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H.B. 2556, RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health

February 6, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** We appreciate the intent of this bill, which appropriates funds for
2 school-based substance abuse services and the establishment of therapeutic living programs, however,
3 we are concerned that the measure will adversely impact our priorities in the Executive Supplemental
4 Budget.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** \$2,116,062 of General Funds, to be expended by the Department of Health in
6 Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for school-based
8 substance abuse services and the establishment of therapeutic living programs.

9 The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) strongly believes that school-based substance
10 abuse treatment programs are an effective mechanism to treat, intervene, and counsel many of our
11 at-risk youth statewide. The array of services available to youth within the school-based programs
12 include: crisis intervention; screening and assessment; individual, group, and family sessions for
13 education and counseling; peer and adult role modeling; information dissemination; referral services;
14 and clean and sober recreational activities.

1 ADAD acknowledges that due to the different procurement cycles, funding allocations to various
2 agencies across the state to support school-based substance abuse treatment services vary. The amounts
3 awarded during these cycles were based on historical funding patterns as well as federal and state
4 resource limitations. School-based treatment service procured under the most recent Request for
5 Proposal (RFP) issued on September 20, 2004 allowed applicant agencies to request between
6 \$10,000 and \$90,000 per year based on school student enrollment numbers as follows: \$90,000 for
7 schools with an enrollment of 600 students or more; \$45,000 for schools with an enrollment of 300 to
8 599 students; \$22,500 for schools with an enrollment of 150 to 299 students; and \$10,000 for schools
9 with less than 150 students. ADAD also acknowledges that if this distribution was applied to all school-
10 based programs statewide, an additional \$705,000 per year would be needed. As ADAD must work
11 within its current budgeted resources, the division will continue to evaluate and assess the existing
12 school-based treatment services system in order to make needed program improvement and any changes
13 in funding allocation. The division anticipates that even without additional resources, adjustments
14 would be made that would minimize the varying award amounts among service agencies in the next up-
15 coming procurement period for programs beginning in FY 2009.

16 ADAD also supports various therapeutic living programs across the state that provide structured
17 residential living to individuals who are without appropriate living alternatives and who are currently
18 receiving, are in transition to, or who have been clinically discharged from a substance abuse day,
19 intensive outpatient, or outpatient treatment service. The focus of this program is to provide the
20 necessary support and encouragement so that clients can complete treatment outside of the structured
21 treatment program, adjust to a chemically abstinent lifestyle, and manage activities of daily living so that
22 they can move towards independent housing and life management. Activities can include, but are not
23 limited to: needs assessment, service planning, individual and group skill building, referral and linkage,
24 case management, client support and advocacy, monitoring, and follow-up.

1 ADAD currently supports 12 therapeutic living programs statewide (four on Maui, six on
2 Hawaii, and two on Oahu) the division does not fund any therapeutic living programs on Kauai.
3 ADAD's therapeutic living programs are funded at approximately \$27,000 per program bed, per year.
4 The division estimates that the additional resources requested in House Bill 2556 would fund an
5 additional 43 beds per year (16 beds on Oahu, 16 beds on Kauai, and 11 beds on Maui) and would
6 provide services for approximately 130 additional clients.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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HB 2556 RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Appropriates funds for school-based substance abuse programs and for therapeutic living programs.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
FEB. 6, 2008 1:15 AM ROOM 225

BIG ISLAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

GOOD MORNING CHAIR SAKAMOTO, CHAIR IGE AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Aloha, my name is Leonard Feliciano Sr., CSAC, and Director of Adolescent Services with the Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC). I apologize for not being able to be present due to a scheduled state audit; however, submit my testimony for your review and consideration. BISAC currently provides substance abuse services to twenty-three (23) intermediate and high schools, island-wide, on the Big Island.

