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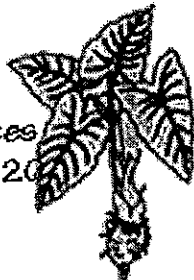
Good Morning,

Please find attached testimony for HB1513 from the Office of Community Services-DLIR. Please confirm receipt.

Mahalo,



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February 15, 2011

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary

Date: Tuesday, February 15  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

From: Mila Kahaanui, Executive Director  
Office of Community Services  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

**Re: H.B. 1513 Relating to the Weed and Seed Strategy**

Good Morning Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and committee members. My name is Mila Kaahanui, Executive Director of the Office of Community Services (OCS), an agency administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). We appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of these measures.

The Office of Community Services and the Weed and Seed Program as currently run have been partners for a number of years through the 42F grant process. We would like to reiterate our comments on the measure before you today.

Again, OCS wholeheartedly supports the creation of a program under LBR903. However, we will defer to the Legislature, the Governor, and Department of Budget and Finance with regards to any issue involving the funding priorities of the State.

Without both vehicles intact, please consider our comments on the current measure:

- 1) **42F grants have no guarantee of being released.** Although Grant-In-Aids have provided funding for many worthwhile projects, they have been primarily used to fund pilot projects for operating grants and one-time capital improvement projects when appropriated as General Obligation bonds or "C" funds. Long-term projects have traditionally not been funded through GIA.
- 2) **Program establishment will establish a statewide service area.** OCS will defer to the YMCA and program managers as to the correct amount of funding to run the program. Should the program be established, the Legislature should consider what the program costs would be to adequately fund a program throughout the state, as there are also Weed and Seed eligible districts in other jurisdictions, such as the County of Hawaii.
- 3) **42f grants carry no additional administrative costs.** OCS firmly believes this is the time to ask government to do more. As such, we administer each 42F grant referred to our office under our existing budget, with no additional staff cost to the State. Last year, out of \$41 million dollars and 52 projects, 33% of the projects and 35% of the total funding for GIA's statewide were allocated to our small office. 42F allows us to monitor each contract once for the life of the contract. With regular program establishment, we would add additional monitoring and program development duties equal to that of our current State and Federally-funded programs. We ask you consider this when developing a funding amount.
- 4) **It is unclear whether or not the program will be procured in the future.** Although OCS will most likely run the program as a 42F grant in the first year, subsequent years would still be subject to procurement if funded under Program ID LBR903. This bill takes a "mix-and-match" approach to the strategy. We will defer to the State Procurement Office to clarify what, if any, adjustments should be made to conform this program to either the 42F statute or the 103F, as necessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for JUD 2/15/2011 2:00:00 PM HB1513

Conference room: 325  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Comments:

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Statement of  
**Denise M. Wise**  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

February 15, 2011 2:00 P.M.  
Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of  
**H.B. 1513**  
**RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**

Mister Chair and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill 1513, relating to the Weed and Seed Strategy.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports enactment of the measure, which would permanently re-establish the Weed and Seed program locally with concurrent fund appropriation. The agency's experience with the strategic program in the past has been favorable and positive, and we would support the re-enactment of the program.

However, there is a caveat for the Committee to consider regarding this bill: the "Seed" component of the program requires partnerships with non-profit organizations that may not have full funding resources. Therefore, there should be funding considerations for these activities that consider provisions for non-profit partners.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Judiciary with the agency's position regarding H.B. 1513. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably.

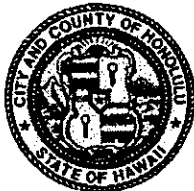
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February 15, 2011

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1513, Relating to the Weed and Seed Strategy

I am Major William R. Chur of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1513. This bill establishes a permanent Weed and Seed program within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and appropriates funds to maintain the Weed and Seed operations in the Ala Moana, Chinatown, Downtown Honolulu, Kalihi, Waipahu, and the Ewa Beach communities.

