



**WRITTEN COMMENTS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2940, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR YOUTH SERVICES.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY. For more information, please contact Blair Goto, Deputy Attorney General, at 587-3050.

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate \$450,000 in general funds to provide funding for chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grants in specified amounts to three named agencies that provide services to youth. The Department of Human Services is the expending agency.

In section 2 of the bill, on page 4, line 7, there is an appropriation to be distributed to the "Kalihi YMCA" in the amount of \$150,000. We are unaware of an entity with this legal name. If the intent is for a specific organization to receive the appropriated moneys from the Department of Human Services, then the correct legal name of the organization should be used. If this organization is part of the YMCA of Honolulu, then the correct legal name, "Young Men's Christian Association of Honolulu," should be used on line 7. Not using the correct legal name in the appropriation may prevent the organization from receiving the appropriated moneys.

We note further that the stated intent of the bill on page 3, lines 18-19, "to ensure youth in Kalihi receive services they need . . .," is much narrower than the appropriation wording of section 2 on page 4, line 5, "for agencies providing youth services . . ." The current wording of the appropriation could allow the expending agency to contract with the three named agencies to provide youth services statewide. To match the wording of the appropriation to the stated intent, we recommend the following change to lines 5-6: ". . . Statutes, for agencies [~~providing~~] to provide youth services in Kalihi and to be distributed as follows:" Material to be deleted is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored.

We respectfully ask the Committee to make the amendments recommended above.



**PACT COMMUNITY
TEEN PROGRAM**
A PROGRAM OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

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2/28/12
9:00 a.m.

Comments from Youth in Support of SB 2940

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Youth Participants of PACT's Community Teen Program at
Kuhio Park Terrace

DATE: February 27, 2012

RE: In Support of SB 2940, Making an Appropriation for Youth Services

As member of the community teen program at PACT since my freshmen year in high school I have benefited so much from their programs like study hall, Making Proud Choices, Lawakua Kajukenbo Club and many other programs. It is programs like these that are needed, especially in communities like Kuhio Park Terrace where good influences are difficult to find.

Moving to Kalihi from Ewa Beach was very hard for me, leaving all my friends who I was looking forward to having in high school. Having to make new friends was very difficult, until I came to the teen program. I was able to meet friends my age in a safe environment. Study hall was the most helpful for me. As a high school student I knew that I was smart but I had no motivation to do my homework. The teen program gave me that motivation by having study hall where you'd get incentives for doing your homework, and writing in your planner, giving me the basic organizational skills and the ability to prioritize.

After a year of being a member at PACT I joined Lawakua Kajukenbo Club. Unlike many other martial arts programs the Lawakua Kajukenbo Club disciplines all parts of your life. I quickly learned how to be polite and respectful to others. After three years in Lawakua I was offered a full-tuition scholarship to Chaminade after one of our donors had heard about my work with the teen center, my aspirations to become a doctor, and my club activities in school at one of our promotion tournaments. Living in a low income community I didn't expect to be able to go to a school as good as Chaminade because I wouldn't be able to afford it. PACT opened the door for me to become a successful emergency room physician.

Now as a sophomore at Chaminade I continue to do well because of the support that I have from the community teen program. I hope that the community teen program will be able to continue to help more kids and teens like they helped me. I encourage you to support this bill.

Zachery Grace



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	Name	Age	Comments
1.	Jos	8	Some people can get help from other people, for homework.
2.	JOHN BOY	12	GT HELPED ME WITH ALL MY HOMEWORK. ALSO GT HELPED ME TO BE FRIENDS WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE
3.	Challen Fa'amata'u	13	to help out kids who has trouble in school. Also, if you have nothing to do, you can have fun at the teen center. You can join activities
4.			like karate, and get a scholarship to a privat school.
5.	Erick Erann	12	It is needed because when we need help, a teacher can't come here and if we don't have them, we can't get help.
6.			It is needed for the children's future.
7.	Viane Vana	17	I feel that the Teen Program has really benefited our community in many ways. Thanks to the Teen Program, the younger children
8.			of our community spend more time indoors at the center, and less time outdoors where there is a greater chance of them being influenced by gangs. Because of that more kids are making better choices than those before them. Although the Teen Program cannot take them off the street permanently



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9.	Jeremy Walter	15	created and helped me to participate in the karate program. The karate program helped me to attend St. Louis School through finance. supported me by having tutoring, and supplying me with school materials.
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11.	Aloha Pua	12	They helped me with home work, getting more involved in activities, and my education- without help from the teen centers karate program I wouldn't be able to be at Tokini. Thank you. And I also take advantage of the tutoring program.
12.	XXXXXXXXXX		
13.	NICOLE	9	•It is needed because with the help of tutoring we can start understanding our homework •It also helps us by giving food for
14.	Emily Eter	10	We go to field trip alot and play dodgeball and help me with my homework.
15.	SK. Kovac	12	Cause it make's me do my homework and get better grade's in school.
16.	XXXXXXXXXX Rosey	7	XXXXXXXXXX they Help XXXX with MY HOME work when I came to DO MY HOME WORK.



