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THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

SENATE BILL 980, SENATE DRAFT 1
Relating to Afterschool Programs

March 17, 2015

Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of Senate Bill 980, Senate Draft 1. This measure seeks to establish a program that will provide after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools throughout the state of Hawaii. R.E.A.C.H., which is an acronym for resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health is an initiative aimed at keeping Hawaii's youth engaged and excited about learning during the after-school 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.

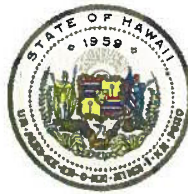
The middle school years are a critical time in a child's life where disengagement can start to take hold. The stakes of disengagement are high. Once students disconnect, recruitment and retention programs require stronger, more persistent outreach and more long-term participation. Juvenile crime, drug 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 quality of life. This bill addresses a critical need for Hawaii's middle school students.

This bill establishes new sections under Chapter 352D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to create the R.E.A.C.H. program in the Office of Youth Services in order to provide a standardized framework for after-school programs offered in public middle/intermediate schools. The program would be administered by the Office of Youth Services. Last year, the Legislature provided funding to support the R.E.A.C.H. program for FY15.

Eleven public middle/intermediate schools have thus far benefited from FY15 funding, including one public charter school.

Provisions in the bill allow for participation fees to be established which would serve to supplement the cost of administering and operating the program and enhance the sustainability of R.E.A.C.H. Additionally, 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 year, our office has worked collaboratively 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.

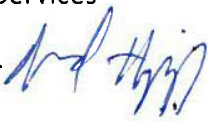
In conclusion, we would like to thank the legislature for its support with the pilot project and initial funding for FY15. We hope that we can continue to build upon what has been started. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor ***strongly supports*** SB 980 and respectfully urges the passage of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TO: The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: **SB 980, SD1 - RELATING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 17, 2015
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

PURPOSE: The purpose of SB 980, SD1, Relating to Afterschool Programs 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 initiative from the Lieutenant Governor's Office also:

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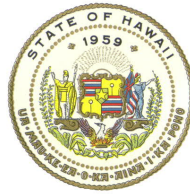
OFFICE'S POSITION: OYS strongly supports SB 980, SD1, Relating to Afterschool Programs. There are several common denominators in the lives of our at-risk youth, including but not limited to: a lack of connectedness, a sense of not belonging, and failure in school. These factors all lead to poor decision 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 in the juvenile justice arena. Therefore, this bill is one of the Keiki Caucus' priorities.

Lieutenant Governor Tsutsui's recognition of how vulnerable our youth are during their middle school years, and his vision for sustainable programming to develop competencies that foster resiliency in our youth to enable them achieve a positive transition to young adulthood is a proactive and necessary approach in ensuring the success of Hawai'i's youth.

Currently, there are 11 middle/intermediate schools statewide receiving R.E.A.C.H funds, including three schools on Oahu, four on Hawaii Island, two on Maui, one on Molokai and one on Kauai. These schools have introduced programming ranging from robotics to band, tutoring to athletics, and cultural programming to health and nutrition – and we are seeing very encouraging results.

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OYS recommends the following amendment be added to allow rulemaking authority to Section 2 of the bill. The purpose of the additional wording is to allow OYS to set participation fees and to establish program requirements by adopting administrative rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The new section 352D-B(c), on page 7, line 1, subsection (c) would read (new material underscored):

"(c) Pursuant to chapter 91, the office may establish program requirements and participation fees or other charges to be assessed to each student for the cost of administering

and operating the R.E.A.C.H. program. The revenues from those fees shall be deposited into the R.E.A.C.H. program special fund to be used to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program. "

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SB980 SD1
RELATING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS
House Committee on Human Services

March 17, 2015

9:30 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** SB980 SD1, which would establish a Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (R.E.A.C.H.) Program within the Office of Youth Services.

The R.E.A.C.H. Initiative proposes to fill the current void of after-school activities for public middle and intermediate school students with an organizational framework, which 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 R.E.A.C.H. programs at Moloka‘i Middle School and Hāna High and Elementary School.

OHA respectfully requests that SB980 SD1 be amended, to make it clear that the R.E.A.C.H. program may also serve public charter schools as well as Department of Education schools. A definition providing such clarity was included in this measure’s House companion, HB397 HD2, which did not pass out of the House. Accordingly, OHA asks that page 8, lines 10-15, of this measure be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 3. Section 352D-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding new definitions to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

""Public schools" means all academic and noncollege type schools established and maintained by the department and charter schools governed by chapter 302D.

"R.E.A.C.H. program" means the resources for
enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program
established pursuant to section 352D-A."

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS WITH AMENDMENTS** SB980 SD1.
Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 17, 2015

Dear Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in ***strong support*** of Senate Bill 980, Senate Draft 1.

I am Tom Apple, Professor of Chemistry and former Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and also President of a non-profit organization called REACH Out Hawai'i which was established a little over a year ago to support the state's R.E.A.C.H. initiative of developing a comprehensive framework for afterschool programs for public middle and intermediate schools throughout the state.

Our mission at REACH Out Hawai'i is to leverage resources from the private and public sector to help 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 an active Professor of Chemistry and the former Chancellor of the state's flagship public institution for higher education, I have a personal stake in promoting and supporting R.E.A.C.H. as middle schools are the pipeline to higher education. We are all far 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 and this bill will 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 Hawai'i's youth not only for higher education, but for a career in the 21st century and a globally competitive job market.

We ***strongly support*** SB 980, SD 1 and respectfully urge the passage of this bill. The bill addresses a critical need for Hawai'i's middle school students.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our keiki and the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY FOR SB 980
REALTING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

By
Alyssa Carey

Good morning Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and committee members. It is my first time testifying and I am here to show my strong support for Senate Bill 980 in support of providing funding for after-school programs. I am a student at the University of Hawai'i and can see how beneficial implementing afterschool programs would be for public middle and intermediate schools through out the state. Like stated in the bill, having a high quality of after-school care has been shown to have such a great impact on lower rates of crime, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy and other negative outcomes. Due to the structure of the typical household in Hawai'i so many families are not able to have reliable care for these aged children everyday after school, and by having the funding for these programs we can come together as a community to help these children thrive. I know I would not be where I am today if I had not been able to participate in after school activities and programs within middle school to keep me engaged in school and not interested in negative activities, and I hope that by passing this bill funding can be given to the R.E.A.C.H. program to continue to help after-school programs and keep these students on the right path. Thank you so much for your time and this opportunity to testify, and I hope you are urged to support SB 980.

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