As a partner in the Weed and Seed program since its inception several years ago, the HPD recognizes the benefits of the program in reducing crime and improving the quality of life for people who live and work in the Weed and Seed designated communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

*William Chur*  
WILLIAM R. CHUR, Major  
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APPROVED:

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**Cc:** Glenn Muranaka; Adria Campbell; Joy Gold  
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Aloha,  
Please see the attached testimony from Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies for:

HB 1513, Weed and Seed Strategy  
Hse JUD Hearing, Tues Feb 15 - 2:00 pm  
Committee requests 3 copies (including an original) per hearing notice

Please call me at 526-3770 if there are any questions about the testimony submittal.  
Thank you,  
Joy Gold

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# Meadow Gold Dairies



Testimony by: Glenn Muranaka  
/ HB 1513, Weed and Seed Strategy  
Hse JUD, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011 – 2:00 pm  
Room 325  
Position: Support

Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the House JUD 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 suggested among the county, state, federal agencies and the private sector can only enhance a successful and needed program.

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

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**From:** Carol Y. Brack [cbrack@lava.net]  
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In support of HB 1513!

Thank you for your consideration of the attached letter.

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The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, 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 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 shear 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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Weed and Seed is very important to the community, I urge you to support HB 1513.

Sincerely,

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Please use this testimony for HB 1513

Thank you

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

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**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, 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 who has 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 have seen the improvement in my community 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 already repeating the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Through partnerships with Waipahu High School, GEAR UP and other community partners, they are planning weekly learning excursions to teach the students the importance of completing high school.

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.

Sincerely,

Kelli L. Buenconsejo, RN PHN

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is Gale Mejia and I am the Project Director for GEAR UP Waipahu, which aims to increase the number of students who are prepared for higher education at Waipahu High School.

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.

Weed and Seed has been a valuable community partner to GEAR UP Waipahu by providing career and drug prevention presentations to GEAR UP students. In just a few weeks Weed and Seed, Waipahu High School and GEAR UP Waipahu will address truancy and juvenile delinquency by implementing a two-fold program that will empower parents of students who are on the verge of failing the 9th grade and inspire those 9th 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.

Sincerely,

Gale Mejia



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Please see attachment in support of the Weed and Seed Strategy Grant-in-Aid Request.

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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.

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

Sincerely,

Robin Sonobe

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**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is Paul Taga and I am the principal of the Waipahu Elementary School.

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.

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 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.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Taga

cc: Representative Blake Oshiro  
Representative Tom Brower

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**From:** Rochelle Kalili [rkalili2003@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Cc:** Lorrie Kanno  
**Subject:** HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY  
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Aloha,

I am support of HB 1513. Please see my attach testimony.

Mahalo,  
Rochelle Kalili,  
Waipahu Resident

February 14, 2011

Your Name  
Your Address

The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

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My name is Rochelle Kalili and I am a resident of the Waipahu community. 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.

As a parent of 6 children and 1 grandchild living in Waipahu, my first priority is the safety of my family. Unfortunately, my home of 18 years, Waipahu, has the stigma of being a bad place to live. While I acknowledge that we have criminal and drug issues, I also know that Waipahu is a safer place to live because of Weed and Seed. Through Weed and Seed, we have a team of officers who are designated to work hand in hand with the community to solve problems. In fact, just last year, they arrested some people for prostitution near where I live.

As a parent-community facilitator at an area elementary school, I have seen the improvement in the way our students/children relate to police officers. In the past, many of our children viewed officers as aggressive people who only caused harm to their 'ohana. Through the partnerships that the Weed & Seed officers have created, it has changed their views. They now see police officers as people who are looking out for their best interests. Weed and Seed has educated individuals on how drugs and other negative influences ruin families and community. Weed and Seed has empowered residents to take back their community. As the saying goes, "Ohana means no one is left behind." I believe that because of Weed and Seed, no one in Waipahu is left behind.

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.

