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To: Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Human Services

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2290 RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 2290 Relating to Children and Youth and recommends an amendment.

HYSN strongly supports the use of State Capitol Building facilities for public events and meetings that encourage and support citizen involvement in public policy development, promote access to the legislative process, or educate legislators.

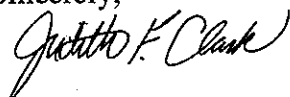
In addition to Children and Youth Day, the Children and Youth Summit is another Children and Youth Month event that is traditionally held at the State Capitol. HYSN recommends adding language to the bill to specify that the Children and Youth Summit may also be held in October at the State Capitol.

Young people gain their first exposure to our legislative process through participation in the Children and Youth Summit and are more likely to become committed voters and our future elected officials as a result.

Legislators need information from many sources on the many diverse issues that affect our citizens in order to craft good legislation and make responsible decisions that affect all of the people of Hawaii. I am proud that Hawaii has done much to encourage young people to participate in the legislative process.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director