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TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1756, HD1
Relating to Youth After-School Programs

February 21, 2014

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We **support** House Bill No.1756, HD1, but recommend that the bill be amended to reinstate the effective date of July 1, 2014. We also ask for the committee's support in ensuring that funding in the amount of \$3.1 million is appropriated for the R.E.A.C.H. program.

This measure seeks to establish a program that provides for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools throughout the state of Hawaii. R.E.A.C.H., which stands for resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health, is an initiative aimed at keeping Hawaii's youth engaged and excited about learning during the afterschool hours so they can stay on the right path towards high school graduation and be better prepared for future success. Programs offered will be from three general categories: academic enrichment, arts and culture, and athletics.

House Bill No. 1756, HD1 establishes new sections under Chapter 352D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to establish the R.E.A.C.H. program in the Office of Youth Services in order to provide a standardized framework for afterschool programs offered in public middle/intermediate schools. The program would be administered by the Office of Youth Services through an appropriation of \$3.1 million, including one full-time equivalent position. Provisions in the bill allow for participation fees to be established which would serve to enhance the sustainability of the program. The bill also establishes a revolving fund to receive the fees and other moneys to supplement the cost of administering and operating the program. An appropriation of \$3.1 million has been included in the Executive Supplemental Budget and, therefore, has been accounted for by the Administration in its financial plan.

The Office of Youth Services is dedicated to creating opportunities for the youth to develop competencies that foster resiliency and enable them to achieve a successful transition to young adulthood. The objectives of the R.E.A.C.H. initiative are wholly aligned with the objectives of the Office of Youth Services. Over the past several months, our office has been diligently collaborating with the Department of Education (DOE), the Office of Youth Services, and a working group of middle school principals and DOE administrators to develop both the pilot project and the long-term structure for R.E.A.C.H. In addition to the working group, an Advisory Board comprised of well-known community leaders committed to improving outcomes for Hawaii's youth was also established to provide insight, guidance, and support for this important initiative.

Thanks to the support from the legislature this past session, funds were appropriated and expended on a pilot project that involves five middle/intermediate schools that were awarded between \$26,000 to \$45,000 per school for a total of nearly \$200,000. The five schools are: Hana High and Elementary, Kawananakoa Middle, Mililani Middle, Molokai Middle, and Waiakea Intermediate. Implementation of this pilot project commences this month and we are very encouraged by the enthusiasm and support exhibited by the students, parents, teachers, and community at a rally held at Mililani Middle School earlier this month.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the legislature for their support with the pilot project and hope that we can continue to build upon what we started in 2013. The middle years are a critical time in a child's life where disengagement can start to take hold. The stakes of disengagement are high. Once students disconnect, recruitment and retention programs require stronger, more persistent outreach and more long-term participation. Juvenile crime, drug rehabilitation, counseling and other forms of intervention result in higher costs to taxpayers. The bottom line is that after-school programs keep kids on the path that leads to high school, college, career, and ultimately a better life.

We **support** HB 1756, HD1, but respectfully ask that the aforementioned amendments be made to this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
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Date: 02/21/2014

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1756,HD1(hscr302-14) RELATING TO YOUTH.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the office of youth services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. Establishes a revolving fund to receive fees and other moneys to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program. Appropriates funds for establishing the R.E.A.C.H. program to provide funding for after-school programs in middle and intermediate public schools. Establishes one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position to support the program and appropriates funds for that position.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Education) supports HB 1756 HD1 to establish the R.E.A.C.H. program. The middle school years are a critical time in a child's life. Middle and intermediate after-school programs will keep students engaged and allow them to explore activities that will serve to promote a positive lifestyle and achieve a successful transition to young adulthood.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES
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February 20, 2014

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director

SUBJECT: HB 1756, HD1 – Relating to Youth

Hearing: Friday, February 21, 2014, 11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

PURPOSE: The purpose of HB 1756, HD1, Relating to Youth, is to establish the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the Office of Youth Services (OYS) to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-schools programs in public middle and intermediate schools. The bill also:

- establishes a revolving fund to receive fees and other moneys to supplement the costs of administering and operating the program
- appropriates funds for establishing the program
- establishes and funds a position to support the program

OFFICE'S POSITION: OYS supports HB 1756, HD1, Relating to Youth. There are several common denominators in the lives of our at-risk youth, including but not limited to: a lack of connectedness, a sense of not belonging, and failure in school. These factors all lead to poor decision making – which is evidenced by the fact that middle school aged children represent nearly ½ of all first time juvenile arrests in our state.

