

LATE TESTIMONY

Date: 02/01/2010

Committee: Senate Education and Housing
Senate Human Services

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2083 Relating to Education

Purpose of Bill: Designates after-school and prevention programs that address bullying, sexual health issues, emotional literacy, domestic violence, civic responsibility, and healthy relationships as objectives and policies in the Hawaii state plan.

Department's Position: The Department supports SB 2083, with concerns as it is currently drafted. After-school programs are suitable to encourage educational supports of health-enhancing behaviors and inter-personal relationship skill building. However, the Legislature should be aware that after-school programs only touch a minority of public school students. If the Legislature believes prevention programs that address bullying, sexual health issues, emotional literacy, domestic violence, civic responsibility, and healthy relationships are a priority for youth education, the focus should be on improving access to Health Education classes. The Hawaii Content and Performance Standards for Health Education contain benchmarks that address all of these issues. Health Education classes reach all of Hawaii's public school students, unlike after-school programs. Therefore, the Department suggests changing the language in Section 2, Section 226-20 (b) (7), to read, "Emphasize Health Education curriculum in schools to address sexual and emotional health issues, and use after-school and prevention programs to support student knowledge and skill building in current health topics."

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- I am writing in support of SB 2083 Relating to Education. This bill amends Hawaii State Policy on after-school programs and prevention programs to reflect an emphasis on “sexual health, emotional literacy, civic responsibility, and healthy relationships.”
- In Hawaii, a 2004 study found that 67% of all Chlamydia infections occurs in youths aged 15-24.1 **Hawaii has the nation’s 6th highest rate of Chlamydia infection.**
- Hawaii has one of the lowest rates of teens reporting sexual intercourse. Of those having sex, only 54% are using condoms, which is **the lowest rate of condom use in the country.**
- Emphasizing sexual health education and prevention is an important step in teaching youth how to prevent pregnancy and make healthy and responsible choices when it comes to sex and relationships.
- I support the amendment proposed by Planned Parenthood of Hawaii: amend the language in Section 2, subsection (7) to read as follows:

(7) Emphasize after-school programs and prevention programs in schools to address sexual and emotional health issues that are medically accurate and age appropriate and include education on abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease prevention to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including human immunodeficiency virus.

Please amend SB 2083 and pass the bill as amended.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/8/2010

Comments:

I am a parent of current public elem. School aged children grades 2,4 & 6. I am in support of SB2083. Please support efforts to pass this bill. Mahalo.

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Comments:

Aloha to the SB2083 board members

I am a member of Hawaii Youth Helping Youth a organization filled with youth that have had to face hard times in school and with the mental health system. Many of these problems steam from bullying and ignorance toward bullying and the things bullying can do to children.

When a child is bullied they may feel alone like they can't tell anyone they may feel hopeless and scared of what may happen to them, they might break into fights become defensive and eventually be shut in there own little world that no one can help them out of. If they can be helped it may take years and lots of money to help them out.

That Is why I and the members of the Hawaii youth helping youth council feel that bulling need to be stopped and prevented by any means necessary. That is why I am in support of this bill.

Thank you SB2083 for your time I hope with my heart that this bill passes.

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Comments:

Dear Members of EDH/HMS committees,
Please vote in favor of S.B. 2083 in support of prevention programs against bullying and other types of violence in schools. I am a parent of children with emotional/behavioral challenges, and they are very concerned when they go to school each and every day. They have had negative experiences with bullying, and it causes them to have anxiety while in school which makes it difficult for them to learn. I also work with youth and young adults state wide who have expressed their concerns and shared their experiences involving violence in schools, and I feel this measure would benefit our students and our communities.
Thank you,
Donna Makaiwi

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Comments:

yes we need these after school programs! it is vital to teach these topics to the keiki in our community in order to keep them safe, healthy, and of sound mind and body.