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March 12, 2013

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 390 S.D. 2 - RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 12, 2013; 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 390, S.D. 2, is to appropriate funds to be expended by the Department of Human Services for after school hours 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. We would like to provide the following additional 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.

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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**Date:** 03/12/2013

**Committee:** House Human Services

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 0390,SD2 RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds to be expended by the department of human services for after school hour positive youth programs, an UPLINK administrator in the department of education, and other UPLINK staffing needs. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 390 SD2. The Department's UPLINK program benefits from the funding provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS). The Department defers to DHS as to the mechanism and amount of funding provided that the passage of this bill does not replace or adversely impact either DHS or Department priorities included in the Executive Budget.

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 53 public intermediate/middle schools are offered 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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March 8, 2013

To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair,  
And members of the Committee on Human Services

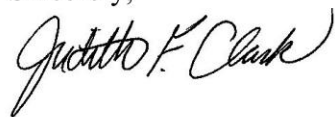
## Testimony in Support of SB 390 SD2 Relating to Social Services

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 390 SD 2 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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