I support HB 2556:

Testimony:

School-based programs are effective in providing the adolescents with substance abuse education in a safe environment so the adolescent is able to identify and address life areas that are affected by substance use:

- decline in school attendance and grades;
- reduction of participation in extra-curricular activities;
- increased association with negative peers;
- increased family problems as a result of declining academic performance;
- additional demands placed on the family due to adolescent's delinquent behaviors;
- infractions by the minor which leads to legal oversight/supervision;
- increased fluctuations with emotions and behaviors exacerbated by alcohol and drug use.

With the availability of treatment within schools, adolescents are provided immediate access to treatment where he/she learns coping skills and strategies to avoid substance use and improve decision-making skills that are conducive to support a sober lifestyle. Adolescents who participate are able to decrease substance use and high-risk behaviors while increasing protective factors that result in improved school performance, reduction in absenteeism, and improved peer and family relationships.

Utilization of monies requested will support services which have been under-funded in several Big Island schools. Nine of these schools have a large adolescent population, and have been identified based on utilizations as being in the most urgent need of additional funding to continue services without interruption. While I would like all the schools to

receive the same amount of funding, I recognize that smaller schools due to their size may not have the same service demands found in areas where more students are served. For these smaller schools, I am not requesting additional monies at this time but hope you will support funds for schools I have identified as being in the greatest need of additional funding based on historical utilization. I have attached a separate sheet identifying the schools where the additional funding is most needed.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Legislature for making this funding available so that services continue. I voice an appreciation, not just for myself, but for the adolescent and the communities that are served by the support and decisions which you make today. The requested funds will strengthen families, improve the future of the adolescents served, foster school environments where learning can take place, and have a long-term positive impact in building and supporting healthy communities. I appreciate the opportunity given to hear my request and thank you in advance for your continued support to help our island communities.

Big Island Schools - ADAD Funded	Contract Total	Current Funding	Additional Required	Total per School
Contract 04-043				
Kau High	297,434	74,358		74,358
Konawaena High		74,358		74,358
Pahoa High		74,359	15,641	90,000
Waiakea High		74,359	2,502	76,861
	Contract 04-043 Requested		18,143	
Contract 05-156				
Konawaena Middle	402,506	44,723	45,277	90,000
Naalehu Intermediate		44,723	15,277	60,000
Keaau Middle		44,723	45,277	90,000
Pahoa Intermediate		44,723	15,277	60,000
Waimea Middle		44,723		44,723
Kohala Middle		44,723		44,723
Honokaa Intermediate		44,723		44,723
Hilo Intermediate		44,723	45,277	90,000
Kealakehe Intermediate		44,722	15,278	60,000
	Contract 05-156 Requested		181,663	
Contract 05-011				
Keaau High	360,000	60,000	30,000	90,000
Kohala High		60,000	-	60,000
Laupahoehoe High		60,000	20,000	80,000
Kealakehe High		60,000	30,000	90,000
Honokaa High		60,000	30,000	90,000
Hilo High		60,000	30,000	90,000
	Contract 05-011 Requested		140,000	
Contract 07-127				
Kalaniana'ole Intermediate	120,000	10,000	19,870	29,870
Paauiolo Intermediate		10,000	20,000	30,000
Waiakea Intermediate		90,000		90,000
Pahala Intermediate		10,000	20,000	30,000
	Contract 07-127 Requested		59,870	
	Total Requested		399,676	



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To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair
Representative Lyla Berg, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Education

From: Jeanne Ohta, Executive Director

Re: HB2556 Relating to Substance Abuse
Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 2:15 p.m., Room 309

Position: Support

Good afternoon Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Berg, and members of the Committee on Education. The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii is in support of this critically important funding bill.

School-based treatment efforts have proven very successful and are much more sensible and effective than zero-tolerance policies and other law-enforcement type of interdiction programs. Treatment is a responsible use of taxpayer funds. It is important that existing waitlists for treatment programs be eliminated; it is counter productive to our efforts if students must wait for treatment.

The Justice Policy Institute recently released a report ("Substance Abuse and Treatment," 1/16/08) which found that the sooner substance abuse is treated, the bigger the long-term cost savings and increases in public safety; and substance abuse treatment prior to contact with the justice system yields public safety benefits early on. It decreases the likelihood that a drug involved person will be involved in the criminal justice system.

