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Subject: EDN today 2:00 pm -- Strong Support HB688

LATE TESTIMONY

TO: Chair and Members of the House Education Committee
FR: Marya Grambs, Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawai'i
RE: Strong Support for HB688, Relating to Education: Anti-Bullying

Mental Health America of Hawai'i, working for 69 years to improve mental health in Hawai'i, is in strong support of HB688. Hawai'i has the highest rate in the nation of students planning or attempting suicide (twice then national average) and bullying is known to lead to depression and suicide. Ninth graders, Native Hawaiians, girls, and youth in military families, are at greatest risk.

We also have the highest rate in the nation of teenage girls who miss school because they are afraid.

It is critical that our schools maintain and enforce programs that prevent bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment and protect students from these acts.

I urge you to stop this epidemic of bullying which has contributed to so much devastation on the part of our youth.

With Aloha,

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LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for EDN 2/2/2011 2:00:00 PM HB688

Conference room: 309
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Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

Please support HB 688. We as youth have seen many cases of bullying in our schools and would like school to be a safer place for all.

Thank you

Legislative Testimony
In Support of
HB 688, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION
House Committee on Education

February 2, 2011
Room: 309

2:00 p.m.

Aloha e Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Belatti, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Isaiah Kala Ka`aihue Jr. and I am submitting my testimony in support of HB 688, Relating to Safe Schools Act.

I am in full agreement that all students have the right to participate fully in the educational process, free from bullying, cyber-bullying, and harassment. A safe environment is definitely necessary for all students to be able to learn and to meet high academic standards and achievements.

The act of bullying and harassment, like any other disruptive or violent behaviors, are truly forms of conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to provide proper education in a very safe environment. As parent(s), aunties, uncles, and grandparent(s), we are committed to assure our children the betterment of a higher education in the world of competitiveness. We also believe that school administrators, faculties, and staff etc. shares in the same concept.

I urge the House Representatives to unanimously support House Bill 688 and to commit to the follow-up of enforcing the proper and correct action for the safety of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comments:

Please vote in favor of HB 688. I have experience with youth who have been affected by bullying in schools and they feel this bill will help improve the school climate in Hawaii. The youth I work with also have given information to the Safe Schools Initiative while the recommendations were being drafted. Once again, I would appreciate your support of this bill.

Donna Makaiwi