

SB 390

Measure Title: RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

Report Title: Keiki Caucus; Department of Human Services; Social Services; Appropriation; TANF ^(§)

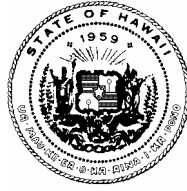
Description: Appropriates funds for the social services programs formerly funded under the temporary assistance for needy families program.

Companion:

Package: Keiki

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

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January 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

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

Hearing: Tuesday, January 29, 2013; 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 390 is to appropriate general funds for the social services programs formerly funded under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill, but we are concerned about the cost implications and the adverse impacts on the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget.

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

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Date: 01/29/2013

Committee: Senate Human Services

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 0390 RELATING TO SPECIAL SERVICES

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for the social services programs formerly funded under the temporary assistance for needy families program.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports SB 0390 which appropriates funds for fiscal year 2013-15 to support teen pregnancy prevention through the peer education program and a read aloud program as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015.



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January 28, 2013

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Mila Kaahanui, MSW
Executive Director
Office of Community Services (OCS)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Testimony for Senate Bill 390, Relating to Social Services

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The present bill proposes appropriations for State funds to be used for programs formerly funded by TANF and affected by the economic downturn and Federal reductions.

The Office of Community Services supports this bill, with a few comments.

II. CURRENT LAW

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is charged to facilitate and enhance the delivery of service to low-income, immigrant, refugee, and other disadvantaged populations. OCS currently has a single TANF-funded program, a reduction from past years where the Department of Human Services and OCS had additional Memoranda of Agreement for TANF-funded initiatives.

III. COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL

In previous years bills similar to this one were introduced to act as replacements and placeholders to replace Federal Funds with General Funds in the event of reductions and in the face of diminishing state resources and programs. OCS appreciates the continued willingness of

the Senate to support the Departments and non-profits to guard against emergency. For this year, we would like to offer an alternative means of support that can occur within the context of this vehicle. OCS this year is seeking an expansion in Employment Core Services, and we believe, should General Funds be available, that this bill could be used to bolster our programs. In addition to our Employment Core Services for Low-Income Persons and our Employment Core Services for Immigrants, we have introduced additional Core Services targeting the re-integration population.

Because these services are performance-based, each additional dollar added to our programs poses no risk of waste from the State perspective, as excess funds will translate directly to client outcomes.

Our RFP's are available for the committee to inspect and we are also available for any questions you may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Children's Alliance of Hawaii
Waikiki Health Center
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January 25, 2013

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Human Services

Testimony in Support of SB 390 Relating to Social Services

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

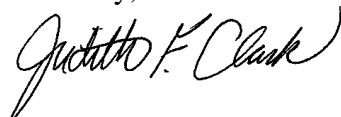
Communities benefit when young people and their families have the resources needed to be safe, healthy, and ready to succeed. The youth development, teen pregnancy prevention, and family strengthening programs that were formerly funded with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) monies provided positive resources and opportunities that prevent problems such as substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, unplanned pregnancy, and juvenile crime.

These programs were meeting their goals and demonstrating positive outcomes for the participating children, adolescents, and families. Funding was lost solely due to the serious economic challenges faced by the State of Hawaii in 2009.

This is the time to restore effective prevention and early intervention services and enable Hawaii's families to grow and thrive together.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

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January 27, 2013

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TO: Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, MD, Vice Chair

FROM: LaVerne Bishop, Executive Director
Hale `Opio Kaula'i, Inc.

RE: SB390 Relating to Social Services

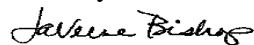
HEARING: DATE: January 29, 2013
TIME: 1:30 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM: 016

Thank you for considering re-directing a portion of TANF funds to their broader purpose as prevention tools that reduce the need for purpose 1 – direct assistance to needy families.

It is imperative we as a community address the conditions that keep or propel our citizens in poverty. Teen pregnancy, illiteracy, and lack of family cohesion are three areas that can be positively impacted through reinstating funding to programs that have the skills and abilities to change behaviors from dependent to self-sufficient.