Therapeutic living programs are important to assist those in recovery maintain their sobriety by providing supportive services. We support funding these programs to address the current shortage so that additional programs are available to those who need them.

We urge the committee to pass out this measure with a strong recommendation for funding.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

HB 2556 HSCR66-08 RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
FEB. 6, 2008 2:00 PM ROOM 309

Rep. Roy M. Takumi, Chair
Rep. Lyla B. Berg, Ph.D., Vice Chair

Rep. Jerry L. Chang, Chair
Rep. Joe Bertram, III, Vice Chair

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition

GOOD MORNING CHAIR TAKUMI, CHAIR CHANG AND DISTINGUISHED
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide hui of more than twenty non-profit treatment and prevention agencies.

HSAC supports HB 2556 with Recommendations:

Adolescent Treatment

We are grateful for the Legislator's insightful action to curb the onslaught of addiction in Hawai'i by providing treatment funding such that there is now an alcohol and drug treatment program in every public high school and public middle school in the entire state of Hawai'i. The outcomes are phenomenal and the state-prepared outcomes are attached for your review. When you consider that treatment includes abuse and addiction, the outcomes for both abstinence as well as occasional use (alcohol) – in other words, the outcomes for students being productively engaged in school is about 90%. Clearly, school-based treatment is far more effective and less costly than treatment for adults.

However, there were several schools, primarily high schools, on Kauai, Maui, Oahu and the Big Island that were not funded at the usual \$90,000 per school per year. While it did take a few years for services to be integrated into their school systems and trustful relationships to be formed with students, those schools have fully utilized services and now have wait lists for the last 3 years. The full funding is needed to address those students who are on the wait lists to access services.

Furthermore, the student culture at those schools has changed such that 90% of the students seeking treatment are voluntary rather than mandatory. This is a significant change in adolescent culture that has occurred over the last few years and contributes to the increased wait list.

There are 5 schools on Kauai, 4 schools on Maui and 1 school on Oahu that request significant funding to reach the full and usual funding amount of \$90,000 per school in order that they can adequately address the wait lists at their schools.

In addition there are another 12 schools on Oahu that are about \$5,000 short of full funding and we request full funding for those schools as they also want to expand counselor time to meet the treatment demands of the students.

On the Big Island, there are 18 schools that were recently funded that were less than full funding. This occurred because so many of the schools were smaller in census. However, now that the treatment agency on the Big Island has experience in providing treatment, they report that regardless of school size, a certain amount of counselor hours are needed to meet service requirements. The Big Island asks for funding for 18 schools so that they can provide adequate care to students who are requesting treatment services for abuse and/or addiction.

Recommendation:

Based on a contract analysis using Department of Health public records, the Coalition requests the following revisions in funding (reductions):

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of ~~\$940,062~~ \$705,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009, and the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010, for substance abuse services for youth and adolescents. The amount appropriated shall be apportioned as follows:

Oahu	\$ 100,000	
Kauai	180,000	
Maui	80,000	121,000
Hawaii	580,062	399,676

Therapeutic Living Programs (TLP):

Currently, there are no residential services on Kauai. Furthermore, there are over-capacity issues on Maui and Oahu where there are residential services. TLP(s) are a hybrid of residential and day treatment (high level outpatient services) that, while not at residential level, these services can and do meet the needs of many clients, especially those residents who are reluctant to travel to another island for residential treatment.

At this time, there are no residential nor TLP on the island of Kauai. Many residents have demonstrated the need for such services, but many are unwilling to leave the island to access higher levels of care. Also, without on island services, the community is not effectively engaged in a manner that would help support access to services. This funding would start the first TLP on Kauai.

While Oahu and Maui do have residential services, these services are at capacity with long wait lists. A TLP on Oahu would help with capacity issues and is much less expensive to start and operate than residential. The intent is that the TLP would allow those residents who have needs greater than outpatient to access that level of care (TLP) thus freeing up the wait list to access residential care. The request is for 1 TLP on each island.

