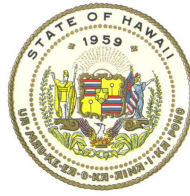


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February 11, 2015

TO: The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair  
Committee on Human Services

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director

SUBJECT: HB 1346 – Relating to Youth

Hearing: Thursday, February 12, 2015, 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of HB 1346 is to require the office of youth services to coordinate a positive youth development program to provide after school and school break programs for middle and high school students focused on prevention and intervention and appropriate funds for that purpose.

**OFFICE'S POSITION:** The Office of Youth Services (OYS) supports the intent of HB 1346, but requests that any appropriation not affect the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget.

OYS currently procures programs and services statewide that incorporates a positive youth development framework for youth and their families to develop competencies, increase protective factors, and strengthen relationships and resiliency. OYS partners with both government and private community-based agencies to ensure a coordinated continuum of services for youth. There are several common denominators in the lives of our at-risk youth, including but not limited to: a lack of connectedness, a sense of not belonging, and failure in school. These factors contribute to poor decision making – which is evidenced by the fact that middle school aged children represent nearly ½ of all first time juvenile arrests in our state. Providing quality after school and school break programming for middle and high school students will address those very issues, and is a critical prevention tool in the juvenile justice arena.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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February 6, 2015

To: Senator Dee Morikawa, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Human Services

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1346 RELATING TO YOUTH**

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 1346 Relating to Youth.

High quality after-school programs are effective in reducing the risk of a variety of undesirable behaviors among adolescents, including unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, juvenile crime, and substance abuse. They can increase school achievement, reduce dropout rates, and provide service learning opportunities that teach young people the value of contributing back to their communities.

Hawaii has the highest percentage of households in the United States in which all adults are employed. These working families need after school programs to ensure that children are safe and engaged in productive activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH  
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**Testimony on House Bill 1346**

**Relating to Youth**

**Submitted by Nani Medeiros, Public Affairs and Policy Director**

**February 12, 2015, 9:30 am, Room 329**

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, supports House Bill 1346, which establishes a program to further youth development by implementing school and school break programs.

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 home life, income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, and housing environments can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes. Our youth need healthy, safe school opportunities that engage and connect them with positive experiences and outcomes in their lives. The health of our communities and the health of our future largely depend on the environments we provide our keiki to grow up in. The programs created by this measure is a good start to address this vital need for our youth while addressing social determinants of health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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