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February 4, 2015

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

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director

SUBJECT: HB 395 – Relating to Youth

Hearing: Thursday, February 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

PURPOSE: The purpose of HB 395 is to coordinate a five-year safe places for youth pilot program which will coordinate a network of safe places where youth can safely access and obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services. It establishes rules that will allow minors to consent to enter the safe places program. The bill also establishes and funds a position for youth program coordinator.

OFFICE'S POSITION: OYS strongly supports HB 395 – Relating to Youth, providing for a coordinated network of programs and services for youth. OYS currently procures programs and services across the state to assist youth and their families in navigating through the system in order to engage in needed services through outreach and advocacy. In addition, the OYS funds 24-hour short term residential emergency shelters for youth in crisis. HB 395 would expand our current efforts in ensuring a coordinated continuum of services for youth. Therefore, this bill is one of the Keiki Caucus' priorities.

The fiscal implications of this bill are contingent on the funding allocated by Legislature. The approximate costs associated with this statewide safeplaces project are based on OYS' current outreach and advocacy and emergency shelter initiative:

- Year 1 = \$53,364, Planning and Development
- Year 2 = \$158,414, Implementation – Oahu
- Year 3 = \$174,864, Expansion to Hawaii Island

- Year 4 = \$186,614, Expansion to Maui and Kauai
 - Year 5 = \$195,714, Statewide implementation to include travel and training
- TOTAL = \$768,714 for the 5 years

Prevention is a critical component in the juvenile justice continuum of services, and this safe place project, by providing youth access to help, advice and guidance before their problems escalate into possible delinquent behaviors, will serve such a purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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February 2, 2015

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

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 395 RELATING TO YOUTH

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, strongly supports HB 395 Relating to Youth.

The proposed network of safe places for youth was first conceived by the young people who attended the October 2012 Children and Youth Summit at the Capitol. It was voted the top priority for legislative action in both 2012, 2013, and 2014 indicating its importance to Hawaii's youth.

Senator Chun Oakland then established the Safe Places for Youth Work Group that has met regularly to build the concept into a viable plan that addresses such issues as training, outreach, coordination, criminal background checks, and right to consent for services. More than 120 individuals and organizations have been involved in planning the Safe Place Network.

It takes a 'Ohana to raise a child and the Safe Places Network will expand our children's 'ohana through caring neighbors in our communities.

The Safe Place Network will link together many existing resources for youth and families, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA/YWCAs, Family Centers and Neighborhood places. It will provide safe environments where adolescents can safely address such issues as peer pressure, unplanned pregnancy, child abuse and neglect, and substance abuse. It will provide young people with ways to deal with problems before they get into trouble and avoid unnecessary arrests for status offenses.

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While much of the network is already in place, funding is needed to ensure 24-hour crisis response capability, provide training of youth workers, and ensure coordination of services among the various providers.

The 24-hour crisis response will follow the National Safe Place model, in which community partners, such as fire stations and public bus systems are recruited as places where young people can go in an emergency. It may include local businesses and stores, enabling them to provide a valuable community service to youth and their families. Staff in those companies are trained and provided with a 24-hour number to call. Workers from the 24-hour site assess the situation, notify parents, and can arrange emergency shelter, make reports to Child Protective Service, or provide other appropriate responses to the situation.

After the immediate crisis response, youth-serving agencies will help families resolve the issues that led the youth to seek help from a Safe Place site.

The Safe Places for Youth Network will help youth and families resolve problems before they get out of control.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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February 2, 2015

To: Committee on Human Services
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Re: HB 395 Relating to Youth---IN SUPPORT

Support HB 395 – Relating to Youth-Safe Places

Dear Representatives Morikawa and Kobayashi and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to allow Hale Kipa to provide testimony in support of this bill. This initiative arose from identified concerns from youth and it allows for existing youth serving agencies as well as community members and establishments to come together to create a real and critical response system for youth needing some direction.

It is a responsible initiative that has proven successful in other States and Hawaii would have the guidance of the National Safe Place in its implementation of the program.

Having the community become more involved in responding to young people and helping them access the information and resources they need is refreshing and exciting.

Please consider passage of this bill. Hale Kipa would be willing to partner with all interested agencies in providing services for the youth.

Sincerely,

Jaque Kelley-Uyeoka
Deputy CEO
Hale Kipa, Inc.



TESTIMONY ON HB 395 RELATING TO YOUTH
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

February 5, 2015

8:30 AM

Conference Rm. 329

Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Human Services. My name is Stephen Morse and I am the Executive Director of Blueprint for Change. I am here to testify in support of HB 395 Relating to Youth, particularly as it relates to the establishment of a coordinator position as well as the implementation of a pilot program where youth have access to various support services, resources, guidance, and advice where as they otherwise would not have anywhere to go and no one to turn to in times of crisis.