By balancing the appropriation of TANF funds across the four purpose areas, we teach our population to fish, not just to expect a fish to be provided. Young people learn that they can make healthier lifestyle choices and do have a future beyond that of their family so that the cycle of pregnancy and unemployment can be interrupted with the opportunities provided through TANF funds.

Sincerely,



LaVerne Bishop
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Date: January 27, 2013

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Senator Josh Green, Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Human Services

From: Brent Kakesako, Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED)

Re: Strong Support for SB390

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Vice-Chair Green, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) strongly supports SB 390, which appropriates funds for the social services programs formerly funded under the temporary assistance for families program. HACBED was established in 1992 as a nonprofit statewide intermediary to address social, economic, and environmental justice concerns through community-based economic development and asset building strategies. It advances its mission with core competencies in the areas of community and organizational capacity building, community and economic development planning, and asset policy development and advocacy. HACBED facilitates the Family & Individual Self-Sufficiency Program (FISSP), which administers the Internal Revenues Services' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program as a part of its larger asset building initiative for needy families. HACBED strongly supports the proposed bill that appropriate funding to assist HACBED in continuing and expanding on its existing efforts.

Tens of millions of dollars (by some estimates, more than \$40 million in 2008 and more than \$50 million in 2009) in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) benefits are unclaimed each year by families across the state. For the 2007 tax season, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that over \$10 million in tax refunds alone (not including EITC) was left unclaimed by Hawai'i workers who failed to file a 2006 return.

Appropriated funds for HACBED's tax preparation services through FISSP would provided needed tax assistance for families in Hawai'i to file their taxes and claim credits that would provide an immediate lift for needy families to pull themselves out of a financial crisis, smooth out fluctuations in family finances, and build on-going assets. HACBED uses a network approach to sustainably scale its work to increase family self-sufficiency and resilience through FISSP's network of over forty-six organizational partners. Since 2006, HACBED has served 16,871 low to moderate income families, saved them \$2.7 million in filing fees, helped to claim \$23.7 million in refunds, and brought \$12.8 million in new federal funds to the State of Hawai'i through claiming the federal EITC and Child Tax Credit (CTC). Through our FISSP surveys, families have indicated that they have used the money to manage daily expenses, eliminate debt, open and maintain savings accounts, purchase a new home, cover education

costs, and start a business. FISSP also incorporates financial education tools and strategies to push on long-term and sustained family asset building to empower families by helping them control their financial situation and in the process increase their overall self-sufficiency and resiliency. The passage of SB 390 would go a long way to supplement the needs of these families with free tax assistance to help them claim the credits they already qualify for and support their efforts to truly build their assets.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent N. Kakesako". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brent N. Kakesako
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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: SB 390

To: The Honorable Senator Chun-Oakland and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help supports SB 390 as a necessary measure to assist in the care of one of our most vulnerable populations.

Mahalo,

Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President



Date: January 28, 2013
To: Senate Human Services Committee
From: Stacey Moniz, Executive Director, Women Helping Women
RE: SB 390: Relating to Social Services (TANF)

Aloha Senators:

As the Executive Director for Women Helping Women, Maui's emergency shelter and support programs for victims of domestic violence, I would like to offer my support for Senate Bill 390.

During fiscal year 2012 (7/1/11 to 6/30/12) WHW provided safe shelter to 225 women and children for a total of 9,339 bednights. Most of the women and children we serve in our shelter are eligible to receive TANF and other benefits.

WHW is so grateful to the DHS Director for increasing and reinstating state funds for domestic violence shelters this year! We are also grateful that the legislature echoes the intention to support the 9 statewide shelters. We certainly know that our shelters save lives across the state, so on behalf of the women and children we serve, I say thank you.

Please feel free to contact me at director@whwmaui.net or at 242-6600x20 should you need more information.

Mahalo in peace!



