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To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair,
The Honorable Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 2753 H.D.1 RELATING TO EDUCATION

HB2753 HD1 proposes to establish and codify a YouthBuild program in the DLIR and require the DLIR to establish program requirements that are similar to the ones administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

DLIR supports the intent of the measure provided that it does not conflict with the priorities as identified in the Governor's Supplemental Budget request.

DLIR notes that the intent of the measure involves expanding a federal program at the State level. If the intent is to match the federal grant requirements under the discretionary Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) grants, then the administrative burden would be lower than if they differed. Currently, the federal grants allocate 10% for administration. Any deviation from federal grant requirements would necessitate even greater resources for administration.

Currently, the Department is aware of two entities receiving these discretionary WIOA grants in the State, both on Oahu. The discretionary WIOA YouthBuild grants require a 25% match, which can include non-cash, in kind contributions.

The DLIR believes that with that there are a number of variables, including the number of entities applying and awarded, the award amount(s), and application time frame, that would cause difficulty in estimating the appropriation required to fund the State's matching and administrative costs for this measure.

HB-2753-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/7/2020 5:27:02 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/10/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 11:32:14 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/10/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamuela Werner MPH	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha:

I support the intent of HB2753 HD1.

Me ke aloha,

Kamuela Werner, MPH



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE &
THE ARTS

RE: HB 2753, HD1 - RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 2753, HD1**, would establish the state YouthBuild Program to assist non-profit and public entities in applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild Program grants. Authorizes DLIR to award grants to eligible non-profit or public entities to meet the matching funds requirement for federal YouthBuild grant awards. Appropriates funds.

The state YouthBuild Program provides employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24.

The YouthBuild Program across the United States and across the globe does not just provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth, but it also provides hope for a brighter future for their participants. It does this by helping to ensure the participants have marketable skill sets when they graduate so they can be productive and contributing members of society.

HSTA looks at the YouthBuild Program as an investment not only for the participants, but for our society as a whole.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

HB-2753-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2020 11:59:23 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/10/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Gilbreath	Testifying for Hawaiian Community Assets and Hawaii Community Lending	Support	No

Comments:

Our organizations support HB2753 HD1 with a recommendation language to instruct Counties to pass-through funding to community-based, nonprofit organizations to administer YouthBuild programs. The Waimanalo Youth Build Program demonstrates the ability of communities to not only administer these programs, but also leverage additional public and private funding that our Counties do not have access to. This additional language would have the potential of growing our Youth Build Programs beyond Federal, State and County funding only by positioning the programs to attract private funding through foundations, businesses, and trusts.