Providing quality after school programming for middle schoolers through the R.E.A.C.H. program will address those very issues – relationships, connections and school engagement will positively impact school attendance and success, and is a critical prevention tool.

This funding is targeting the 24 middle and intermediate schools that do not receive funding or programming through the federal funds supporting the state's UPLINK program. The funding amount is based on the estimated start-up costs being for the UPLINK afterschool programming and includes a position in OYS to work with DOE to provide oversight, support and compliance with the programming goals statewide.

The fiscal implications of this bill are contingent on the funding allocated by Legislature. The approximate costs associated with this program are based on the UPLINK model and are as follows:

- 24 schools at \$125,000 per school (staffing, transportation, supplies) to include 1 Position within OYS (Children and Youth Program Specialist) = \$3.1 million

The proposed appropriation of \$3.1 million in this measure was included in the Executive Supplemental Budget and, therefore, has been accounted for by the Administration in its financial plan.

Prevention is a critical component in the juvenile justice continuum of services, and this program, by providing youth a sense of belonging through enrichment activities connected to their schools and their schooling, will serve such a purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1756, H.D. 1, RELATING TO YOUTH.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Friday, February 21, 2014

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Blair Goto, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The purpose of the bill is to establish the resources for an enrichment, athletics, culture, and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program within the Office of Youth Services (Office), to establish a revolving fund to support the R.E.A.C.H. program, and to appropriate an unspecified amount into and out of the revolving fund to operate the program including the hiring of one full-time equivalent position in the Office.

Section 2 of the bill adds three new sections to chapter 352D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). On page 6 of the bill, lines 1-3, section 352D-C establishes the R.E.A.C.H. program revolving fund (fund). On page 5 of the bill, lines 17-21, section 352D-B(c) requires that participation fees and charges to students be used "to supplement the cost of administering and operating the program." Because participant or user fees will be used to only supplement the cost of the R.E.A.C.H. program, we recommend that the fund be established as a special fund and not as a revolving fund. See, e.g., HRS §§ 94-8 (2013) (state archives preservation and long-term access special fund), 142-28.5 (2011) (animal quarantine special fund), 184-3.5 (2011) (state parks special fund), and 245-41.5 (2001) (cigarette tax stamp administrative special fund). This change may be made by replacing the word "revolving" with the word "special" wherever it occurs in the bill.

Section 352D-C, which establishes the fund, is also incomplete. Although it both creates the fund and specifies sources of the fund, section 352D-C does not specify the uses for which

moneys in the fund may be expended. The absence of this statutory wording will prevent the expenditure of moneys in the fund.

The simplest way to enable expenditure of moneys in the fund is to add on page 6 of the bill a subsection (c) to section 352D-C that describes the uses for which moneys in the fund may be expended. An example of subsection (c) might read:

- (c) Moneys in the R.E.A.C.H. program special fund shall be used to supplement the costs of administering and operating after-school programs in middle and intermediate public schools. The office may also use the money to:
- (1) Hire personnel to oversee implementation of the R.E.A.C.H. program;
 - (2) Promote after-school program activities;
 - (3) Conduct after-school education and demonstration projects;
 - (4) Contract for services for after school programs; and
 - (5) Fund associated office expenses.

We respectfully ask the Committee to make the requested amendments to the bill if the bill is to pass.



HB1756 HD1
RELATING TO YOUTH
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB1756 HD1, which would establish a Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (REACH) Program within the Office of Youth Services.

The REACH initiative proposes to fill the current void of after-school activities for public middle and intermediate students with an organizational framework that will ensure that our ‘ōpio at this highly impressionable and vulnerable age receive the kind of positive support and educational stimulation to keep them motivated and engaged in academic enrichment, arts and culture, and athletics.

