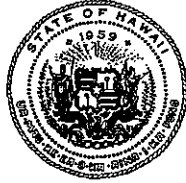


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February 14, 2011

Kelli L. Buenconsejo, RN  
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The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Kelli Buenconsejo and I am a Department of Health Public Health Nurse and a member of the Waipahu Community Coalition. I have worked in the Waipahu community for 8 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513 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 am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed as they have worked diligently to improve the Waipahu community. I have seen the improvement Waipahu through decreased crime and increased community awareness of illegal activities. The officers and site coordinator work actively with elementary, intermediate and high school students to combat and prevent substance abuse, truancy and gang involvement. They've recently started their FRESH START program which targets 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who are on the verge of failing or who are repeating the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. They are planning weekly learning excursions to teach the students the importance of completing high school. Their first excursion was to feed the homeless at Kea'au Beach Park. The students were able to talk one to one with the residents and obtain their perspective about being homeless.

They've organized graffiti paint outs and participated in beautification projects. They've assisted in creating neighborhood security watches in the most at-risk neighborhoods and have empowered the residents to report illegal activities promptly. They are an integral part of the Waipahu Community Coalition and help to provide safe, healthy, drug-free activities for the residents of Waipahu. It is a pleasure working with such dedicated professionals to improve Waipahu and I look forward to working with them in future projects.

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 HD1.

Sincerely,

Kelli L. Buenconsejo, RN

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February 27, 2011

Robin Sonobe  
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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Robin Sonobe and I work in the Waipahu community as a Public Health nurse.

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513 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 improvement in my community by witnessing a big decrease in graffiti and rubbish in Waipahu. I have seen youth and families join together in projects for the betterment of their community. I have participated in various **Weed and Seed projects and felt the bond of various community groups, including law enforcement, working together for one cause.**

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.

The Weed and Seed strategy is very important to the community. I urge you to support HB 1513, HD1.

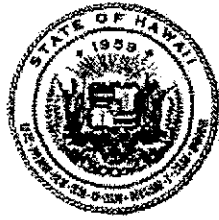
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The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chairperson  
Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
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**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha. My name is Keith Hayashi. I am writing in support of HB 1513, Relating to the Weed and Seed Strategy. As the former Principal of Waipahu Elementary School, the former Complex Area Superintendent of the Pearl City and Waipahu Complexes, and the current Principal of Waipahu High School, I am asking for your support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed Strategy in the Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach areas.

The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses have helped reduce violent crime and drug-related activity. I am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed because I have experienced the positive impact that Weed and Seed provides for communities and schools. Law enforcement officers work collaboratively with school administrators and teachers in helping students to reflect on their choices, set goals, and hold themselves accountable for their actions.

Currently at Waipahu High School, our Weed and Seed Officers have partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Gear-Up Waipahu to implement a curriculum for ninth graders. This comprehensive program works with students to make sensible and proactive choices for themselves and their community. Students participate in team-building activities and take pictures within their community to identify areas of pride. Weed and Seed has truly made a positive impact in the lives of our students.

Weed and Seed has also partnered with other agencies to implement the Fresh Start Program for student who have failed or are in jeopardy of failing the ninth grade. In this program, parents and students participate in a series of learning trips, including a homeless camp, the Ropes Course, the Waipahu Community Correctional Center, and the Honolulu Community College. The focus is on strengthening the connection between the student, the parent, and the school-community for positive decision-making.

The Weed and Seed Officers also have been very supportive in various requests from our school. They have always assisted Waipahu High School's administration with student problems and concerns. They have been a valuable resource to proactively address student problems.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource whose strategy needs to continue. 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.

Sincerely,

Keith Hayashi  
Principal

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February 21, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

**Re: HB 1513**

I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 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.

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.

Sincerely,

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Cynthia Sunahara  
Principal  
Linapuni Elementary School  
1434 Linapuni Street  
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INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

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W. R. Farrington High School  
1564 North King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

February 24, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and 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.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and 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.

