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**LATE TESTIMONY**

**NOTICE OF HEARING: MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008 3:45 PM**

Committee on Education

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr. Vice Chair

**RE: SB #3193 RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Aloha,

My name is Robert Stivers and I am the Vice President of Operations and Branch Executive Director of the Island of Hawaii YMCA. I want to express my opposition to SB 3193 establishing the pono-plus after school program.

The current Department of Education A Plus after school program already serves 125,000 children state-wide and in its nineteen years of operation has a successful track record in providing quality after school care. The A+ program already has a fitness component utilizing the Fun 5 curriculum developed by HMSA and the University of Hawaii. Many of the A+ sites already incorporate arts and sciences into their curriculum.

I firmly believe the A+ program is meeting its purpose but additional funding should be allocated to expand the program to middle and high schools.

Thank you for your time.

TESTIMONY SB-3193

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**PROPOSAL FOR A BILL: "PONO + PROGRAM"**

By: **Ka'ai Nalua'I** (Grade 6, Age 11) and **Pua Nalua'I** (Grade 2, Age 7)  
Ben Parker School, Kane'ohe, January 16, 2008

**INTRODUCTION**

Our public school keiki spend their youth in preschool to primary (K-6), intermediate (7-8) and secondary education (9-12). Our core curriculum are the basic **3-R's** "Reading, Riting and Rithmetic", as well as some science, history, social studies and computers. In all our 12+ years of schooling, we are lacking in the fine education, knowledge and practices of Hawaii's rich multi-cultural arts, music, dance, health, wellness, physical fitness activities and physical sciences as part of our regular daily DOE curriculum.

We already spend 6 hours a day in core classroom studies, and should not have to spend yet another 2-4 hours after school doing more of the same as homework. Our after school hours are much better spent in the arts, music, dance, culture, health, wellness, fitness activities and physical sciences of our **keiki's own choices and interests**.

**PROPOSAL FOR A BILL: "PONO + PROGRAM"**

"Pono + Program" provides a more well rounded, enriched learning experience that will spark in our Hawaii keiki motivation, enthusiasm for learning special interests skills, individual artistic creativity and scientific ingenuity.

"Pono + Program" must be a collaborative effort of public and private partnerships with DOE, State Foundation on the Culture and Arts, County Department of Parks and Recreation, sports leagues, private schools of arts, crafts, music, dance, drama, and retired professional seniors to pass on special knowledge and skills to our Hawaii keiki's.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Times: 7:50 am - 2:05 pm

Days: Monday - Friday

Studies: Basic Core Curriculum of **3-R's** + others (during school hours only; No Homework)

**"PONO + PROGRAM"**

Times: 2:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Days: Monday - Friday

Studies: Culture, Arts, Crafts, Music, Dance, Drama, Health-Wellness, Sports-Fitness, Science-Engineering, etc.

**Elective Subjects:**

Culture: Hawaiian, Pacific, Asian, language, customs, traditions, practices, healing, values, beliefs, etc.

Arts: Literary Arts: poetry, haiku, authors, composers; Performing Arts: music, dance, drama, filming, recording, etc.

Crafts: painting, drawing, cartoons, graphics, sculpture, carving, weaving, ceramics, glass & metal arts, etc.

Health-Wellness: healthy lifestyles, human body, nutrition, diet, weight loss, aerobics, tai chi, yoga, meditation, etc.

Sports-Fitness: sports leagues (team/solo), water sports, makahiki sports, martial arts, scouting, hiking, etc.

Physical Science: aerospace, engineering, mechanics, hi-tech, inventions, trades, farming, fishing, military science, etc.

**SUMMARY**

The individual, family and social benefits of "**Pono + Program**" to our communities and state are very obvious:

1. Makes for a more well rounded education of healthy and fit society for the future of our Hawaii's keiki.
2. Keeps our keiki in organized and supervised after school program activities and off the streets in **idle time**.
3. Keeps our "**latch-key**" keiki safe, secured and supervised until their parents after work pick-up hours (6:00pm+).
4. "Pono + Program" makes better effective use of time and money than the A+ after school "**babysitting**" program.

**REQUEST FOR A DRAFT BILL**

Please help us, **Ka'ai and Pua Nalua'I**, drafts and sponsor our "Pono + Program" bill for consideration by our 2008 State Legislature. We skipped school today to attended the 2008 Legislative Opening Session this morning with our grandpa Dr. Sol Nalua'I to learn civic duty and political process. We liked all the free lunches best ©.

Mahalo A Nui Loa,

Ka'aikalauamoku Nalua'I (Grade 6, Age 11) and Pua Kawahinehekili Nalua'I (Grade 2, Age 7)

and our "Papa" Dr. Solomon D.K. Nalua'I, M.D., D.D. (Ret.); 808-235-4958, January 16, 2008

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**EDUCATION REFORM PROPOSAL**

**Organizational and Functional Flow Chart**