Conclusion

We applaud the Legislator's decisive previous actions that have proven to be making a difference in reducing drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. On behalf of HSAC, we appreciate the opportunity to provide information and are available for questions.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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GOOD MORNING CHAIR TAKUMI, CHAIR CHANG AND DISTINGUISHED
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My name is Jud Cunningham. I am the Chief Executive Officer for Aloha House, Inc., a nonprofit corporation which is contracted by the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division to provide both school-based substance abuse and therapeutic living programs.

I support HB 2556:

Adolescent Treatment

We wish to acknowledge legislative action taken in recent years to increase the availability of funding for school-based substance abuse treatment on Maui and throughout Hawai'i. On Maui, our agency contracts with ADAD to deliver these services in five high schools and six intermediate schools, including those on the island of Lana'i. We have experienced great progress in this area with many youth choosing a drug free lifestyle over the debilitating effects of substance abuse.

Because we are not able to provide services for all eligible youth who wish to participate in these programs and have large waiting lists, we support the intent of this bill to increase the funding level at the high schools to the full-funding level of \$90,000 per high school, which is allocated for most of the Oahu-based high schools. Full funding is needed to address those students who are on the wait lists to access services.

Therapeutic Living Programs (TLP):

We are also requesting your support of this bill to increase the availability of Therapeutic Living Services on Maui and where needed throughout the State. While the ratio of adult men and women seeking treatment is roughly two males to one female, we currently have only one-half the number of TLP beds for males (10) as for females for all of Maui.

Conclusion

We applaud the Legislator's efforts to reduce drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. Thank you for the opportunity to demonstrate our support for SB 2403.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6, 2008 2:00 PM ROOM 309

H.B. 2556 -- Relating to Substance Abuse

Good afternoon Chairs Takumi and Chang and members of both House Committees. I am Elaine Wilson, a licensed social worker and retired alcohol and drug abuse administrator.

I strongly support passage of H.B. 2556.

Substance abuse remains a significant public health problem. The 2003 Hawaii Student Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use Survey indicated that 6.9% of Hawaii's sixth through twelfth graders (4,375 students) meet the requirements for needing treatment.

As a result of legislative funding of Act 40, there now should be treatment available in every public high school and middle schools. There are some schools that did not receive full funding based on past utilization, difficulty hiring and need to educate school personnel about the effectiveness of early treatment for students. These schools now are fully engaged in the process of referral to treatment and acknowledge the value of substance abuse treatment for their students.

I urge you to allocate additional funds for them so there is not wait list for a substance ready to get clean and sober.

Studies show that investing in treatment and early treatment of adolescents will:

- reduce future costs to society;
- reduce criminal behavior; and
- reduce health care costs.

Hawaii outcomes indicate that for FY 2007, six months after completing treatment,

- 93% of adolescents were still in school;
- 89% had no new arrests;
- 95% required no hospitalization;
- 92% required no emergency room use; and
- 95% were in stable living situations, usually with their parents.

Treatment saves lives, restores dignity and gives our adolescents and their families an opportunity for a safe and healthy life.

I also strongly support Part II on this measure which will increase the availability of Therapeutic Living Programs for adults in recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Rep. Lyla B. Berg, Ph.D., Vice Chair

GOOD MORNING CHAIR TAKUMI, VICE CHAIR BERG, AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My name is Marlene Schimmelfennig. I am a substance abuse counselor for Teen CARE, which is a school based treatment center on the island of Kauai.

I support HB 2556:

Testimony:

There is a growing need for drug awareness, education and support for adolescents on Kauai. Teen CARE has helped many teens make positive changes in their lives and guides them to focus on long and short term goals that help them achieve a clean and sober way of life. It amazes me how many young adults are asking for help and looking for answers to their questions and solutions to their challenges. I am also appalled by the number of young adults in the middle schools who abuse alcohol and other psychoactive substances. We are hopeful that we can help mold and shape our future leaders of Kauai with programs like Teen CARE. I urge the Legislature to support HB 2556.