In recognition of the critical need to create after-school programming for our ‘ōpio, the OHA Board of Trustees on December 5, 2013 approved an allocation of \$75,000 to establish REACH programs at Moloka‘i Middle School and Hāna High and Elementary School.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to **PASS** HB 1756 HD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



TESTIMONY OF
TOM APPLE, REACH OUT HAWAII
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1756, HD1
Relating to Youth After-School Programs

February 21, 2014

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 1756, HD1. I am Tom Apple, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Manoa and also President of a non-profit organization called REACH Out Hawaii which was established to support the state's R.E.A.C.H. initiative of developing a framework for after-school programs for public middle and intermediate schools throughout the state. We support this bill with amendments to reinstate the funding for \$3.1 million and the effective date of July 1, 2014.

Our mission at REACH Out Hawaii is to leverage resources from the private and public sector to build a sustainable funding base for high quality programs that keep our kids engaged in learning so they can succeed in school and in life. As a Chancellor at one of the state's only public institution for higher education, I have a personal stake in promoting and supporting R.E.A.C.H. Middle schools are part of the pipeline to higher education. We are all too familiar with the need to increase both our high school graduation and college going rates. In order to affect this, we need to place more attention at the middle school level. This bill will help achieve this. The need to leverage the power of expanded learning opportunities after school has never been greater as our world has become increasingly complex. We have come to realize that instructional hours alone cannot support all of the learning needs required to adequately prepare Hawaii's youth not only for higher education, but for a career in the 21st century and a globally competitive job market.

We *support* House Bill No. 1756, HD1 and respectfully ask the committee to reinstate the funding and effective date. The bill addresses a critical need for Hawaii's middle school students.

Thank you for your consideration.



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February 19, 2014

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
And members of the Committee on Finance

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1756 HD 1 RELATING TO YOUTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 1756 HD 1 Relating to Youth.

High quality after-school programs are effective in reducing the risk of a variety of undesirable behaviors among adolescents, including unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, juvenile crime, and substance abuse. They can increase school achievement, reduce dropout rates, and provide service learning opportunities that teach young people the value of contributing back to their communities.

Hawaii has the highest percentage of households in the United States in which all adults are employed. These working families need after school programs to ensure that children are safe and engaged in productive activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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February 19, 2014

TO: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Aaron Johanson, Vice Chair Scott Nishimoto
Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: John Bickel, President
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RE: Support and Comments on HB 1756 HD 1 Relating to Youth

Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii support HB 1756 to establish Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (R.E.A.C.H.) Program within the Office of Youth Services to provide after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools. A key part of the educational experience happens after the final bell rings in the afternoon. Some privileged private schools students have a plethora of options for after school enrichment. We need to reduce the disparity between these students and the students in public schools. This is one step in the right direction. Please give it your favorable consideration.

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Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
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House Committee on Finance

RE: HB 1756 HD1 – Relating to Youth – In Support
February 21, 2014; Agenda #1, 11:00 AM, Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and members of the committee,

I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HB 1756 HD1, which establishes resources for the R.E.A.C.H. program in the Office of Youth Services to provide a framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools.

I am a member of the R.E.A.C.H. Advisory Board and believe there is a critical need to provide safe, supervised after-hours programs that are of interest to public middle and intermediate students. Far too many adolescents are left on their own during these hours and are prone to risky behavior. The intent of R.E.A.C.H. is to keep them engaged in athletics, academic enrichment, or arts and culture which we hope will assist in developing skills and improving their lives.

The mission of R.E.A.C.H. is to leverage resources from the private and public sector to build a sustainable funding base so we can offer quality programs. Oceanic Time Warner Cable has committed cash and in-kind donations totaling \$60,000 toward this effort.

I ask for your support in passing HB 1756 HD1 with amendments to reinstate the \$3,100,000 appropriation and an effective date of July 1, 2014. Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Barlow
President

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Comments:

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Comments: Aloha Committee Members, Middle school age is the most dangerous phase of child development. Our school curriculum and funding are too often skewed away from team and activity programs, which are among the most attractive and beneficial for children during these years. Indeed, asking children of this age to sit quietly in rows of desks all day is wildly inappropriate to their developmental needs. We therefore need to do everything possible to provide positive activities for our restless early teens; If they are allowed to remain bored and idle, we all know what kinds of not-so-positive activities they are likely to organize on their own. I strongly urge you to pass this bill. Mahalo.

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