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Committee on Finance

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

RE:: HB# 2962 RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Aloha Rep. Oshiro and Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Robert Stivers and I am the Vice President of Operations and Branch Executive of the Island of Hawaii YMCA. I want to express my support of HB# 2962 appropriating funds for the Safe Haven after school program in the county of Hawaii.

While schools are the center of a community, most schools close its doors after 5:30 pm. The collaborative effort of the Safe Haven demonstration program is ideal and needed here on the Island of Hawaii. The willingness of businesses, government and not-for-profit organizations working together for the betterment of children and youth are high on this island.

The YMCA has been conducting after school programs before the State APlus Program in 1989. Today, the YMCA continues to be the major provider of A+ and can clearly demonstrate the need, effectiveness and profound impact when children are engaged in positive afterschool activities.

Thank you for your time and favorable response to fund the Safe Haven afterschool program in the county of Hawaii.

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