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Bay Clinic, Inc.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu

Big Island Substance Abuse Council

Blueprint for Change

Bobby Benson Center

Catholic Charities Hawaii

Central Oahu Youth Services Assn.

Child and Family Service

Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

Domestic Violence Action Center

EPIC, Inc.

Family Support Hawaii

Friends of the Missing Child Center of HI

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

Hawaii Behavioral Health

Hawaii Student Television

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition

Hina Mauka Teen Care

Hui Malama Learning Center

Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health

Kama'aina Kids, Inc.

KEY (Kualoa-Heeia Ecumenical Youth)
Project

Kids Behavioral Health

Kids Hurt Too

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Kula No Na Poe Hawaii

Lanai Community Health Center

Life Foundation

Marimed Foundation

The Maui Farm, Inc.

Maui Youth and Family Services

Palama Settlement

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center
- Kona Unit

REAL

Salvation Army Family Intervention Svcs.

Salvation Army Family Treatment Svcs.

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community Center

The Catalyst Group

The Children's Alliance of Hawaii

Waikiki Health Center

Women Helping Women

YouthVision

YWCA of Kauai

February 23, 2012

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF SB 2591 SD 1 RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 2591 SD 1 Relating to Children and Youth and recommends an amendment.

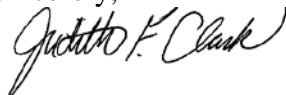
HYSN strongly supports the use of State Capitol Building facilities for public events and meetings that educate and strengthen families, encourage and support citizen involvement in public policy development, and promote access to the legislative process.

More than 30,000 people participate in Children and Youth Day, which offers opportunities to learn about parenting, the environment, healthy lifestyles and more. 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.

More than 250 organizations and 1,500 volunteers work together to make Children and Youth Month a reality. The cost to the State of Hawaii is minimal – for example, the air conditioning, water, security and janitorial services needed to keep the Capitol Building open on the first Sunday in October for Children and Youth Day.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark
Executive Director