

March 31, 2010

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
& Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

Re: HB 1513.H.D.1, S.D.1 RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513.HD1, S.D.1 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

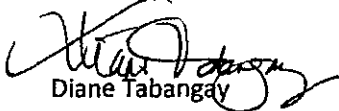
The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes.

I have seen the improvements in the Ewa, Waipahu and Kalihi communities through my work with youth and families. These improvements are a direct result of the community organizing and seeding efforts that the Weed and Seed initiative provides leadership for. The families that I work with express their gratitude in having a safer neighborhood where they can live, work and play.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource whose strategy needs to be continued. Your support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community, I urge you to support HB 1513.H.D.1, S.D.1

Sincerely,



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Senator Carol Fukunaga
Senator Donna Mercado Kim
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Testimony for WAM 4/1/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1513

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March 31, 2011

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members:

RE: H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

I am writing to request your support of H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 to sustain the Weed & Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. As a HPHA worker, I have been able to utilize my newfound relationship with Weed & Seed police officers to eradicate drug dealing tenants from the property that I am responsible for at Kamehameha Homes and Ka'ahumanu Homes public housing complexes. As a volunteer, I have seen the changes that Weed & Seed can make for a community. I like the fact that the strategy requires and urges residents to work toward solving their own problems instead of relying on the State. I have taken it upon myself to look for in-kind donations and funding to support Weed & Seed and what it is doing to empower our community.

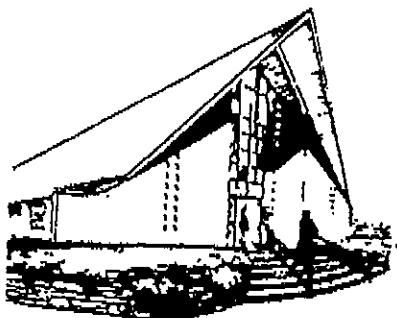
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I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,



Shaunna Okuda
Volunteer



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L A T E

John Vaughn, Pastor

March 29, 2011

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members:

RE: H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1

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Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. Weed & Seed has been particularly effective in the area of Kalihi Valley Homes, and surrounding Kam IV Road area. The work done within the Weed & Seed strategy has given us ways to work together to make our community safer. Church members feel encouraged and supported to give a little extra time and effort to our neighborhood. We remove graffiti and pick up trash on a regular basis whenever we can. Through Weed & Seed, we have learned not to wait around or expect others (like government) to do what we can very easily do for ourselves.

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I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

Pastor John Vaughn

**PACIFIC GATEWAY CENTER****L A T E**

March 30, 2011

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members:

RE: H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1

I am writing to request your support of H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 to sustain the Weed & Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. Because of Weed & Seed, the Pacific Gateway Center has made it a point to work more closely with its community. We have seen positive and lasting improvements due to our ability to network and pool resources with existing community partners. This has not only helped us to maximize our project funds, but has also saved our staff much time and strain as well.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

Tin Myaing Thein, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. I have been involved with Weed & Seed since its inception in 1998. As a volunteer, I am involved as a member of the Site 1 Steering Committee, and am the Block Captain for the Downtown Citizen's Patrol. Because of Weed & Seed, others that I have known have stepped up and are now involved in the community.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1..

Sincerely,



Dolores Mollring
Resident
Downtown Citizens Patrol Block Captain
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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**HAWAII'S
MOST WANTED**

Hawaii's Most Wanted Magazine

March 28, 2011

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members:

RE: H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

I am writing to request your support of H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 to sustain the Weed & Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. Hawaii's Most Wanted Magazine supports Weed & Seed by providing space in its publications free-of-charge. Projects carried out by the community collaborative partners throughout the Weed & Seed sites are models of crime prevention and reduction successes that can be followed by others throughout our State. Being involved with Weed & Seed for the past 6 years, I have seen a significant change in people's sense of ownership toward their community.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,


Mary Jean Castillo-Barkley
Owner



KAUPA

"KALIHI AHUPUA'A ULU PONO AHAHUI"
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Dear Senator Ige and Members:

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I am writing to request your support of H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 to sustain the Weed & Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach. Weed & Seed is a pertinent strategy for Kalihi, as well as the other areas it supports. I have seen great strides in our community because of Weed & Seed.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. As a participating organization, I have represented KAUPA – Kalihi Ahupua'a Ulu Pono Ahahui – at monthly Kalihi Weed & Seed meetings. There I am able to network with law enforcement and social service groups that I would otherwise have difficulty getting to know, or not even know about in the first place. Being able to get to know representatives of these groups and participating in the discussions has given me a broader sense of the social problems, and solutions, for Kalihi.