Conclusion

I applaud the Legislators' taking action to reduce drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. I appreciate the opportunity to provide information.

To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Hawaii State Legislature, Room 309

From: Colleen Fox

Date: 2/6/2008, 2:15 pm

Re: HB 2556 RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE: Appropriates funds for school-based substance abuse programs and for therapeutic living programs.

GOOD MORNING CHAIR TAKUMI, VICE-CHAIR BERG AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My name is Colleen Fox. I am the Director of Adolescent Services at Hina Mauka. I am testifying as someone who has experience seeing the challenges of substance abuse and the solutions that treatment can bring, but also as an individual who is vested in the welfare of the community. I would like to testify in **support of HB 2556**.

Substance abuse is a problem that has an extensive impact. The problem affects the individual, as well as the family and the community. Not only does it have a negative influence on a person's health which impacts the medical system, but it is an issue that also impacts our legal, psychiatric, employment, and school system. Its' effects are pervasive in our culture. The legislature is making efforts to address the problem of substance abuse by providing treatment services to those in need. I applaud this body's efforts to identify needs that have not been adequately addressed, such as the neighbor islands, and fund resources to meet the challenge of the substance abuse.

Substance abuse treatment services are an essential part of the health services that support the people of our state. When people receive substance abuse treatment services it can stop a pattern of problematic use that has been painful for the individual and his family, but also has been expensive for society. Treatment services are a much less expensive option to emergency room visits, hospitalization, arrests, incarceration, as well as additional teaching and support resources.

In Kauai, we have found a great need for substance abuse treatment services. There are more people in need than we have the ability to serve. It is important for individuals to find support and help within their own communities in order to sustain them and connect them to healthy positive influences over the long term. No one wants to see individuals, whether adolescents or adults, fall through the cracks. Thus I support the House's efforts to create a stronger safety net through HB 2556.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of HB 2556.

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Student "J. L." at Kalani High School supports HB2556. Testimony attached:

TEL: 808 236 2626 FAX: 808 236 2626

12/19/07

I'm a student in Palani High School. I also in
 Teen care program. It's a really good program
 for people who want to quit ~~get~~ ^{stop} ~~drinking~~ or
 drinking alcohol. After I join in Teen care
 program. I stopped smoking weed & drinking
 alcohol. Also Teen care made me to come to
 school every day. The counselors here in Teen care
 she also help me with my personal problems.
 I think lots of schools should have teen care
 in their school so if people who need help
 can get support. Also I know a lot of
 student need help. Thank you!

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Student "P.K." at Kalani High School supports HB2556. Testimony attached:

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I am writing in support of SB 2403. I am a senior at Kalahehi High School and was in the teen care program. I think that teen care is such a great program for high school users to attend. It gives us a retreat to go to escape high school life for a while. I can be really honest in teen care and share my thoughts with others. My counselor really helped me evaluate my issues and help me to deal with them better. Overall I think teen care is an awesome program that some kids need to help get clean.

P.K.

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Student "R. M." at Kalani High School supports HB2556. Testimony attached:

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Feb. 4. 2008 12:41PM KALANI HIGH SCHOOL

HINA MAUKA

TELEPHONE 808 586 6511

No. 149 P. 4

I am a student from Kalaoni High School. Before I was in Teen CARE I was an drug addict. I would be smoking marijuana daily. I would be ditching school every single day. My GPA was like 0.333. And then my friend that was in teen CARE told me to go in it. First I was like "No, and if im in teen CARE I would have to go to school". But one day, when I got arrested for shop lifting my friend forced me to get help. So I joined teen CARE. After joining teen CARE, I started coming to school more and right now my GPA went up to a 3.0. My parents are proud of me. I quit smoking marijuana, I don't ~~smoke~~ drink as much as I did last time. Teen CARE helped me a lot. ~~My~~ ~~friend~~ ~~like~~ ~~since~~ my counselor helped me w/my problems. I give some advice to my fellow classmates too now.