Sincerely,

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Al Carganilla  
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February 28, 2011

The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
Hearing: **Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

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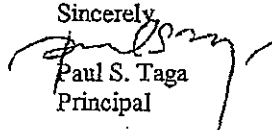
Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

Waipahu Elementary School's support for Weed & Seed Waipahu is a direct result of the valuable service every member of that organization provides to not only our school, but also the entire Waipahu community. Weed & Seed Waipahu and the YMCA of Honolulu have partnered with our school in a variety of ways to support our students and families. The police officers and site coordinators assist us with our Drug Free parade through the community, they have done presentation to parents and families, and have also contributed to prevention efforts by mentoring our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in rap sessions.

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.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community, I urge you to support HB 1513, HD1.

Sincerely,

  
Paul S. Taga  
Principal

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McDonald's of Ewa Beach  
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February 21, 2011

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The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

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

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513.H.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.

Weed and Seed is a vital part in improving our community. Through its neighborhood restoration efforts I have seen first hand the decline of graffiti in the area. With law enforcement and community policing truancy has declined tremendously. The Ewa Beach community has become a clean and safe place to live and work in due to the success of Weed and Seed.

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.1

Sincerely,

Richard Quiamzon  
Restaurant Manager  
McDonald's of Ewa Beach

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# Meadow Gold Dairies



Testimony by: Glenn Muranaka  
HB 1513hd1, Weed and Seed Strategy  
Hse FIN, Monday, Feb. 28, 2011 – 5:00 pm  
Room 3308  
Position: Support

Chair Oshiro and Members of the House FIN Committee:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—114 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 350 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

We strongly support the program and believe that it is an effective program that does "weed" out criminal elements in targeted communities. Through partnerships with human service organizations as well as businesses and residents, the program plants "seeds" for neighborhood revitalization projects and activities.

We recognize that funding requests are very difficult in these economic times. However, the collaboration model among the county, state, federal agencies and the private sector have proven successful and demonstrate its effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 944-5911.

February 23, 2011

The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair and  
Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513.H.1 – Relating to the Weed and Seed Strategy**

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. Truancy rates have dropped significantly, youth are being more pro-active in programs that keeps them off the streets and into programs as;

- Culinary program for those students not meeting their high school credits in order to graduate
- Jr. Golf program, H2O (Health 2 Ocean) program, Jr. Bowling, Keiki Kupuna support, and intramural programs at the middle school

But more so the Weed and Seed program being in our committees have lessen not only graffiti, but have successful drug bust and arrest, have increased Citizen Patrol and neighborhood watch groups and continue to provide mentorship and training to both youth and adults. Servicing our Senior Citizens, homeowners and those less unfortunate by means of providing safety training to protect themselves and their homes or providing perishable and non-perishable food items to the needy.

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.

Weed and Seed is a necessity – I strongly urge you to support HB 1513.H.1



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February 23, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

**RE: H.B. 1513, H.D. 1 RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

I am Debbie Luning, an employee of Gentry Homes and a volunteer with Ewa Weed and Seed. I am testifying in strong support of H.B. 1513, H.D. 1, an appropriation measure to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in communities on Oahu.

As the developer of a residential community within the Ewa Weed and Seed site, Gentry is very supportive of the Weed and Seed strategy and has been an active participant in this joint effort to make Ewa a nicer, safer place in which to live. We are proud to be a part of the collaborative effort involving law enforcement, citizens, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, community groups and private businesses (such as ours) and are pleased that Ewa is undergoing a positive transformation. Violent and drug-related crimes have been reduced substantially, large drug dealers have been "weeded out" and "seeding" programs have been implemented for families and youth. I believe that the seeding programs are particularly beneficial in helping to shape our youth and in providing positive direction for residents in general.