Sincerely,

Rochelle Kalili  
Waipahu Resident

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**To:** JUDtestimony; sparkyrodrigues@gmail.com  
**Subject:** support for, HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

February 14, 2011

James 'Sparky' Rodrigues  
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The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol

My name is James 'Sparky' Rodrigues and I'm the manager for 'Olelo Community Media Center located on campus of Waipahu Intermediate School. Although a resident of Waianae I am represent the non-profit organization that works throughout the Waipahu community. I have first hand experience with the Weed & Seed organization and the positive impact their strategy has had on Businesses, NPOs, service providers, community organizations, events and all of the residents of Waipahu. They make the community safe while demonstrating how to take personal responsibility for our own communities wellbeing and safety.

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 their presence and involvement within the community at many levels. Most of all their relationship with the community is personal, more peace officer rather than enforcement officer. We feel safe with the results of their presents and involvement.

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.

Sincerely,

James 'Sparky' Rodrigues

cc: Representative Blake Oshiro  
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**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** Letters of support- HB1513  
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February 12, 2011

The Honorable Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhodes, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhodes and Members of the Committee:

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

My name is Eileen Lynn. I am the Secretary of the Ewa Weed & Seed Steering Committee and long time Secretary of the Ewa Beach Lions Club. I'm a 20 year Ewa Beach resident, mother of two, homemaker, community volunteer and servant of the Lord. I have been with the Ewa Weed & Seed initiative since its inception in 2002 as a community volunteer and have witnessed the positive results and numerous success stories.

I know the purpose of the Grant In Aid is to fund and sustain the Weed and Seed Strategy in Ewa/Ewa Beach, Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu. I strongly support this funding and request the funds be granted in a timely manner.

Since its inception, our neighborhood has turned to the Ewa Weed & Seed strategy for help. At our request, the Ewa Weed & Seed Officers have trained us in crime reduction strategies. What we have learned has been put into action and it has worked!

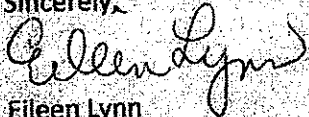
Our community has worked hard to obtain and establish this premier crime reduction initiative and it has been very effective in reducing crime, boosting social services, and neighborhood restoration in Ewa Beach.

In my opinion, the State of Hawaii and Honolulu Police Department can not secure this island alone. The Weed & Seed Initiative does unite government, law enforcement, social services, businesses and residents of Hawaii.

I feel that it is vital that we have Weed & Seed Site Coordinators to help maintain the unity between government, law enforcement, social services, businesses and residents.

As a responsible citizen of Hawaii, please support this funding request. By doing so we are thereby in agreement that we are helping each other reduce crime and revitalize our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



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February 10, 2011



The Honorable Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
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State Capitol  
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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhodes 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.

Truancy rates have dropped to a minimal, youth is being more pro-active in programs that keep 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 families in need.

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,

Frances Rivero  
Director, Hale Pono Clubhouse

cc: Representative Blake K. Oshiro  
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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 4:35 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** Weed and Seed Support Letter  
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Nancy Miyasato, R.N.

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February 14, 2011

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The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is Nancy Miyasato and I am a Public Health Nurse working in the Waipahu/Ewa Community. I have had the opportunity of working with Lorri Kanno and the Waipahu Weed and Seed Group. Having worked with Lorri Kanno and the Waipahu Weed and Seed Program, I realize that they are not only addressing drug and crime prevention but also laying the foundation for a stronger and more cohesive Waipahu Community.

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.

I have seen the improvement in my community by seeing the number of Waipahu stakeholders becoming more actively involved in the planning and organizing of activities, serving as volunteers at activities and bringing in other participants. Having positive events, bringing families together and having pride in the community helps to prevent drug use and crime. Some of the activities that I have been personally involved with are:

- The Waipahu Cane Haul Run- this is the second year that the Cane Haul Run was held. There was an increase in the number of participants. It brought together businesses, residents, community organizations, law enforcement, and government programs. It was a way for the community to get together as well as a great way to have an event that focused on being fit and healthy. The Weed and Seed Program was a strong contributing partner for this event.
- The Waipahu Graffiti Paint Out-Various Waipahu youth groups, private businesses, community volunteers, turned out to help paint over graffiti on the common area walls. It was nice to see the youth out there, on a Saturday participating. The Weed and Seed program helped to organize the event and their officers were present that day, and always visible and accessible to the community.
- Keiki ID at the Waipahu Community Christmas Carnival. The Weed and Seed Group hosted a Keiki ID booth. This was very well attended. Many residents were very appreciative to have picture IDs made for their children.

