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The Honorable Sen. David Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

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**TESTIMONY ON SB3083 SD1 RELATING TO SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports SB3083, which appropriates general funds for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the school athletics program of the Department of Education and authorizes additional coaching and assistant coaching positions for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the school athletics program.

Studies have shown there to be a positive correlation between participation in school athletic programs and student success in the classrooms. For a student to be eligible to participate in interscholastic sports, they must first uphold a minimum grade point average of 2.5. Schools also feel a direct benefit to their overall morale from the success of their athletic programs. Hawaii's schools traditionally feature "spirit weeks" to boost school pride before certain athletic events. Students' feed off the school's pride and it leaves them feeling empowered and optimistic about their futures. Let's provide opportunities for our children by funding public school athletics.

We ask that the committee pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**SB3083**

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**To:** Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

**From:** Moanalua High School, Athletic Director Joel Kawachi

**Re:** Senate Bill 3083 Relating to School Athletics

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members,

I Joel Kawachi support SB3083 for the following reasons:

- Funding will restore what was an already underfunded athletics budget to 2008 levels.
- Funding will allow Athletic Directors to hire more coaches and rely less on volunteer coaches who are not background checked by the DOE. More coaches will mean greater supervision allowing for more participation.
- Funding will reduce some of the need for schools and parents to fundraise to pay for equipment and transportation
- Funding will reduce the number of students driving to athletic events because of the reduction in buses.
- Funding will allow us to work towards Title IX compliance as the gender equity budget increases.
- Funding will do a lot to cover basic necessities of teams (balls, uniforms, safety equipment, coaches training, injury prevention, equipment reconditioning, use of facility fees, substitutes) leaving donations and fundraising to cover everything else.

Moanalua data to emphasize the need:

2008 # of paid coaches'	82,	# of athletes	950	.....	Cost for buses:	\$31,564	DOE funded:	\$21,329
2009 # of paid coaches'	46,	# of athletes	955	.....	Cost for buses:	\$19,652	DOE funded:	\$9,509
2010 # of paid coaches'	63,	# of athletes	957	.....	Cost for buses:	\$15,632	DOE funded:	\$11,758
2011 # of paid coaches'	55,	# of athletes	929	.....	Cost for buses:	\$21,407	DOE funded:	\$18,587
2012 # of paid coaches'	57,	# of athletes	988	.....	Cost for buses:	\$21,201	DOE funded:	\$16,703

Perspective:

We were allocated \$16,547 in 2012-13 for supplies and equipment. To purchase football uniforms that year was more than \$25,000 not to mention the \$7,115 it cost to get our football helmets certified safe to use (yearly cost) or the \$2,769 spent for balls to use in games and the \$662 for pellets to use in air rifle competitions.

Moanalua Athletics spends \$85,450 to run its department every year on top of what the DOE allocates. Our annual expenditures including monies from DOE funds, principal help, concessions, OIA, donations and booster contributions are upwards of \$170,000. This does not include coach's stipends or state travel expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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**RELATING TO SCHOOL ATHLETICS**  
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) submits the following **COMMENTS** for SB3083 SD1, which makes an appropriation to the State Department of Education (DOE) to restore resources for school athletics, and increases the positions authorized for school athletics in the DOE.

OHA's strategic priorities include Maui Ola (Health), which represents our commitment to improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians. OHA research shows obesity as one of the greatest threats to the health of Native Hawaiians, with Native Hawaiian rates of obesity at 49.3 percent, more than double the statewide rate. Data also show that Native Hawaiian students in public high schools have an obesity rate of 31.3 percent, with increasingly high levels of overweight students. In pursuit of its commitment to reduce the Native Hawaiian obesity rate, OHA collaborates with the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force, a body formed in 2012 with the goal of combating childhood obesity.

OHA hopes that the appropriations provided in SB3083 SD1 may complement OHA's efforts to reduce Native Hawaiian obesity rates, by increasing opportunities and incentives for athletic involvement in our public schools.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to present testimony on this measure.