The Weed and Seed strategy is working, however, it requires continued financial support in order to effectively maintain and expand the efforts to restore neighborhoods and the families that live within them. I urge you to please keep this bill alive and ask for your support of the Weed & Seed initiative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

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Debra M. A. Luning  
Director of Governmental Affairs and  
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February 28, 2011

Carol Y. Brack  
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The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
 The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
 & Members of the House Committee on Finance  
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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Carol Brack, Executive Vice President and Property Manager for the Waipahu Town Center. I am appealing for your support of HB 1513, HD1 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.

Over the last ten years, I have seen the improvement in my community by the direct involvement and tireless hours that the Weed & Seed officers have devoted in educating and mentoring the keiki and young adults into making the right choices in an effort to be better people. Their constant visits in the Waipahu neighborhoods and involvement in the various community activities throughout the year is sheer proof of their commitment in making the Weed and Seed program work. The days of parents and children experiencing true family lives are far and few between. Our future generation needs continuous guidance in order to be successful - there is no doubt that Weed and Seed fills that gap.

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.

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Sincerely,

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Carol Y. Brack  
Executive Vice President

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February 21, 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 HB 1513 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. 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 modeled throughout our State.

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 the request for the HB 1513.

Sincerely,



Mary Jean Castillo-Barkley  
Owner



February 28, 2011

Honorable Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
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**RE: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the House Finance Committee,

Weed and Seed is more than a community program to help fight crime in our neighborhoods. With its multi-faceted approach to collaboration and participation, it is a comprehensive strategy to building, and in some cases, re-building, strong communities.

For several years, D.R. Horton – Schuler Division has been a proud corporate sponsor of the 'Ewa Weed and Seed initiative. Together with the Schuler Family Foundation we have supported its operation in 'Ewa Beach, as well as its annual "Drive Safe 4 'Ewa" campaign, a highly-visible, public outreach effort to educate the community on the serious and important issue of underage drinking.

As a member of the West O'ahu community we deeply appreciate the efforts by Weed and Seed to weed out crime and violence, encourage community policing, promote positive behavior and revitalize the economic and social conditions in the community.

We humbly ask for your support for House Bill 1513, which would help to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in 'Ewa/'Ewa Beach, Waipahu, and Kalihi/Chinatown/Ala Moana.

Sincerely,

Lee Tokuhara  
*Communications & Community Relations Manager*  
*D.R. Horton – Schuler Division*



**HASEKO DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

February 23, 2011

The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513.H.1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513.H. 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 both violent crime and drug-related crimes, as well as inspire community pride.

I have seen the benefits of this effort in our community – the truancy rate at area schools has fallen significantly since Weed & Seed came to 'Ewa Beach. Officers, residents and students walk neighborhood streets regularly as part of citizen patrols. In addition, Weed and Seed organizes volunteers to paint out graffiti and clean up parks, and provides valuable life skills and job training via "seeding" efforts such as the summer culinary arts program. By having the Weed & Seed police officers working hand in hand with residents, students, and businesses, fear is replaced by respect – and residents are inspired to work together to keep our community clean and safe.

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

Weed and Seed is a necessity – I strongly urge you to support HB 1513.H.1

Mahalo,

Sharene Saito Tam  
Assistant Vice President  
Haseko Development, Inc.

cc: Representative Chris Lee  
Representative Isaac W. Choy  
Representative Ty Cullen  
Representative Mark J. Hashem  
Representative Jo Jordan  
Representative James Kunane Tokioka  
Representative Barbara C. Marumoto  
Representative Gene Ward  
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Representative Kyle T. Yamashita  
Representative Gil Riviere



**Broadcast House of the Pacific, Inc.**

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February 21, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

**Re: HB 1513**

I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

We worked previously with Weed and Seed organization airing their messages in Filipino, Samoan, Marshallese, Chuukese and Pohpeian language.

The feedback we received by 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 to be partners again by providing matching bonus announcement for every paid announcement.

I urge you to support HB 1513.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leona Jona".

Leona Jona  
Pres./Gen. Mgr.