Providing these types of intervention services and resources were identified as a priority by Hawai'i's youth in the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Children & Youth Summits sponsored by the Legislative Keiki Caucus. After the 2012 Summit, the Keiki Caucus formed the Safehouse Working Group to explore alternatives to establishing a safehouse for youth system in Hawaii. The Working Group found that many of the needed safehouse services are already being provided by existing social service organizations, but there was a need to better coordinate a safehouse continuum of services and find better ways to communicate available safehouse resources to children and youth. Of major importance to working group members was the concern expressed that youth who run away from abusive home or school environments are often afraid to seek help for fear of being arrested; and that therefore, there is a need to de-criminalize the efforts by youth to seek help.

Of special concern to us should be the need for a coordinated safehouse system in remote, rural areas of the State where youth are often underserved. In January of 2012, the Director of our Neighborhood Place of Puna reported that a young, 7th grade girl began dropping into the office, located directly across the street from Pahoa School, sporadically over a period of 2 months. After 2 months, she began coming every day and often during school hours. It turns out that besides having a poor home environment, the girl was being bullied at school. NP staff believed the bullying was the result of the girl's ambiguity about her sexual identity. Eventually, NP staff was able to work with Pahoa School counselors to get the girl additional services she needed, but it was a difficult process because of the lack of services in lower Puna.

I am again, strongly in support of HB 395 Relating to Youth. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify afternoon.



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TO: Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair
Members, Committee on Human Services

FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: House Committee on Human Services
Thursday, February 5th, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 329

Testimony in Support of HB395, Relating to Youth

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support** of **HB395**, which would establish a Safe Places for Youth pilot program. PHOCUSED is a statewide coalition of health, housing, and human services organizations committed to strengthening policies and programs that benefit the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii.

Half of Hawaii's juvenile arrests are for status offences, such as running away, truancy from school, or curfew violations. Without appropriate interventions or a safe plan to turn in times of crisis, many runaway youth find themselves at serious risk of homelessness.

HB395 will establish a network of safe places where youth in crisis can request help, and access the necessary supports and services they need to address their concerns and prevent involvement with the criminal justice system.

A safe places for youth program has great potential to prevent and address youth homelessness in Hawaii. In addition, the proposed Safe Places for Youth program is truly a collaborative community effort, which involves service providers, local businesses, as well as local law enforcement.

Once again, PHOCUSED urges your support of this bill and appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in regards to this issue.



Planned Parenthood of Hawaii

To: Committee on Human Services
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, February 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of H.B. 395

Dear Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii (“PPHI”) writes in support of H.B. 395, which seeks to create a “safe places for youth” pilot program. PPHI is dedicated to providing Hawaii’s people with high quality, affordable and confidential sexual and reproductive health care, education, and advocacy and we support the safe places for youth program because it will have a positive impact on the health of our young people.

A safe places for youth program offers youth easily accessible, safe, and confidential environments where they can deal with issues like peer pressure, unintended pregnancy, child abuse and neglect and substance abuse. Safe places will afford young people the opportunity to obtain the best information and tools that they need to make healthy and responsible decisions about their life, health, and safety.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
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February 4, 2015

Jonella DeLimas
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Testimony for HB395
Hearing date: 2/5/2015

My name is Jonella DeLimas. I am a Professional Management and Life Coach who works at a grassroots level with at-risk youth on the streets of Oahu. I am also the Host of It's All About Love on OIelo Ch. 53 where I showcase organizations who work with or provide services for at-risk youth here in Hawaii.

I am a champion for youth rights and a strong supporter of safe places in times of crisis when social services are not necessary. Growing up in Hawaii and experiencing my own difficulties in a troubled home as a youth I had very few options. When I approached a school counselor or other authority for help their actions were to contact my parents which created more problems in the home. Eventually I stopped asking for help and began acting out in ways to try to protect myself, such as running away from home which through me into a different "unsafe" environment.

The problems that today's youth experience are not so different from when I was growing up except that there seems to be a greater propensity to victimize or punish children and youth due to an inability on the Social Services and State agencies to provide the nurturing and support that our keiki need to make educated and informed decisions. Many of us have experienced extreme challenges as youth and have been fortunate to overcome them without too many bumps and bruises; however, there are many more who do not weather the storm well and fall into desperate situations where drugs and alcohol have added to the challenges in life. Sex trafficking has become a serious problem for youth. There are many people like myself who have tried in vain to get services for youth or a safe place for them to sleep without being further victimized by service providers or a system of incarceration and punishment.

This five-year safe places for youth pilot program, coordinate by the office of youth services who are doing amazing things here in Hawaii, would help our youth in crisis access safety and services. By giving youth the ability to ask for and consent to services that they might otherwise be denied, youth will have a greater chance of getting the support they need. When problems are addressed early many are resolved. When youth are empowered to choose the course of action that would determine the safe resolution to a problem they are experiencing it gives them the strength and knowledge to address any future problems in an informed manner.