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

Sincerely,  
Nancy Miyasato

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## JUDtestimony

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**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** Weed & Seed Support Letter  
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Please submit for testimony.

Barbara Tom PHN  
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February 14, 2011

Barbara Tom PHN  
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The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

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

**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is Barbara Tom, and I am currently a PHN in Waipahu. I have been actively working with the Waipahu Community Coalition, and currently sit on as it's Chair. I also sit as the Chair of the Nations of Micronesia Committee. I have worked in Waipahu for twenty three years and have see many changes over the time.

My work with these coalitions are focused on creating a healthier 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 are created for our community to support our vision of a safer and healthier Waipahu community. With each of these activities, the Weed & Seed program plays a key role in working with our community.

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.

Over the twenty three years that I have worked in Waipahu, I have seen a marked improvement in this community. 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 more well connected in their mission to keep drugs and crime down. 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 community, I urge you to support HB 1513.

Sincerely,

Barbara Tom PHN

## JUDtestimony

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**From:** hawaiiyaks@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 4:45 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Cc:** Lorrilwkanno@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Testimonials from residents  
**Attachments:** HB1513\_Letter\_Of\_Support\_JUD.doc

Attached is a letter of support for the Weed & Seed Project. I am in full support of the Weed and Seed Program. Request you help us maintain this urgently needed program.

George Yakowenko  
Waipahu Resident (28 years)  
Retired Sergeant Major, US Army (30 years)  
Ex Waipahu Neighborhood Board Member (11 years)  
Volunteer HPD Special Enforcement Officer (6 years)



February 14, 2011

Your Name  
Your Address

The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a (resident/business/church, etc) of the Waipahu community. (personalize this section)

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 (personalize this section)

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

Sincerely,

Your Name

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**From:** Kelly [kellyo@hawaii.rr.com]  
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February 14, 2011

The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**Testimony in Support**

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

**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm  
Conference Room 325, 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 first hand 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 clean up 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 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

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.

Sincerely,

Kelly Miyamoto, RN  
Department of Health  
Leeward Oahu Nursing Office  
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## JUDtestimony

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**From:** Debbie Luning [debbiel@gentryhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 5:11 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on H.B. 1513  
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Attached is Gentry Homes' testimony on H.B. 1513.

Mahalo,  
Debbie Luning

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February 15, 2011

The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair, and Members  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 302  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

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

Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011; 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol

I am Debbie Luning, an employee of Gentry Homes and a member of the Ewa Weed and Seed Steering Committee. I am testifying in strong support of H.B. 1513, 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, we need to continue the efforts to restore neighborhoods and the families that live within them, and I urge your support of this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Luning". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Debra M. A. Luning  
Director of Governmental Affairs and  
Community Relations

The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 302  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

From: Maile Kanemaru  
Director, Weed and Seed Oahu  
94-440 Mokuola Street, Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

Phone: (808) 678-4278

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

Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011; 2:00pm  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

My name is Maile Kanemaru, Director of Honolulu Weed and Seed, and now retired from the YMCA of Honolulu. I have been the Director of Weed and Seed for the past 12 years.

I am testifying in strong support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed Strategy in Kalihi/Palama/Chinatown/Ala Moana, Waipahu and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

The four components is a unique and effective comprehensive strategy to revitalize neighborhoods:

- 1) Law Enforcement – weeding out crime and violence, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime. Weed and Seed is a critical strategy to bring swift and sure consequences and even geographic restriction in Chinatown.
- 2) Community Policing – community engagement and problem solving. The community policing training builds capacity in the residents so that they can take back their streets in collaboration with law enforcement.
- 3) Prevention, Intervention and Treatment – concentrates on an array of human services to create an environment in which crime and violence cannot thrive.
- 4) Neighborhood Restoration – seeks to expand the economic vitality of the community and improve public spaces such as parks and recreational facilities.

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 to improve their communities to be a safe place to live and raise their families.