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Teen CARE students support HB2556. Testimony attached:

Drugs used to be all that I wanted to be doing whenever I was out. I thought there was no way to have fun without being high in any way that I could get high. Before the school enrolled me in TEENCARE the drugs were controlling me. Just for drugs I was stealing money from my family members to support my habit. I was lying to my family and to myself. The TEENCARE program made me actually take control of myself and start to stop doing drugs. TEENCARE also got me thinking about my future because for a while here I thought I had no future and would amount to nothing. I now notice that since I stopped using my energy level is higher my thinking is clearer and I am more focused on achieving what I really want. Also I actually go and stay in school now when before I never could last a whole day. Forever I will be thankful for the help and support given to me through the program by my counselor and peers that experience the same things I do. I thank TEENCARE for making it possible for me to find my way to sobriety.

Oloman York-Cator

I heard there is a bill called SB 11 that supports programs like teen care on the neighbor island. I knew with the teen care I could be harming myself and very lost about how to get help. My friends turned me on to smoking weed and I was drinking alcohol and smoking ~~back drinking~~ and 3-4 times a week. today I have 14 days drug and alcohol free. I finally found Phylom where I feel safe and can work on my problems & feel safe and can work on my problems. Please support this program.

Anneka D.

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Teen CARE students support HB2556. Testimony attached:

i support teen care because it made positive changes and i enjoy life now. befor i came here i was stressed out from using drugs & alchohal. & now i can handle my life.



Pretty girl.

I ~~so~~ support teencare because it helps me stop using ~~the~~ drugs and Achol, made me reach my goals, and made me better person. Mr. John taught me how to live it "ALOHA"!

I support teen care because
 of how it effected my life
 in a positive way. Before I
 came in to teen care I was
 struggling with alcohol & tobacco.
 But with Mr. Jang support &
 aloha I realized that I could
 live without it & be healthy.
 I loved how it changed my
 life and I would suggest
 this to all of my friends.

Always
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Rep. Lyla B. Berg Ph.D., Vice Chair

Student at Kapa'a Middle School supports HB2556. Testimony attached:

Dear Mr. Wiley,

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. I don't know what month this letter will get to you, so I might as well just wish you happy holidays. Well anyway I'm freezing my butt off in Central Oregon but it's ok because I'm learning and growing and I've been sober since the last day I saw you. It's almost been 7 months. I never told you how much you've done for me. I am so thankful to have had you in my life, if I would have just listened to you in the first place my whole life would have been better. Everyday is like one of those Mondays where I walk in the door and you say "I told you so!" haha. It's a struggle but I'm doing well you really did make a big impact on my life. You were a great friend to me and the best positive influence my life has ever had. I learned so much from you. I remember when you told us about the islanders who couldn't see the cruise ship because it wasn't in their experience. Every thing is so much clearer now. I guess it's always easier to look back than forward, it of course having been sober for so long helps. I can also recall when Sara came in to talk to us. I remember what she said to me and where I was. Even I myself am so surprised at how far I've come. I respect myself so much more now. I don't believe how I used to treat myself and body. I am so thankful I see now how great everything would of worked out if I wasn't in such a blurry state of mind. I'm working on my emotional and behavior flaws. I really have come a so way since I was home I hope to go to Bobby Bensen before I go home to Kona so I can deal with my substance abuse since this place doesn't really offer that. I'm looking forward to a great new year life. I would love to talk to your class about my recovery someday. I really appreciate you for spending your time on me and Sara. We have grown so much closer to each other. I rest and love her more than anything in the world. Our relationship really is amazing you would be proud I know how much you really cared about us. I care about you too! I just got my report card and I have a 4.0 gpa All A's! Every time I go in to the dining hall I see this poster, the same poster you had in the teen care room. It has the ABC's to follow your dreams. It inspires me, it reminds me of you. (a huge motivation)



Sincerely,

Kapua Middle School