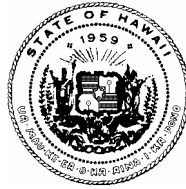


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April 1, 2014

TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.C.R 41 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
ASSIST WITH INCREASING VOTER REGISTRATION AMONG
YOUNG ADULTS.**

Hearing: Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.C.R. 41, is to require the Department of Education to provide high school seniors with voter registration information prior to graduation; and to require the Department of Human Services to provide young adults in the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program with information on the voter registration and informational literature to any young adult who inquires.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports S.C.R. 41 to encourage voting among young adults. The DHS supports providing young adults with information on voter registration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Hawaii Student Television
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition
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Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health
KEY (Kualoa-Heeia Ecumenical Youth)
Project
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Kokua Kalihi Valley
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Palama Settlement
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REAL
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Salvation Army Family Treatment Svcs.
Sex Abuse Treatment Center
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The Catalyst Group
The Children's Alliance of Hawaii
Waikiki Health Center
Women Helping Women
YWCA of Kauai

March 30, 2014

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
And members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**Testimony in Support of SCR 41 Requesting the Department of
Education and Department of Human Services to Assist in Increasing
Voter Registration Among Young Adults**

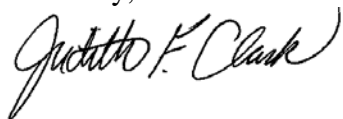
Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SCR 41 Requesting the Department of Education and Department of Human Services to Assist in Increasing Voter Registration Among Young Adults

Hawaii has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country. In the past few elections, only about 40% of the state's registered voters have participated in the primary election. And that's only about 36% of all the people in Hawaii who are eligible to vote, registered or not. We do better in the general election, but turnout has still been in the 50 percent range in non-presidential years and a bit above 60 percent in presidential election year.

Providing high school students and youth in foster care with encouragement and assistance with voter registration, in settings where they feel comfortable, will help young people form the habit of voting and increase their participation in the election process.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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