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17.	Leah Vituisavea	12	One of the thing that begin a problem is gangs, and when I grow up I want want to be a teacher.
18.	Jerry Killion	12	The teen center has helped the community by giving students options of going there
19.			instead of having the choice to hang out with friends that are bad influence and get them
20.			into doing drugs and turning worse in attitude.
21.	D-SON	12	It helps me on my work and it keeps me safe from all the trouble outside and away from
22.			the people who do drugs.
23.	Sei Ah Kwi	9	By doing my homework. But i don't really do my homework her but it help me by doing something i have to do at home. 😊
24.	Rich	11	By helping me one my homework



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25.	chet	11	by helping them stay out of trouble
26.	Edrick	11	To stop fighting with people in teencenter. And also keep out of trouble.
27.	JOHNSON	11	by helping them stay out of trouble and listen for our parents
28.	Jf	14	It helps by keep the kids away from drugs
29.	Derteen	13	Keeps away from my bad friends and away from DRUGS.
30.	Arck, s	11	to do my Home work and have fun. it halpe me to do my Home work,
31.	ALFRED M.	14	It is Important so we can spend our time here and not just stay home all day and come here for study hall if we need our work to be done
32.	ryan	11	It help me to raise up my grades, Also learn new things



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33.	lyndi	9	teen center is important beca use it help your grade go higher.
34.	Yvonne	13	Teen center has help this community by helping kids do there homework and by giving the kids safety 😊
35.	Gr	15	We have fun
36.	Arthson	13	Teen center is fun and it has good activities.
37.	tyne	9	Teen ceter is important cause people can lerned from pact teakhet and also you don
38.			need to go play anyw hcre and id the tcen ceter it will take care of us
39.			and also it can give you make you smart and make you
40.			have good grade in school and you will know some thing in teen

ceter can help you with your homework and the



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41.	Santer	13	stay out of tro: Stay away from Drugs
42.	Jamal	11	Say "no" to drugs, to peers, and learn how to respect teacher, helped me in
43.			study hall, and everything I needed. It has affected me by teaching me new
44.			things in life & that ^{what} I'm going to face in the future.
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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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FROM: Youth Participants of the YMCA of Honolulu-Kalihi Branch

DATE: February 22, 2012

RE: In Support of SB 2940, Making an Appropriation for Youth Services

*NAM Feb 28, 2012
9:00 a.m.*

Youth Statement

This program is especially needed here at the YMCA as it benefits a vast amount of teenagers. The program not only provides support towards the teenager, but also allows them to undergo activities for educational purposes. The drop-in also provides a convenient location for kids and teens to feel at home and simply do homework during after school hours. The most important factor to the program provided here at the YMCA is that it acts as a stepping stone and eases the transition for children in the grades from middle school into high school.

The program has helped me in ways that I haven't even asked for, guiding me into a life full of success. Through the support given to me by the YMCA staff, I was able to obtain a job before I reached college or even completed high school. Aside from that, the activities provided to me helped me gain a strong sense of leadership. Through participating in many of our teen leadership programs, youth legislature events, or even our after school programs, leadership is a key player in each of these events. I've also gained a unique skill in art which I personally feel strong with. Through the art programs provided during after school hours such as Pow Wow.

It has helped the community in general by providing support programs to our neighboring middle schools, high schools and even elementary schools. A bit of

problems found in my community would be having gangs, a lot of graffiti, and more commonly found amongst teenagers is drug problems. The YMCA provides programs specifically to address these groups and to better their lives as well as our community. Such programs would be our drug counseling programs, art programs, and even support groups for various cases. These are highly beneficial to our teenagers, easily found in the convenient locations across Oahu.

	Name	Age	Comments
1.	Judy Ann	14	
2.	Mark Berrada	14	breaking helps me stay out of trouble.
3.	David	16	gives kids the chance to express them selves and stay out of trouble
4.	JAMES ██████████	17	
5.	Nate	9	It Helps kids do their Home work
6.	Colton	16 16	workers are <u>cool</u> & <u>FUN</u>
7.	Daniel	16	HELPS kids do their Homework.
8.	Jaylene	13	It maker kids have something to do after school.
9.	Hannah	13	It kids can have something fun to do.

	Name	Age	Comments
10.	G		Build social capital
11.	Christian	16	Everybody is family over here. No strangers. keeps me productive.
12.	Lome Lulangrij	15	Their my other family. share the ottom.
13.	Sanelo Lavatou	15	Their my other family.
14.	RJ	12	Their my other family.
15.	mark	12	their my other family
16.	Christian	13	Gets us out of trouble.
17.	Albren	13½	TO have fun! XD
18.	Rhyzza Mae	15	Keeps kids out of trouble. so they won't do all kind out there. They can be safe here and have fun at the same time.

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19.	Lewin	16	Keeps us out of trouble.
20.	Jamille	17	Make new friends :)
21.	Taylor	16	Let us do our the things we love doing.
22.	David	18	Fun Fun activities
23.	Mark	12	a fun place and safe
24.	Toan	12	Teaches good morals and keeps you out of trouble
25.	Jam Nicole	18	After school programs enriches my knowledge and develops my social and communication skills. It's also very fun!
26.	Tiffany	16	Safe place to hang out
27.	April		Meet new people and learn many new things

	Name	Age	Comments
28.	Christian Mangrobang	16	helps me stay out of trouble. Good place to come and relax.
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