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Adolescent Services Program, Kaiser
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Aloha House

American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii

Assistive Technology Resource Ctr. of HI
Bay Clinic, Inc.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu

Big Island Substance Abuse Council

Blueprint for Change

Bobby Demson Center

Catholic Charities Hawaii

Central Oahu Youth Services Assn.

Child and Family Service

Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

College Connections

Community Assistance Center

Domestic Violence Action Center

EPIC, Inc.

Family Support Services of West Hawaii

Foster Family Programs of Hawaii

Friends of the Missing Child Center of HI

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

Hawaii Behavioral Health

Hawaii Foster Parent Association

Hawaii Student Television

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition

Hina Mauka Teen Care

Hui Malama Learning Center

Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health

Kama'aina Kids, Inc.

KEY (Kualoa-Herzli Ecumenical Youth)
Project

Kids Behavioral Health

Kids Hurt Too

Kokua Kailua Valley

Life Foundation

Marimed Foundation

The Maui Farm, Inc.

Maui Youth and Family Services

Palama Settlement

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center
Kona Unit

Salvation Army Family Intervention Svcs.

Salvation Army Family Treatment Svcs.

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community Center

Turning Point for Families

Waialiki Health Center

Women Helping Women

YouthVision

YWCA of Kauai

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To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
And members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

**Testimony in Support of HCR 104/HR 55 Supporting H.R. 3680 and S.
1732 To Amend the Public Health Service Act To Provide for Health
Data Regarding Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders**

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HCR 104/HR 55 Supporting H.R. 3680 and S. 1732 To Amend the Public Health Service Act To Provide for Health Data Regarding Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders.

Public health data on Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders is usually grouped together with Asians. Across the United States, there are many more Asians than Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders and, in general, Asians fare much better on many health and social indicators than Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders. In Hawaii, for example, two-thirds of teen pregnancies occur among Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders and only 10% among Asian teens. More than 40% of Hawaii's incarcerated felons are Native Hawaiian.

Grouping Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders with Asians results in misleading information that distorts the health and social data and results in insufficient attention and resources for Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders on these issues.

With more precise and meaningful data, public health workers will be better prepared to address the needs of these populations and develop strategies to address health and social disparities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director