

HB 2261 - SUPPORTING THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM

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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

Aloha Chair Keith-Aragan, Vice Chair Rhodes, and Members of the Committee:

Re: SB 2261 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM-

Hearing: March 21, 2012, 2:15 p.m., room 325

I am appealing for your support of SB 2261 to sustain the Weed and Seed program 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.

On behalf of the Kekaulike Courtyards residents here in Chinatown, we are part of an active Citizen Patrol unit under the Honolulu Police Department supported by assigned Weed and Seed, Community Policing police officers. We believe this working relationship as their 'eyes and ears' for and with the police department creates a safer community for those working and living in Chinatown.

I hope you will agree that Weed and Seed is a critical community resource and organizational tool that needs to be continued. Your support of this critical program ensures our community partners continue building a strong network of committed citizens earnestly preventing crime. Weed and Seed is critical in our community thus I humbly urge that you support SB 2261; we cannot afford to let crime takes its place in our communities.

Sincerely,

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