**PACIFIC GATEWAY CENTER**

February 26, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

**Re: HB 1513**

I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

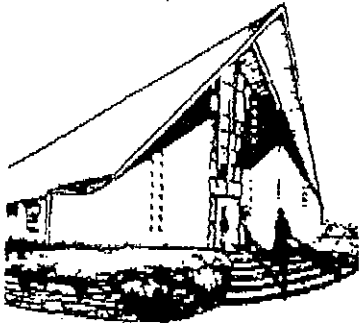
Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. Our organization Pacific Gateway Center was one of the collaborating organizations of Weed and Seed and was energized to be selected for the very first Weed and Seed site. The drastic drop in crime was visible and far reaching.

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.

Sincerely,

Tin Myaing Thein, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



**Kalihi Baptist Church**  
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John Vaughn, Pastor

February 20, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

**Re: HB 1513**

I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 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. Weed & Seed has been particularly effective in the area of Kalihi Valley Homes, and surrounding Kam IV Road area. Due to the connection that it gives to law enforcement we are able to reach youth, parents and families, in the area, with positive crime-free messages. In addition to organizing Citizen's Patrols and community clean-ups, Weed & Seed has been a vital presence at many community gatherings and events. The work done within the Weed & Seed strategy has given us ways to work together to make our community safer.

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.

Sincerely,

Pastor John Vaughn



# KAUPA

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"KALIHI AHUPUA'A ULU PONO AHAHUI"  
 The Progressive Watershed Association

February 25, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, and Members  
 House Committee on Finance  
 Hawaii State Legislature  
 State Capitol, Room 306  
 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

**Re: HB 1513**

I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and 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 to get 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 to 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.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Natale*

Barbara Natale  
 KAUPA



February 27, 2003  
 Hercules K. Huihui  
 94-333 Pupuoale St. 202  
 Waipahu, HI, 96797

The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
 The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
 & Members of the House Committee on Finance  
 State Capitol  
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Hercules K. Huihui and I am a twenty plus year resident of Waipahu. I live in the Pupua area where I have raised my three daughters now 32, 22 and my baby 17. My baby will be graduating this May and have been accepted to the University of Hawaii Hilo which she will attend this Fall.

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513, HD1 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 am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed because I witnessed the closure of meth labs in our community and have been actively involved with the officers and coordinators both past and present in community events. I wear many hats in the community of Waipahu starting with the longest one of 14 plus years as an active Volunteer, Communities in Schools of Hawaii Inc./Victory Outreach Ministries, followed by 10 years with Waipahu Community Association/Weed and seed/Community Santa. The weeding is needed once again so having Weed and Seed available to partner with and close down illegal operations in our community. We as a voice for all the little guys in our community say together please help us keep the connection to the Weed and Seed alive

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, HD1.

Sincerely,

  
 Hercules K. Huihui

cc: Representative Pono Chong  
 Representative Denny Coffman  
 Representative Sharon Har  
 Representative Linda Ichiyama  
 Representative Chris Lee  
 Representative Kyle Yamashita  
 Representative Gil Riviere

Representative Isaac Choy  
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 Representative Barbara Marumoto  
 Representative Gene Ward

February 27, 2011

Gale Mejia  
GEAR UP Waipahu  
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The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Gale Mejia and I am a former Waipahu resident and current community partner in Waipahu. I work for GEAR UP Waipahu, a college preparatory program.

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513, HD1 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 am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed because they provide career presentations and drug prevention workshops to GEAR UP students. In addition, we have initiated a new program with Weed and Seed, Waipahu High School and other Waipahu organizations and businesses to address truancy and juvenile delinquency. Fresh Start is a two-fold program that empowers parents of students who are on the verge of failing the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and inspire those 9<sup>th</sup> graders to get back on the right track.

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, HD1.

Sincerely,

Gale Mejia

cc: Representative Pono Chong  
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Representative Gene Ward

February 28, 2011

Marilyn Labayog  
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Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Marilyn Labayog and I am a Weed & Seed Steering Committee Member for Waipahu. I work for Hathorian, Inc., managing Waipahu Shopping Plaza and Waipahu Office Plaza.