KAUPA coordinates monthly Kalihi stream cleanups, and partnering Weed & Seed organizations have participated in and brought additional volunteers to our cleanups. With the support of Weed & Seed, 493 adults and 1,065 youth have volunteered 4,084 hours at the Kalihi Waena Streambank restoration site since June 2007, worth \$62,260. These efforts removed almost 2 tons of garbage from the stream, 915 lbs. of metals, and 1,000 lbs. of non-native greenwaste. By removing this rubbish from the stream, possible disasters caused by flooding have been reduced, and kept this amount of trash from flowing into Ke'ehi Lagoon and the ocean.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

Barbara Natale

Barbara Natale
KAUPA

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members:

RE: H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

I am writing to request your support of H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 to sustain the Weed & Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach. We at Farrington High School have been working collaboratively with Weed & Seed to improve our school and community, and would like that partnership to continue.

For the past few years, Weed & Seed has assisted our school, and specifically, our Restructuring Plan SWB (Successful Workplace Behaviors) circle group with a number of initiatives such as the Attendance Symposium in 2008, scheduled truancy sweeps, and Truancy Saturday School. They were key in recruiting attendees for the symposium and have attended our Saturday School sessions to help counsel students about making good choices and improving their attendance. Most recently, they have been working with some of the Kalihi YMCA counselors to assist us with Truancy Saturday School follow-up and are also in the process of helping us to acquire funding for a SWB student incentive program. They have played a vital role in our efforts to achieve national and state standards and also our school goals.

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I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Al Carganilla in cursive.

Al Carganilla
Principal
Farrington High School
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Honolulu, HI 96817

L A T E

February 25, 2011

Honorable Legislator
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator or Representative:

Re: HB 1513

I am writing to request your support of the grant-in-aid request to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

At Kalakaua Homes, Weed and Seed has assisted our public housing residents to grow their capacity in their Citizen's Patrol/Neighborhood Security Watch by providing language access to Honolulu Police Department training. By providing materials and interpreters for training in Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese languages, the group expanded from a once a week patrol, to a five times a week patrol, and growing their membership from 20 residents to over 60. This year, the group celebrates it's 11th year of existence as an active, multi-lingual group that patrols the Kalakaua Homes Public Housing property and it's surrounding neighborhoods on Kalakaua Avenue, King, Kaheka and Kanunu Streets. Through Weed and Seed Community Policing Initiatives, a new patrol group in the adjacent neighborhood surrounding Sheridan Community Park was formed. On a regular basis, the Citizen's Patrol groups with Honolulu Police Department share crime trends and safety tips, and participate in safe neighborhood initiatives like sign-waving campaigns, joint patrol walks and a number of neighborhood restoration projects. Citizens Patrol members are major partners and a huge volunteer source in projects including graffiti paint-outs, trash clean-ups, and the Makiki Stream restoration. Both the Kalakaua Homes and Sheridan Citizen Patrol Groups have adopted bus stops in their neighborhood for monthly routine maintenance in an effort to eradicate the visual blight of graffiti.

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Sincerely,



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Hawaii Public Housing Authority
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I am writing to request your support of H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 to sustain the Weed & Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

As part of the Weed & Seed effort to reduce crime, we helped by airing educational messages to the community in Filipino, Samoan, Marshallese, Chuukese and Pohnpeian languages.

The feedback we received from these communities was very favorable. The communities were very happy to receive some help; but most importantly creating a personal relationship with the Honolulu Police Department in fighting crime.

This is the most imaginative and practical outreach program we ever aired. We are willing partners of Weed & Seed and will always do our best to help the cause by reducing charges where we can, and by providing announcements free of charge.

I urge you to support HB 1513, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,

Leona Jona
Pres./Gen. Mgr.