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**Date:** 03/23/2016

**Time:** 02:00 PM

**Location:** Conference Room 309

**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 133 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC MIDDLE AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

**Purpose of  
Resolution:**

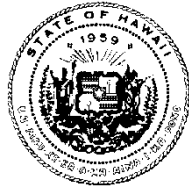
**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education supports the intent of HCR 133 to convene a working group to review after-school programs in Hawaii's public middle and intermediate schools.

HCR 133 requests that the Department of Education coordinate and lead a working group to review the inventories, data, and timelines of existing after-school programs. This working group would also make recommendations on improving the collaboration and coordination of the partnerships with state agencies and community-based organizations to provide efficient, quality outcomes for structured after-school programs for Hawaii's public middle and intermediate schools.

The Department remains committed to a vision of sustainable, quality after-school programs for students and families in Hawaii. However, to comply with this resolution, additional resources would be required in order to fund the study, data collection, and generate findings and recommendations for submittal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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March 23, 2016

TO: The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair  
House Committee on Education

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **HR 86 and HCR 133 –WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS  
IN HAWAII’S PUBLIC MIDDLE AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 309, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT’S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides comments and respectfully defers to the Department of Education (DOE) on feasibility and implementation.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to establish a working group to review after-school programs in Hawaii’s public middle and intermediate schools, with the DOE Superintendent or department designee, as the chairperson.

Through a partnership agreement established in 2006, the DHS provides the DOE Federal TANF funds to administer the Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge (UPLINK) Program, an existing after-school program for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The UPLINK Program provides middle school students, in a safe and nurturing environment during the immediate hours after school (2:30-5:30 p.m.), academic and remediation support and optional high interest activities that focus on developing positive character.

The DHS welcomes the opportunity to extend our partnership with DOE by being a member of this working group and to collaborate with fellow members.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this resolution.

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Hawaiian Islands

Salvation Army Family

Intervention Services

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community  
Center

The Catalyst Group

Uhane Pohaku Na Moku

O Hawai'i

Waikiki Health

March 21, 2016

To: Representative Roy Takumi, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Education

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 133/HR 86 REQUESTING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING  
GROUP TO REVIEW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII'S  
PUBLIC MIDDLE AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.**

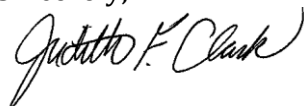
Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HCR 133/HR 86 Requesting the Department of Education to Convene a Working Group to Review After-School Programs in Hawaii's Public Middle and Intermediate Schools.

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  
Executive Director