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513, HD1 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 am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed because of the solid dedication, positive nurturing and successes that Weed and Seed provides to the community at large, businesses, residents and guests within the community it serves. A few years ago, my introduction to the Shopping Plaza came with unsettled trepidation and angst because of my fear for safety and for the people I am put in charge of. I would arrive at the Plaza every morning only to find any decent looking vehicles parked along the perimeter of the Shopping Plaza busted into or vandalized and derelict vehicles that appears to have not been moved for a very long time. It was a common occurrence to come across heated domestic arguments and bodily beatings in and around the property. The Shopping Plaza faced many graffiti issues on a daily basis in varying degrees of vandalism. It escalated to a point where the graffiti got larger in scope, so large that the top parapet wall of Building B, which measured approximately 150 feet long by 4 feet wide was intricately vandalized with graffiti. We would discover daily, drug paraphernalia's on property, used condoms on walkways and in the restrooms; including drug dealings out in the open. Burglaries, theft, purse snatching, dumpster fires, shattered store front glass panels, broken glass beer bottles in the parking lots, cutting off main electrical power sources, kids hanging around causing mischief because they have nowhere to go or nothing to do, all the while exhibiting disregard to property, and disrespectful attitudes. The many homeless individuals loitering, arguing by themselves or asking for handouts as customers patronize the shops, sleeping on the sidewalks, taking baths and damaging the restroom facilities, etc. I.e. spreading feces all over the

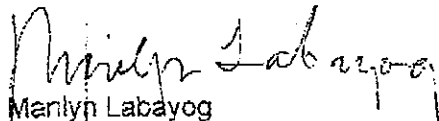
walls or shoving pieces of clothing in the toilet bowls, unscrewing the toilet seats or breaking them, etc.

Today, I am delighted to tell you that the Shopping Plaza and its surrounding neighborhood has been transformed into a much safer, cleaner, and vibrant community. It is also a pleasure to observe the neighborhood children and young adults coming together and displaying a much more positive and respectful demeanor. We are now experiencing diverse ethnic and socio-economic consumers that the Shopping Plaza never thought it would have. Our future is in our keiki's and the fabric of the family unit and Weed and Seeds' work today is money in the bank tomorrow.

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, HD1.

Sincerely,

  
Marilyn Labayog  
Hathorian, Inc.

cc: Representative Pono Chong  
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Jim Moylan  
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The Honorable Representative Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

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

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513, H.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.

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 am a resident, business owner and my two children attend school in Ewa. The degenerates have lessened, but have not gone, however If Weed and Seed leaves the crooks will come back in droves!

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, HD 1

Sincerely,

Jim Moylan

Cc: Representative Chris Lee  
Representative Isaac W. Choy  
Representative Ty Cullen  
Representative Mark J. Hashem  
Representative Jo Jordan  
Representative James Kunane Tokioka  
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Representative Gene Ward

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Representative Kyle T. Yamashita  
Representative Gil Riviere

February 28, 2011

Maureen C. Andrade  
President, Village Park Community Association  
94-686 Kahue Place  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Maureen Andrade, President of the Village Park Community Association for over 18 years, member of the Waipahu Community Coalition, Waipahu Neighborhood Board, Waipahu Community Foundation, Weed and Seed, Han's L'Orange Park Council, and a Commissioner of the Waipahu Boxing Club. I was born, raised in Waipahu and have live here going on 60 years now.

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513, HD1 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 am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed because the program provides community participation, education to youths and adults and it has weeded out much of the drug-related crimes in 2 particular areas of Waipahu where the program exists. Although we all know that there is no one (1) solution, having this program gives hope to our youth and to families that may be directly affected by drugs/crime etc. Many of you may not see the good that has come from programs such as Weed and Seed but I along with many of our community leaders have and it is very rewarding to see the camaraderie that happens during these events.

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, HD1.

