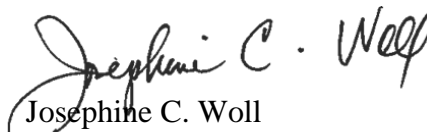
The Council is a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families and strongly supports Children and Youth Day. Children and Youth Day is a day which encourages, supports, and promotes educating and strengthening families, involving citizens in public policy development, promoting access to the legislative process, and informing legislators of the issues and challenges facing Hawaii's children and youth with and without disabilities.

For the past 16 years the Council has convened its annual "Day at the Capitol" event with more than 400 self-advocates, family members, and service providers to celebrate and participate in the legislative process. Participants have met with legislators from their districts, been introduced and recognized during the House and Senate floor sessions, attended public hearings, took a tour of the State Capitol, and met and networked with others. This day has been invaluable to participants attending our event. Similarly, Children and Youth Day promotes active participation of children, youth, families, organizations, businesses and policymakers in celebrating and embracing the well-being of Hawaii's keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **strongly supporting SB 2442 SD1.**

Sincerely,


Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator


Josephine C. Woll
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HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, Relating to the Children and Youth Day

Decision Making: Wednesday, February 26, 2016, 9:40 a.m.

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission has **no position** on the intent of S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, which designates the celebrations of Children and Youth Day held in the area of the state capitol to be an official state event. The Commission, however, offers information about the application of the State Ethics Code to Children and Youth Day activities.

Background

Last year, in response to concerns directed to the Commission about state resources being used to support Children and Youth Day, the Commission offered guidance that, because Children and Youth Day was a privately sponsored activity, i.e., it was not an event of the state, state resources could not be used to support Children and Youth Day.

Specifically, the Commission understood that one or more legislators were using their staff to: (1) organize volunteers; (2) create, print and mail solicitation letters to past and potential sponsors; (3) coordinate vendors and vendor booths; (4) create Children and Youth Day participant and sponsor forms; (5) answer telephone calls and emails regarding Children and Youth Day; (6) update the Children and Youth Day website; (7) record payments from participants; (8) record donations and transmit those donations to a fiscal agent; (9) direct disbursements and payments to vendors; (10) order toys for goodie bags; (11) prepare goodie bags; (12) disseminate Children and Youth Day-related information to Keiki Caucus Resource Group members and others; (13) prepare 150-200 participant packets; (14) order food for volunteers; and (15) prepare/organize meal tickets and parking passes for participants and volunteers. In addition to the staff time, state funds, state supplies, and state facilities were being used to plan and otherwise support Children and Youth Day. The Commission also understood that a

legislator was using the legislator's position to secure permits and other approvals from the state and city and county of Honolulu for the private event.

The fair treatment provision of the State Ethics Code, HRS section 84-13, prohibits a legislator from using or attempting to use his or her official position to secure or grant unwarranted privileges, exemptions, advantages, contracts, or treatment for the legislator or others. The statute further prohibits a legislator from using state resources, which includes the legislator's staff, office, and allowance, for private business purposes, which includes support of a non-profit organization.

SB No. 2442, S.D. 1

The Commission suggests that certain language of the bill should be clarified. Specifically, the bill designates the "[a]ctivities of Children and Youth Day" to be an official state event. It is unclear from the bill as to the purpose of the designation of Children and Youth Day as an "official state event." For example, if the intent is that the state organize and fund the Children and Youth Day activities, it is unclear which state agency will be responsible for doing so; it also appears that the "activities" that are deemed to be an official state event include those that are organized on neighbor islands in celebration of Children and Youth Day. The Commission suggests that the bill more clearly reflect the Committee's intent with respect to the state's role in the Children and Youth Day activities that are deemed to be an official state event.

The Commission also notes that, even if the Children and Youth Day is deemed to be a state event, the fair treatment law nevertheless may prohibit a legislator from using legislative resources, including his or her staff, legislative offices, and discretionary allowance money, to support Children and Youth Day. Generally, legislators may use state resource for official legislative business, i.e., to perform their legislative duties. A legislator's official duties likely do not include organizing and working directly on Children and Youth Day activities.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission's work and for considering the Commission's testimony on S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1.



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RE: SB 2442, SD 1 - Relating to Children and Youth Day

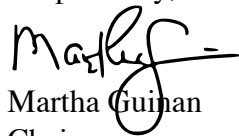
Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **strongly supports** SB 2442, SD 1 that recognizes celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official state event.

Children and Youth Day has provided thousands of families the opportunity to become educated by community organizations on such important topics as education, nutrition, health, safety, emergency preparedness, and the environment. At the same time it has offered hands-on learning activities to the keiki who have lots of fun in the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully,


Martha Guinan
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To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **SB 2442, SD1 – Children and Youth Day - Support**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211, February 26, 2016 – 9:40 A.M.

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), formerly Good Beginnings Alliance, we are writing in support of SB 2442, SD1 – Children and Youth Day.

HCAN is committed to improving lives and being a strong voice advocating for Hawai'i's children. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2016 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaiican.org/2016policyagenda>.

For more than 20 years, this celebration held on the first Sunday of every October, has honored our children and youth and the special contributions they make to our community. This free event has provided educational activities, games and rides, entertainment and tours for attendees. HCAN supports this initiative to recognize Children and Youth Day as an official state event.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that Committee pass this bill.

