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Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0390,SD1 RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates 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. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 390,SD 1. This bill appropriates funds to support non-school hour positive youth programs, an UPLINK administrator in the Department, and other UPLINK staffing needs. Approximately 14,846 students at 27 of 52 public intermediate/middle schools are receiving services via the UPLINK program. Currently, participating intermediate/middle schools submit a budget proposal to request funds for casual hires needed to implement program activities. Additional funding would allow for program expansion to the remaining 26 intermediate/middle schools and give another 13,000 students the option to participate in the program.

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

Testimony in Support of SB 390 SD1 Relating to Social Services

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 390 SD 1 Relating to Social Services.

Communities benefit when young people and their families have the resources needed to be safe, healthy, and ready to succeed. After-school programs for middle school youth provide positive youth development opportunities that may lead to increased academic performance. They prevent risky behaviors that could lead to unplanned pregnancy, substance abuse, or involvement in the juvenile justice system. Parents are able to be more productive at work knowing that their children are in a safe and productive program.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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