Thank you for your consideration.



# KAUPA

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

February 7, 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 & 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



**PACIFIC GATEWAY CENTER**

February 9, 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. 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.

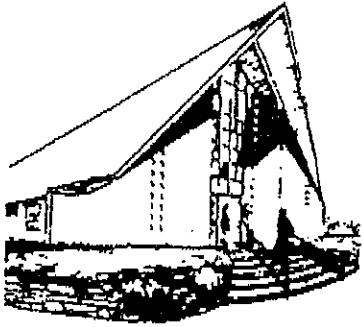
Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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John Vaughn, Pastor

February 3, 2011

Honorable Legislator  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator or Representative:

**Re: HB 1513**

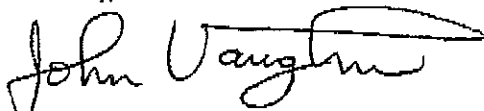
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Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. Weed & Seed has been particularly effective in the area of Kalihi Valley Homes, and surrounding Kam IV Road area. 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



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

1734 S. King Street • Honolulu, HI 96826 • (808) 946-2844 • 947-3531 FAX

February 10, 2011

Honorable Legislator  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 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.

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 the request for the Weed and Seed Grant-in-Aid.

Sincerely,

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Leona Jona  
Pres./Gen. Mgr.



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
LINAPUNI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1434 LINAPUNI STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96819

February 2, 2011

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State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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I urge you to support HB 1513.

Sincerely,

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Cynthia Sunahara  
Principal  
Linapuni Elementary School  
1434 Linapuni Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

February 2, 2011

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State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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I am writing to request your support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kailhi-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.

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I urge you to support HB 1513.

Sincerely,



Dolores Mollring  
Resident  
Downtown Citizens Patrol Block Captain  
1255 Nuuanu Ave., E807  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**TO: The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran,  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads,  
and Members of the Housing Committee**

**( Chair )  
( Vice Chair )**

**DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2010  
2:00PM Room 325**

**RE: HB1513 Relating to Public Housing**

**POSITION : STRONG SUPPORT**

**My name is Fetu Kolio, I am a community resident of Public Housing in Kalihi, Weed & Seed can continue to help improve the quality of life in our communities and that the department of justice and law enforcement can foster a sense of responsibility .**

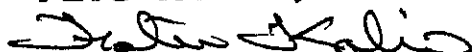
**HB 1513, is a solution to crime and safety problems concerning violent crime, gang activities, drug-related activities. Also having significant results in the courts and the prosecution of criminal elements .**

**HB 1513 would tremendously help to strengthen and create positive community environments for residents and businesses .**

**Please help pass HB-1513, thank you for hearing my testimony**

**FETU KOLIO ,**

**( Community Resident )**



TO: The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran,  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads,  
and Members of the Judiciary Committee

( Chair )  
( Vice Chair )

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2011  
2:00PM Room 325

RE: HB 231,HD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

POSITION : STRONG SUPPORT

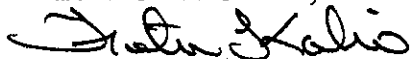
My name is Fetu Kolio, I am the Tenants Association President for Mayor Wright Homes, I also serve as a Member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No.15. And the block captain for our citizens patrol team in our housing complex and the surrounding community we are the eyes and ears for our community.

HB-231,HD1 would set that tone on responsibility for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and also a vital tool for the Honolulu Police Department on crimes of assaults and robberies by criminal elements in and around public housing .

HB-231,HD1 would help eliminate the favoritism by public housing authority on gang members that occupies public housing property, also it will tremendously help restore the integrity of services .

Thank you for hearing this bill, please help restore safety for all residents of the community, I humbly ask please pass HB-231,HD1 .

FETU KOLIO,



( Mayor Wright Homes )

( Tenants Association , President )

## JUDtestimony

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**From:** Gale Bracerros [weedseedewa@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 2:30 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** WS- HB1513  
**Attachments:** haseko.signed.pdf; JCHS.KINOSHITA.SIGNED.pdf; Jeffrey.Alameida signed 021011[1].pdf; Jim Moylan.signed.pdf

Please accept testimony letters for HB1513

Gale Bracerros  
Site Coordinator  
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"Building Better Communities"



**HASEKO DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

February 14, 2011

The Honorable Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhodes, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhodes 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 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 1512 and HB 1513.