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O Hawai'i

Waikiki Health

February 24, 2016

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2442 SD1 RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, strongly supports SB 2442 SD1 Relating to Children and Youth Day.

Children and Youth Day provides a unique opportunity for children, youth, and families to learn and play together. The 200+ interactive exhibits, tables, and games educate people about nutrition, exercise, parenting, the environment, safety, employment, education, disaster preparedness, culture, and many other topics that lead to healthy lifestyles and a sustainable Hawaii. It encourages parents and children to interact in healthy and fun ways at a totally free event that is attended by more than 40,000 people annually.

More than 250 government, non-profit, faith-based organizations, and community businesses, and over 1,500 volunteers come together to create this very special community gathering. Children and youth learn the joys of community service as they provide entertainment, stuff goodie bags, clean up litter, and run games and other interactive activities. They work side by side with kupuna, each sharing their talents and time.

By bringing families to the Capitol for a day of fun and learning, our citizens and our future voters become comfortable with the venue – and are more likely to come back to engage in civic affairs and discuss their concerns with their elected officials.

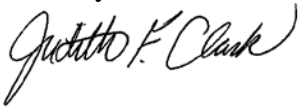
Children and Youth Day educates citizens in ways to reduce future public costs for health care and other services. By encouraging people to eat more nutritious diets, exercise regularly, and refrain from using tobacco products, we can reduce acute health care and long term care costs. By encouraging good parenting practices, we prevent child abuse and neglect. By encouraging educational achievement and the development of employment skills, we

reduce costs for public assistance. And by encouraging safe driving and pedestrian safety, we reduce death and disability from traffic accidents. These are just a few of the ways that we benefit Hawaii's citizens and reduce government costs by holding a state-sponsored Children and Youth Day and Children and Youth Month.

No one organization or individual gets special benefit from the use of state resources to put on Children and Youth Day and Month. It benefits each and every one of us. Please pass this legislation to sustain Children and Youth Day and Month.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith F. Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judith" being the most prominent.

Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



TO: Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE/LOCATION: February 26, 2016; 9:40 a.m., Conference Room 211

RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2442, SD1 – RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY

I strongly urge you to support SB 2442, SD1 – Relating to Children and Youth Day. Since its establishment in 1994, Children and Youth Day was initiated to celebrate the contributions of today's keiki, and recognize their potential in creating Hawaii's brighter future. It has become a collaborative event of over 300 government and community organizations offering educational and interactive resources for families.

It is of necessity that we continue to invest in our keiki to ensure they become promising leaders embedded in the aloha spirit. This event shall continue to expand its positive impacts throughout Hawaii and the hearts who dedicate their services to the youth. We support the passing of SB 2442 to recognize Children and Youth Day as an official State event of Hawaii.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 18,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 16 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 2442, SD1**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

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Testimony for WAM on Feb 26, 2016 09:40AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bathey Fong	Self-Advocacy Advisory Council	Support	Yes

Comments: Self Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) is an advocacy group made up of people with developmental disabilities. We teach leadership and advocacy skills to help others to have a voice and be part of their community. During Children and Youth Day events we educate the children about SAAC and share information on how to stop bullying. Please pass SB2442 SD1. Thank you

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To: Chair Jill N. Tokuda
Vice Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Members of the Ways and Means Committee
From: Miyuu Handa
Kailua, Hawai'i

Subject: Support of Senate Bill 2442 SD1, Relating to Children and Youth Day

Aloha! My name is Miyuu Handa and I am currently a sophomore at Kalaheo High School in Kailua. I strongly believe in Senate Bill 2442 SD1 and would like to ask for your support. As it stands in current time, Children and Youth Day is a public event on a Sunday in October at the State Capitol.

The first Sunday of every October was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature and Governor in 1994 as Children and Youth Day. Since then it has been happening for over 20 years now. Act 30 of 1997 was passed for the entire month of October as Children and Youth Month in Hawai'i. Although the Act for Children and Youth Month was passed, there was nothing done for the actual event which was Children and Youth Day. This whole day is used to honor children and youth to help them in finding special skills they may possess. It is also a day for just having fun and enjoying a nice Sunday with the family.

Making this day an official state event would give this day bigger recognition. As a student and youth of the community, I believe that the recognition of the children and the youth of the community would give them a chance to express themselves and give them a time to have fun and spend time with their families. Children and youth may also learn about themselves as well and discover new things about themselves. Making this event a state holiday would this promote the event even more giving children and youth the opportunity to attend the event helping them discover themselves and learning new things.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I truly hope that you will support Senate Bill 2442 SD1.

Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, February 26, 2016

Dear Senator Tokuda and Committee Members;

My name is Renee Manfredi. I **strongly support SB2442 SD1 Children and Youth Day**. I believe that this event is a great way for kids to grow into better adults. We can celebrate kid's abilities and uniqueness. We can teach them about their culture and being part of their community. It's a great way for families to eat, play games and learn new things.

I am a member of the Self Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC). We are an advocacy group made up of people with developmental disabilities. We like to teach leadership, provide education and help others to be part of their community.

At Children and Youth Day, SAAC has a table where we share information on how to stop bullying. We also enjoy doing an activity with the kids and talking to the families.

Please support Children and Youth Day.

Thank you for your time.