Sincerely,



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February 27, 2011

Kelly Miyamoto, PHN  
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The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Kelly Miyamoto and I am a Department of Health Public Health Nurse. I work in the Waipahu community. As a Public Health Nurse, I have seen how dedicated the Waipahu Weed and Seed officers and site coordinator have been in helping to provide a much safer and stronger community in Waipahu.

Through their collaboration and partnership with community partners, like the Waipahu Community Coalition, they have put in extraordinary time and effort in bringing various community-wide activities to fruition. I have seen firsthand their efforts in helping to prepare for the Annual Waipahu 5K Cane Haul Run/Walk, which attracted many of the youth in Waipahu to take charge of their health and exercise. I have taken part in the Annual Health and Empowerment Fair at Pupuole Park, which Waipahu Weed and Seed in collaboration with Waipahu Community Coalition helped implement. The fair drew many low-income and COFA residents, which resulted in many of them learning about various health, employment and educational resources. I have seen how the Weed and Seed Safe Havens are an excellent place for residents to gather and improve their health by learning about healthier food choices and healthy cooking. I have seen their tireless efforts during the cleanup of Kapakahi Stream and graffiti paint outs in Waipahu, all of which have helped to instill a sense of pride back in the Waipahu community. **All of these efforts have helped to improve the quality of life for all residents living in Waipahu and it would be very detrimental if we lost such an exceptional group of people.**

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513, HD1 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.

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, HD1.

Sincerely,

Kelly Miyamoto, PHN

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Representative Gene Ward



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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

Sincerely,



Kamalani Rodrigues  
Public Housing Specialist  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

February 23, 2011

Barbara Tom  
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The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is Barbara Tom, and I am currently a Public Health Nurse in Waipahu. I have been actively working with the Waipahu Community Coalition, and currently sit on as its Chair. I also sit as the Chair of the Nations of Micronesia Committee. I have worked in Waipahu for twenty three years and have seen many changes.

My work with these coalitions is focused on creating a healthier and safe community. I have been supported by the Waipahu Weed & Seed officers and Coordinator, who have played a vital role in helping to plan and implement our activities with the community to address the needs that they express such as; a health fair, addressing drugs and gangs in our community, homelessness, our 3 on 3 Basketball tournaments, the annual graffiti paint outs as well as, our Cane Haul Run. These are just a few of the resources and activities that have been created annually for our community with the support of our Weed and Seed team. Their role is key to keeping our vision of a healthier and safe community viable.

I am appealing for your support of HB 1513 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 in Waipahu.

Over the twenty three years that I have worked in Waipahu, I have seen a marked improvement in this community, due to their partnership and networking.

- Drugs and crime have decreased in the Pupule area and families are much safer because of their presence.
- More citizen patrols and neighborhood security watches have been established
- There has been an increase in partnerships from area residents, State and City organizations, and our faith-based groups who have been willing to work with our Weed & Seed officers.
- Our community is well connected from the Schools, to the agencies both private and public, our faith-based groups, citizens and youth.
- An increase in seeding activities within these communities, such as classes on safety and drugs.
- More pride in the community with our community clean ups and graffiti paint outs.
- We are on the road, I feel, to creating a healthier and cohesive community.

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 communities we service, I urge you to support HB 1513.

Sincerely,

Barbara Tom PHN

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## **FINTestimony**

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Testimony for FIN 2/28/2011 5:00:00 PM HB1513

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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

**Comments:**

I am submitting testimony in strong support of HB 1513 HD1 to continue vital funding for the Weed and Seed Program in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

I am a preschool teacher with Honolulu Community Action Program Head Start, and have partnered with Waipahu Weed and Seed since the fall of 2008. Our Preschool on Wheels homeless outreach program has been successful, due in large part, to this relationship. We were able to transform the Weed and Seed Safe Haven apartment into a preschool classroom and resource learning center for Waipahu homeless and other at-risk families living in the complex. This partnership also included the Department of Health and various other non-profit organizations and community members. Weed and Seed was the "glue" that kept our efforts in alignment for the greater good of the Waipahu neighborhoods. In addition to our weekly classes, we collaborated oftentimes, on the weekends, which is the most crucial time to engage with families, and when so much vital information is disseminated. I urge you to support HB 1512 and HB 1513, and I thank you in advance for your dedication to the health and sustainability of the community.