Mahalo,

  
Sharene Saito Tam  
Assistant Vice President  
Haseko Development, Inc.

cc:	Representative Blake K. Oshiro	Representative Tom Bower
	Representative Rida T.R. Cabanilla	Representative Mele Carroll
	Representative Robert N. Herkes	Representative Ken Ito
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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
JAMES CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL  
91-980 North Road  
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February 10, 2011

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As I began to become more involved in the school and the community, I had opportunities to meet and work alongside some of the Weed and Sewed officers. Through listening to them, and seeing their involvement in the community and school projects, I saw the "seed" part of the program at work. Specifically, I have seen the officers involved in the adopt-a-block days and our summer culinary arts partnership. In addition, the regular truancy sweeps that they perform have made a difference in student attendance.

Having worked here for ten years now, I am quick to tell people about the positive change that has taken place in the Ewa community. There is a new found pride in the quality of our schools and in our safe neighborhoods. I would attest that much of this improvement can be directly attributed to the Weed and Seed program's collaboration with the schools and other community groups

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,

Elton Kinoshita  
Vice Principal

cc: Representative Blake K. Oshiro  
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Empower Oahu has worked with Weed and Seed in each of the project communities through its Community Strengthening Programs and recognizes the role it plays in meeting the objectives in each communities Neighborhood Plan.

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,



Jeffrey Kalani Alameida, CFP  
Executive Director  
Empower Oahu  
jeff@empoweroahu.org

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February 10, 2011

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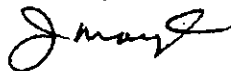
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Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups, and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community. I am a resident, business owner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

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Jim Moylan

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## JUDtestimony

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**From:** Lorrie Kanno [lwkanno@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 2:37 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** Please accept these testimonials  
**Attachments:** JFHB1513.pdf, RKHB1513.pdf, CPHB1513.pdf, TMHB1513.pdf

RE: Hearing Tues, Feb 15, House Judiciary Conference Rm 325

Testimonials attached.

February 14, 2011

Christina Pselio  
94-875 Kuhaulua Street Apt 162  
Waipahu, HI 96797

The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
**Hearing: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is Christina Pselio and I am a resident of the Waipahu community. I am writing in strong 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 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 and I urge you to support HB 1513.

Sincerely,

  
Christina Pselio  
Waipahu Resident

cc: Representative Blake Oshiro  
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Representative Robert Herkes  
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Representative Cynthia Thielan  
Representative Barbara Marumoto  
Representative Angus Makela

February 14, 2011

Rochelle Kalili  
94-207 Waipahu Street, Apt. 196  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

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& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Hearing: **Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:00pm**  
**Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

My name is Rochelle Kalili and I am a resident of the Waipahu community. I am appealing for your support of HB 1513 to sustain the Weed and Seed strategy in Kalia-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 parent of 6 children and 1 grandchild living in Waipahu, my first priority is the safety of my family. Unfortunately, my home of 18 years, Waipahu, has the stigma of being a bad place to live. While I acknowledge that we have criminal and drug issues, I also know that Waipahu is a safer place to live because of Weed and Seed. Through Weed and Seed, we have a team of officers who are designated to work hand in hand with the community to solve problems. In fact, just last year, they arrested some people for prostitution near where I live.

As a parent-community facilitator at an area elementary school, I have seen the improvement in the way our students/children relate to police officers. In the past, many of our children viewed officers as aggressive people who only caused harm to their 'ohana. Through the partnerships that the Weed & Seed officers have created, it has changed their views. They now see police officers as people who are looking out for their best interests. Weed and Seed has educated individuals on how drugs and other negative influences ruin families and community. Weed and Seed has empowered residents to take back their community. As the saying goes, "Ohana means no one is left behind." I believe that because of Weed and Seed, no one in Waipahu is left behind.

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.

