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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kellen Smith	University of Hawai'i PALS and PLACES Program	Support	No

Comments: Aloha House Committee on Education, I work for a project, place-based learning organization that partners with 8 schools on the Wai'anae Coast called PALS and PLACES. We engage students in many projects involving agriculture and conservation. I have personally found in my work with students that much of this upcoming generation of youths would like to re-connect with their ancestors in caring for these lands and growing their own food again. Most students report that there are not adequate opportunities for them to engage in this kind of work once they graduate. I support this bill knowing several individual students that it will impact and provide opportunities they have been waiting for. Mahalo for your time. Malama Pono, Kellen Smith

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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TESTIMONY ON HB 1535, HD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Room 309
2:00 PM

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ohno, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF supports the intent of HB 1535, HD1 which establishes the Hawaii youth agricultural corps within the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

HFBF recognizes the need and importance of agricultural education and work force development and we support programs and initiatives that help to educate and reconnect our youth with agriculture. Through agricultural education programs, our youth will gain an understanding and appreciation for agriculture which will result in healthier eating habits, stronger support for Hawaii's agriculture industry and will contribute to Hawaii's food security.

HFBF suggests that instead of creating a new program, we support established agriculture programs such as 4-H and FFA. These programs are recognized programs that have well established roots in Hawaii but are struggling due to lack of resources. Consideration of how this proposal can assist these established programs is warranted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Nancy Redfeather	The Kohala Center-HISGN	Support	No

Comments: WE do already have the National FoodCorps Program. See www.foodcrops.org 5 months ago Hawai'i became the 15th FoodCorp state in the US. The FoodCorps Hawai'i Program has 8 Service Members on 3 Islands in 10 public schools PreK-12 public and charter schools serving full time as Garden Educators in school gardens and school food programs delivering garden and standards based education. School Gardens have the potential to raise wellness metrics and create life long habits, increase environmental stewardship, raise interest in the sciences, and raise attendance. Healthy children are ready to learn. The FoodCorps Hawai'i Program is a National and State Americorp Program.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

House Committee on Education

The Hon. Roy M. Takumi, Chair

The Hon. Takashi Ohno, Vice Chair

Testimony on House Bill 1535 HD1

Relating to Dental Health

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

February 10, 2014, 2:00 pm, Room 309

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports House Bill 1535, HD1, calling for a Hawaii Youth Agricultural Corps program.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

House Bill 1535 speaks to several of these social determinants by (1) seeking to expand working knowledge for Hawaii's youth, (2) promote the production of healthy, local foods, and (3) develop an active agriculture workforce.

For these reasons, we strongly support this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.