I strongly support the passing of HB395 which will provide the necessary funding needed for this five-year pilot program.

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TESTIMONY to House Committee on Human Services

H.B. 395 Relating to Youth -
Office of Youth Services; Safe Places for Youth Pilot Program; Appropriation

Thursday, February 5, 2015

8:30 AM -- State Capitol Conference Room 329

Submitted in **OPPOSITION** by: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI 96789

Chair Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi and Committee Members:

1. I OPPOSE S.B. 979. It is clearly not necessary, unaffordable and based on the poor track record of our State vetting safe environments for our keiki, completely irresponsible. Furthermore, the disregard for the heavy tax burden already on constituents living in one of the most [costly](#) states is unconscionable. As evidenced by the [rail cost overruns](#) with the proposed solution to [extend the raised GET](#) taxes on the people, the level of confidence in government exercising adequate cost restraint is low. If you really cared about the keiki, you would be developing programs to encourage more children being raised by their married biological parents. [Study](#) after [study](#) after [study](#) show that is the best environment to develop well adjusted, high performing children but that isn't politically correct, so the true solution which has no or minimal cost is completely ignored. Although Hawaii and other states have rushed to normalize same sex marriage against the will of the people, [children who have been raised in these environments](#) are speaking out to the federal courts about the harm they faced after being placed in these "politically correct" environments. Does Hawaii's elected officials have the moral fortitude to address the truth or will facts continue to be ignored? If Hawaii ignores the dangers of politically correct policies, children will be allowed to be placed in dangerous situations in an effort to promote a false narrative.

2. The first sentence of the bill indicates that the requested pilot program is not needed. "The legislature finds that Hawaii is one of the safest and healthiest places in the nation for children and youth." It makes no sense to make changes which could imperil that status. Just because other States need and/or can afford such a program doesn't mean Hawaii has to waste taxpayer funds on a similar program. A second rationale for the program was identified as: the keiki want it. Anyone who has been a child knows that children often want things that are harmful to their welfare. Parents are the optimal counselors and advisors for their children and have their best interest in mind. We have learned all too often that people who are child abusers gravitate to programs and situations that will put them in close contact with vulnerable children who can be easily victimized.

3. The State of Hawaii has repeatedly placed our keiki in unsafe environments after supposedly having "vetted" caregivers as "safe". It was [January 17, 2015](#) that the Star Advertiser wrote about the horrendous incompetence of putting children in the care of a

man who abused two girls in his care. This abuser used the cover of running "Heart Gallery Hawaii", the local chapter of a national organization that recruits parents for hard-to-adopt foster children. Then only a week later, [January 25, 2015](#) we learn of a Maui man who abused his foster children. This man was living with multiple identities and even after abusing one child, convinced our vetting authorities to give him more foster children who then he also abused.

4. As I testified previously against a similar bill, more and more teachers are committing sexual crimes against their students. This is becoming more and more prevalent in our schools. In 2013 it was reported that a 39 year old teacher, [Bryan Lindberg](#), abused a 14 year old student. Fourteen years old is the age that keiki would be able to participate in the proposed pilot project. We know from incidents like this girl's that students that age are not mature enough to make decisions and can be preyed upon by adults that some consider in positions of trust. It was in November of 2014 we learned about a teacher, [Deborah Nicholson Hoshiyama](#), 45 who had been hired by a Makiki Charter school was accused of having sex with an eighth-grade student on the mainland. Abuse can be committed by both men and women teachers.

5. Children are susceptible to sexual grooming by predators who pose as a "caring adult". It wasn't long ago we learned that police in the UK ignored the sexual grooming of at least 1400 youth due to political correctness as reported [here](#). The startling fact is that the same measures the FBI warns about to protect children from sexual predators: Matt Barber and Dr. Judith Reisman are [reported](#) extensively on how today's "comprehensive sex education programs in schools make children especially vulnerable to predators. "According to the FBI, child molesters:

- Demonstrate sex acts to children. Offenders commonly use pornography to teach or give instructions to naïve children about how to masturbate, perform oral sex and/or engage in sexual intercourse.
- Lower the sexual inhibitions of children. Some children naturally fear sexual activities. Some offenders show pictures of other children engaging in sexual activities to overcome these fears, indicating to their intended victims that it is all right to have sex with an adult because lots of other boys and girls do the same thing.
- Desensitize children to sex. Offenders commonly show child pornography to their intended victims to expose them to sexual acts before they are naturally curious about such activities.
- Sexually arouse children. Offenders commonly use pornographic images of other children to arouse victims, particularly those in adolescence. "