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January 28, 2013

To: Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Josh Green and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services
From: Katie Reardon Polidoro, Director of Public Affairs & Government Relations, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii
Re: Testimony in Support of SB 390

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (PPHI) supports SB 390, which appropriates monies from the general funds to community organizations providing teen pregnancy prevention services. At PPHI we work on a daily basis to help teens prevent unintended pregnancy and make healthy decisions about their reproductive and sexual lives. PPHI serves the sexual and reproductive health needs of the people of Hawaii through our clinical services, education programs, and by advocating for reproductive justice. We educate youth on how to make responsible choices about sex, we assist parents to talk more openly and effectively with their children about their sexual and reproductive health decisions, and we provide teens with access to health care and contraception.

Like many local organizations, over the past years, we experienced funding cuts to our education program when contracts with the Department of Human Services to do teen pregnancy prevention work were reduced and eventually terminated. In 2010, PPHI entered into a contract with DHS to provide statewide sexual health education for \$75,000. Shortly into that contract, due to lack of state funds, our contract was reduced by 50% to just over \$35,000, and ultimately terminated. PPHI provided evidenced based, comprehensive and medically accurate sexual health education to adolescents throughout Hawaii. We use an evidenced based curriculum, Making Proud Choices (MPC). Based on national studies, MPC has been successful in changing young people's behavior- more students who receive MPC chose to delay first sexual intercourse, more students who have had sex chose to become abstinent, and those who chose to be sexually active were more likely to practice safer sex, using condoms and other forms of contraception.

Hawaii's young people desperately need effective sexual health programs. The most recent Guttmacher Institute report on teen pregnancy was released in January 2010. Our teen pregnancy rate was 71 per 1000 teens ages 15-19 – giving Hawaii the 17th highest teen pregnancy rate in the country.¹ The most recent Hawaii Youth Risk Behavior data, released in 2012, offered similarly worrisome details. Like in past years, it found that less than half, only 44% of all sexually active teens in Hawaii are using condoms.² In addition, the data shows that the number of teens failing to use a condom during sex is steadily increasing, from 46% in 2007, to 52% in 2009, to 56% in 2011.³ Nationally, 40% of teens fail to use a condom during sexual intercourse.⁴ Hawaii has the lowest rate of condom use among teens in the nation. At Planned Parenthood,

¹ US Teenage Pregnancies, Births and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity, January 2010, <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/USTPTrends.pdf>.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Youth Online: High School YRBS." Accessed from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Results.aspx?LID=HI> on December 10, 2012.

³ Id.

⁴ Id.

we see this data as alarming indicators that our youth need help when it comes to protecting their sexual and reproductive health.

The social and economic costs of teen pregnancy are immense. Teens who become pregnant are significantly less likely to graduate from high school, with only 32% of teen mothers obtaining a diploma by the age of 30.⁵ They are more likely to need welfare assistance, more likely to be single parents, and often have more children earlier than their peers. Their children also face obstacles as they are more likely to have physical and mental health problems, such as low birth weight and mental disabilities, are more likely to be abused or neglected, and are more likely to be placed into foster care.⁶ As a consequence, the United States spends over \$6.9 a year providing services and care related to teen child birth.⁷ Hawaii spends as much as \$22 million each year.⁸ With the loss of prevention services that cost will undoubtedly increase in future years.

Like many organizations we are doing more with less, but our commitment to the health and wellbeing of Hawaii's keiki will continue. We ask the Committee to consider the wellbeing of our young people and the certain costs our state will face without crucial teen pregnancy prevention services. Please pass SB 390 so that community organizations can continue their important work. Thank you.

⁵ National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (1997). *Whatever Happened to Childhood? The Problem of Teen Pregnancy in the United States*. Washington, DC: Author.

⁶ Id.

⁷ Id.

⁸ See *By the Numbers: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing in Hawaii*, November 2006, accessed from <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/pdt/statesihawaii1onepager.pdf>