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LATE TESTIMONY

Committee on Human Services

HB 665, Relating to At-Risk Youth

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Director of Health

January 29, 2013, 10:00 a.m., Room 329

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division
2 appreciates the intent of the bill.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** There are appropriations of \$200,000 for FY 2013-2014 and \$200,000 for FY
4 2014-2015 to be expended by the University of Hawaii for the purposes of this measure.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this measure is to establish an at-risk youth task force to
6 recommend a cost effective and comprehensive system to address problems relating to at-risk youth and
7 their families.

8 The Department appreciates the intent of this measure. The Department of Health, Child and
9 Adolescent Mental Health Division is cognizant of issues that children at-risk face and is willing to
10 participate in activities that may be of help. The department will be collaborative should this bill go
11 forward with either University of Hawaii or Office of Youth Services administering the task force, as
12 long as it does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

13 We thank you for this opportunity to testify.

LATE TESTIMONY



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the House Committee on Human Services

The Hon. Mele Carroll, Chair

The Hon. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

10:00 am.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

by

Catherine. H. Remigio

District Family Judge

Family Court of the First Circuit

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 665, Relating to At-Risk Youth

Purpose: Establishes an at-risk youth task force.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the intent of House Bill No. 665. The family court has worked collaboratively with state and private non-profit agencies to develop a WRAP program that has goals similar to those stated in this bill. We have developed a memorandum of agreement and have begun its implementation with a small pilot cohort.

Much time, energy, and resources are spent in bridging and coordinating services for youth—this is time, energy, and resources that could be better spent in direct services to the youth.

We would respectfully suggest that the scope of the task force could be made more “task oriented,” that is, there is already general agreement with the concept of collaboration, what we need (what the youth need) are efficient systems. For example, the Department of Budget and Finance could be made a part of the task force so that they could guide the team to efficient and acceptable avenues that state agencies and private non-profit agencies could reach binding funding agreements either across the board or per each individual child.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.