Sincerely,

  
Rochelle Kalili  
Waipahu Resident

February 14, 2011

Jennifer Fetui  
94-207 Waipahu Street Apt 279  
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The Honorable Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Kari Rhoads, Vice Chair  
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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**Re: HB 1513 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY**  
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My name is Jennifer Fetui and I am a resident of the Waipahu community. I am writing in strong 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 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 that 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.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community and I strongly support HB 1513.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Fetui  
Waipahu Resident

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Tafaoata Magalei  
94-352 Pupumomi Street Apt F  
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My name is Tafaoata Magalei and I live in the Waipahu Weed and Seed site. I am writing in strong 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 believe that we need Weed and Seed to help keep our neighborhoods safe. With their support, they have helped to wipe out the drug dealers, sellers, users and gangs in our neighborhood. It used to be real scary to live in the "Pupu" area because of all of the crime and drugs. But, since Waipahu became a Weed and Seed site, all of the crime and drug dealing has gotten a lot better. We need to continue to support Weed and Seed because they are helping to make our neighborhoods safer. If we don't support them, the drug dealers and criminals are going to try and take over our community and we don't want that.

Weed and Seed is very important to the community and I urge you to strongly HB 1513.

Sincerely,



Tafaoata Magalei  
Waipahu Resident

cc: Representative Blake Oshiro  
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## JUDtestimony

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**From:** Gale Bracerros [weedseedewa@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 2:38 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** HB1513  
**Attachments:** Cal sueoka.signed.jpg; Coby lynn.signed.jpg; Denise Oliveira.signed.jpg

Please accept letters of support

Gale Bracerros

Site Coordinator

Site III- Ewa -Ewa Beach

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"Building Better Communities"

February 12, 2011

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& Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhodes and Members of the Committee:

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

My name is Coby Lynn. I am the Chair of the Community Policing of the Ewa Weed & Seed Steering Committee. I'm a 20 year Ewa Beach resident, father of two, small business owner, community volunteer and servant of the Lord. I know that at our current rate of lawlessness our focus should be to avoid any future civil disobedience and to assist law enforcement in our community.

I know the purpose of the Grant In Aid is to fund and sustain the Weed and Seed Strategy in Ewa/Ewa Beach, Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana, Waipahu. I strongly support this funding and request the funds be granted in a timely manner.

If a community becomes complacent in crime prevention, let us embrace our neighbors and give them an opportunity for residents to come forward and train with neighborhood security watch and citizen patrol.

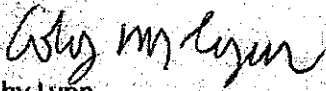
We have an obligation to organize ourselves through the Weed & Seed strategy. Today, I urge you to support our Weed & Seed initiative and to support any community driven crime prevention strategies that come before you.

I believe we are making a blue print for other communities to follow. Weed & Seed is willing to support and help the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu to deter criminal activity in our neighborhoods.

Legally, we know there is a liability concern and that our government policy makers should do all they can to avoid an increase in the levels of crime; any increases would jeopardize our safety in our communities.

I know that all who have participated in this initiative have worked very hard. Weed & Seed has made a significant improvement in our lives and we want it to be a State and City wide permanent extra law enforcement tool.

Sincerely,



Coby Lynn  
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**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.

I lived in Ewa Beach for over 28 years and still own a home in the area. I will return after my Dad health is better. I have seen firsthand the positive different Weed & Seed has made to the community. It has gone from a drug infested / cock fighting community to a safe place to raise your family. I ask on the behalf of the whole community to continue to support 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 1512 and HB 1513.

Sincerely,



Cal Kimo Sueoka  
Resident

cc: Representative Blake K. Oshiro  
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**February 10, 2011**

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& Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment  
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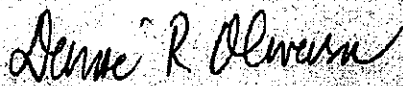
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As a long-time resident of Ewa Beach (43 years), I have seen how instrumental Weed and Seed has been to our community: drug activity/dealers, underage drinking and truancy numbers have declined tremendously- all contributing to the overall "security/safety" 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.

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