Sincerely,

Mary Lacques

February 22, 2011

The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1512 and HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

I am appealing for your support of HB 1512 and HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

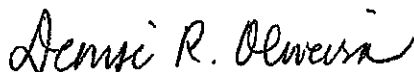
The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes.

As a long-time resident of Ewa Beach (43 years), I have seen how instrumental Weed and Seed has been to our community: drug activity/dealers, underage drinking and truancy numbers have declined tremendously- all contributing to the overall "security /safety" feeling that I, as a resident, now feel. And a parent of four children, you can imagine how important it is that these activities are as minimal as possible. In addition, the Weed and Seed Program has also "invested" in the Ewa Beach residents in the many activities it provides and takes part in such as the Jr. Golf Program, School Read Along Programs, Make a Difference Day, etc.

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 1512 and HB 1513.

Sincerely,



Denise R. Oliveira  
President  
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2/22/2011

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The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
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State Capitol  
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Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513.H.1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

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

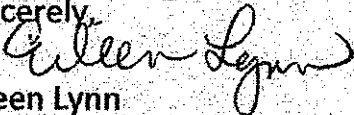
The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes.

I have been directly involved with the Weed & Seed initiative since its inception in 2002 as a community volunteer. Currently, I am the secretary of the 'Ewa Weed and Seed steering committee and can personally speak to the positive results and numerous success stories our community has had because of Weed and Seed. In addition to receiving training by the Honolulu Police Department to employ crime reduction strategies, we have collaborated with government, social service providers, businesses and fellow citizens to effectively reduce crime and restore our neighborhoods!

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.1

Sincerely,



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February 22, 2011

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The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
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State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

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

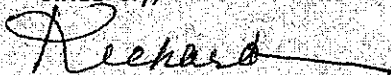
The collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce violent crime and drug-related crimes.

We have seen many improvements in our area since Weed and Seed began in Ewa Beach. Working together with the site coordinator, Gale Braceres and the Weed and Seed Officers for several years now gave us back the pride of being a resident in Ewa Beach. Building a trusting relationship with the Weed and Seed Officers and the site coordinator, it gives us hopes that as a team we can make this place a better place for our children and grandchildren. It is important to keep Weed and Seed in this community. Although there have been great improvements, we need the leadership that the site coordinator and the Weed and Seed Officers provides for us.

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.1

Sincerely,



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February 22, 2011

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, and Members  
House Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 306  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

**Re: HB 1513**

I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 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. Weed & Seed has helped our Downtown community a much safer place to live. Weed & Seed police regularly come out to support us as we conduct our weekly Citizen's Patrol walks. The Weed & Seed has made sure that we have the necessary supplies and equipment that keep us safe. Weed & Seed stands for a belief in the importance of the community's voice being heard at all levels. This is important to me as a resident of the Downtown/Chinatown area, as it can get quite quarrelsome and political at times.

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.

Sincerely,



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



February 27, 2011

Jennifer Fetui  
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The Honorable Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513, HD1 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00pm**  
**Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

My name is Jennifer Fetui and I live in the Weed and Seed Waipahu site. I am writing in strong support of HB 1513, HD1 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 believe that we need Weed and Seed to help keep our children safe and out of trouble. Without them, who will be there to help the families that are either missing a parent or working more than one job? I feel fortunate to be living in Waipahu because we have a good Weed and Seed team. I have 7 children and knowing that Waipahu is a Weed and Seed site gives me comfort to know the officers are there to help keep them on the right path. Weed and Seed helps to get rid of the crime, drugs, gangs and violence in our neighborhoods.

**Because of Weed and Seed, Waipahu is a safer place for my family to live.**

I believe that the Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool to help our children and build strong committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community. I urge you to support HB 1513, HD1.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Fetui  
Waipahu Resident

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