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February 20, 2013

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 390 S.D. 1 - RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2013; 9:45 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 390, S.D. 1, is to appropriate funds to be expended by the department of human services for non-school hour positive youth programs, an UPLINK administrator in the department of education, and other UPLINK staffing needs.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill, provided it does not adversely impact nor replace the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget, and would like to provide the following comments.

The UPLINK program is a non-school hour positive youth program where the school's develop their program for middle school students based on the community's and student's interests and needs. Though some programs offer services to assist students who are struggling with their grades through credit recovery activities, not all schools select this option or are required to do so. All schools, however, are required to commit a portion of their program schedule towards daily homework tutoring.

Additionally, the DHS currently funds the Department of Education for the UPLINK program through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to ensure funding is used for the program's specific purpose. We would recommend the same funding mechanism be used, rather than through a transfer of funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

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Comments:

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February 18, 2013

Senator Suzanne Chunn-Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Hearing: February 20, 2013 9:45AM, Conference room 211

Subject: Senate Bill No. 390, Relating to Social Services- SUPPORT

Dear Senator, Committee Members,

As a private citizen and Executive Director of the non-profit volunteer and scholarship program for youth, Ready for the Real World, I write to support Bill No. SB390. This bill appropriates funds for social service programs that were previously funded through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). As a social work student and advocate for the youth of Hawaii, I have seen the need for these funds through the lack of support for youth in our schools.

This bill is extremely needed in the state of Hawaii, to restore programs that have been lost in recent years. After School programs such as KEY project, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV), and others, work to help youth in our communities. By agreeing to fund non- school hour positive youth programs, you are promoting environments where at-risk youth can thrive and grow in a healthy environment. It is important to provide funding for programs that are proactive in helping our youth as opposed to reactive to negative actions. It is imperative that this bill is passed in order to continue funding that was previously designated for such programs. Funding should be distributed so that former programs may continue and be perpetuated through long-term qualified staff members that provide consistency and success in these programs.

As a private citizen, I request legislative resolve to restore funding to be expended by the department of human resources for non-school hour positive programs, an UPLINK administrator in the department of education, and other UPLINK staffing needs.

Sincerely, Jalee Palompo  
Executive Director  
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