6. These are the same activities occurring in [Pono Choices](#) / [Making Proud Choices](#) and other offensive sex education programs. After being exposed to this pornographic and value neutral sex lessons, the children are led to believe they are ready to make adult sexual decisions while still a minor. It is our government that has been promoting this type of curricula and all the while the problem of human trafficking has become more and more problematic. For some reason our State has ignored the fact that abstinence

only education leads to better outcomes than these "abstinence-based" curricula that is proving to be a failure for our State. The head of Hawaii's youth services, Judith Clark was recently on a [PSB special](#) and although she acknowledged abstinence is the only 100% way to avoid pregnancy and STI's, she appears to ignore the findings of significant research compiled by the [Heritage Foundation](#) that proves the benefits of abstinence only education. Hawaii advocates curricula that assumes children "are gong to do it anyway" so teach them contraception as part of an "abstinence based" sex education program. As stated in the Heritage Foundation article: "In recent years, parental support for real abstinence education has grown. Because of this, many traditional safe-sex programs now take to calling themselves "abstinence plus" or "abstinence-based" education. In reality, there is little abstinence training in "abstinence-based" education. Instead, these programs are thinly disguised efforts to promote condom use." That is an irresponsible attitude to take, especially when you are aware that participating in early sexual activity makes it more likely that you participate in other risky behaviors. As reported in the Heritage Foundation article: "A study reported in Pediatrics magazine found that sexually active boys aged 12 through 16 are four times more likely to smoke and six times more likely to use alcohol than are those who describe themselves as virgins. Among girls in this same age cohort, those who are sexually active are seven times more likely to smoke and 10 times more likely to use marijuana than are those who are virgins. [12] The report describes sexual activity as a "significant associate of other health-endangering behaviors" and notes an increasing recognition of the interrelation of risk behaviors. Research by the Alan Guttmacher Institute likewise finds a correlation between risk behaviors among adolescents and sexual activity; for example, teenagers who use alcohol, tobacco, and/or marijuana regularly are more likely to be sexually active. [13]"

7. The new Governor has reported that the State does not have enough funds to meet all its obligations. It is not the time to start a new program, especially since this is one that could open the State to numerous lawsuits. As reported in [December 2014](#), some abused foster children are suing the State for their lack of diligence in screening foster parents. As reported, "... Morris had been homeless just before becoming a foster parent should have been obvious..." As [Hawaii News Now](#) reported about the case, "The boys were forced to drink alcohol, repeatedly sexually and physically assaulted, and forced to watch porn." This proposed pilot program opens the State to costly, unfunded liabilities and endangers the welfare of children.

8. It is unconceivable that the State would encourage minors (those under 18) to sign away their protections and be treated as adults when it is obvious the state cannot be depended upon to protect them (Section 2 d.). The State is clearly abusing the keiki's innocence and naivety to demand that they be held "responsible" for their decision to abandon protections they deserve as minors. A fourteen year old is a child and must be treated as one. There is a reason children are considered minors until they are 18 and the State should not short circuit those protections. This provision undermines parental authority and should not be allowed.

9. There are already a multitude of organizations for youth. The government is not needed to start yet another program, There are girl scouts, boy scouts, brownies, cub

scouts, camp fire girls, boys and girls clubs, and many others. It is not government's place to provide programs. There are numerous non-profits and community organizations providing adult leadership, counseling and interaction already. The proposed pilot program is just another redundant program which will waste time and money and endanger children. Try as hard as they could to protect boys from abuse by restricting homosexual men from becoming leaders, men who had the desire and intent to abuse boys volunteer and take advantage of the keiki. Former volunteer Boy Scout leader Al Stein was accused of molesting three boys in 2007 and pleaded no contest to child endangerment charges. He is now registered as a sex offender in Salinas, California as reported in this January 29, 2015 [article](#). It is often the government that pressures organizations to include people with known sexual preferences for young boys and allows the youngsters to be put in danger.

10. Please keep this in mind, the government has been adding programs to fight homelessness -- and we have more homeless. The government has been working to eliminate poverty and we have more people in poverty than ever before. The government has been working to eliminate "hunger" and we have more people dependent on government for food than ever before. The government has been working to eliminate teen pregnancy and we have more teens becoming pregnant and are acquiring sexually transmitted infections. There is a bad track record for government programs. They spend a lot of tax dollars and don't get results and may in fact make the situation worse.

11. I most strongly recommend that you do not pass HB 395 out of committee.

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Dennis Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a father of six children and grandfather of 23 grandchildren, I am concerned that this bill is just the tip of the iceberg of government intrusion into the rights of parents. When minors can make decisions without the knowledge of their parents, it becomes very easy for the system to be abused. The safest place for our children is in the family setting. There are also currently many existing organizations which provide "safe places" such as YMCA, Scouting, church youth organizations, and other non-profit clubs. They operate at little or NO COST to our government (therefore the Taxpayer). I strongly oppose this bill.

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