

SB2442

Measure Title: RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY.
Report Title: Children and Youth Day; State Event
Description: Recognizes celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official State event.
Companion: [HB1725](#)
Package: None
Current Referral: HMS/GVO, WAM
Introducer(s): KEITH-AGARAN, ENGLISH, GREEN, RUDERMAN, SHIMABUKURO, Dela Cruz, Inouye, Kidani, Nishihara,



HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

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The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
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S.B. No. 2442, Relating to the State Ethics Commission

Hearing: Thursday, February 11, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission has **no position** on the intent of S.B. No. 2442, which designates the celebrations of Children and Youth Day held in the area of the state capitol to be an official state event. The Commission, however, has concerns about the bill language and offers other information about the application of the State Ethics Code to Children and Youth Day activities.

Background

Last year, in response to concerns directed to the Commission about state resources being used to support Children and Youth Day, the Commission offered guidance that, because Children and Youth Day was a privately sponsored activity, i.e., it was not an event of the state, state resources could not be used to support Children and Youth Day.

Specifically, the Commission understood that one or more legislators were using their staff to: (1) organize volunteers; (2) create, print and mail solicitation letters to past and potential sponsors; (3) coordinate vendors and vendor booths; (4) create Children and Youth Day participant and sponsor forms; (5) answer telephone calls and emails regarding Children and Youth Day; (6) update the Children and Youth Day website; (7) record payments from participants; (8) record donations and transmit those donations to a fiscal agent; (9) direct disbursements and payments to vendors; (10) order toys for goodie bags; (11) prepare goodie bags; (12) disseminate Children and Youth Day-related information to Keiki Caucus Resource Group members and others; (13) prepare 150-200 participant packets; (14) order food for volunteers; and (15) prepare/organize meal tickets and parking passes for participants and volunteers. In addition to the staff time, state funds, state supplies, and state facilities were being used to plan and otherwise support Children and Youth Day. The Commission also understood that a

legislator was using the legislator's position to secure permits and other approvals from the state and city and county of Honolulu for the private event.

The fair treatment provision of the State Ethics Code, HRS section 84-13, prohibits a legislator from using or attempting to use his or her official position to secure or grant unwarranted privileges, exemptions, advantages, contracts, or treatment for the legislator or others. The statute further prohibits a legislator from using state resources for private business purposes, which includes support of a non-profit organization.

SB No. 2442

The Commission suggests that certain language of the bill is ambiguous and should be clarified. Specifically, the bill designates "celebrations" of Children and Youth Day to be a state event. It is unclear what the term "celebrations" is intended to include. The Commission suggests that the Committee consider more clearly defining or identifying the specific "celebrations" that are intended to be part of the state event, including whether it includes activities on days other than the Sunday on which Children and Youth Day has traditionally been held in and around the state capitol.

The Commission also notes that, even if the Children and Youth Day is deemed to be a state event, the fair treatment law nevertheless may prohibit a legislator from using legislative resources, including his or her staff, legislative offices, and discretionary allowance money, to support Children and Youth Day. Generally, legislators may use state resource for official legislative business, i.e., to perform their legislative duties. A legislator's official duties likely do not include organizing and working directly on Children and Youth Day activities.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission's work and for considering the Commission's testimony on S.B. No. 2442.



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February 11, 2016

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

and

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Kim, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 2442 – Relating to Children and Youth Day


The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **strongly supports SB 2442** to recognize the celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official State event.

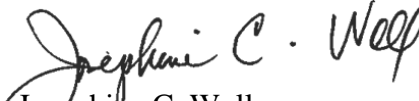
The Council is a systems advocacy agency responsible for statewide planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with DD and their families and strongly supports Children and Youth Day. Children and Youth Day is a day which encourages, supports, and promotes educating and strengthening families, involving citizens in public policy development, promoting access to the legislative process, and informing legislators of the issues and challenges facing Hawaii's children and youth with and without disabilities.

For the past 16 years the Council has convened its annual "Day at the Capitol" event with more than 400 self-advocates, family members, and service providers to celebrate and participate in the legislative process. Participants have met with legislators from their districts, been introduced and recognized during the House and Senate floor sessions, attended public hearings, took a tour of the State Capitol, and met and networked with others. This day has been invaluable to participants attending our event. Similarly, Children and Youth Day promotes active participation of children, youth, families, organizations, businesses and policymakers in celebrating and embracing the well-being of Hawaii's keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **strongly supporting SB 2442.**

Sincerely,


Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator


Josephine C. Woll
Chair

Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance
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Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Senate Committee on Government Operations
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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Conference Room 329

Re: Support of SB 2442: RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY.

Dear Chairs Chun Oakland and Mercado Kim, Vice Chairs Riviere and Ihara, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Afterschool Alliance strongly supports Senate Bill 2442, which recognizes celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official State event.

Children and Youth Day has been a great day of fun and educational activities for all our families and children for years. It has been a gathering of hundreds of community organizations on the grounds of the State Capital providing everything they have to make our state a better place for all of us.

Personally I've been bringing my own kids to this Sunday event since they were toddlers. Enjoying every moment of it. I hope to keep bringing them for years to come.

For these reason and many more, the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance strongly supports Senate Bill 2442 and respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that we can keep having Children and Youth Day. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **SB 2442 – Children and Youth Day - Support**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016 – February 11, 2016 – 2 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), formerly Good Beginnings Alliance, we are writing in support of SB 2442 – Children and Youth Day.

HCAN is committed to improving lives and being a strong voice advocating for Hawai'i's children. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2016 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2016policyagenda>.

For more than 20 years, this celebration held on the first Sunday of every October, has honored our children and youth and the special contributions they make to our community. This free event has provided educational activities, games and rides, entertainment and tours for attendees. HCAN supports this initiative to recognize Children and Youth Day as an official state event.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that Committee pass this bill.



TO: Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE/LOCATION: February 11, 2016; 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 016

RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2442 – RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY

We strongly urge you to support SB 2442 – Relating to Children and Youth Day. Since its establishment in 1994, Children and Youth Day was initiated to celebrate the contributions of today's keiki, and recognize their potential in creating Hawaii's brighter future. It has become a collaborative event of over 300 government and community organizations offering educational and interactive resources for families.

It is of necessity that we continue to invest in our keiki to ensure they become promising leaders embedded in the aloha spirit. This event shall continue to expand its positive impacts throughout Hawaii and the hearts who dedicate their services to the youth. We support the passing of SB 2442 to recognize Children and Youth Day as an official State event of Hawaii.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 18,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 16 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 2442**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

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Testimony for HMS/GVO on Feb 11, 2016 14:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Field	Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Self-Advocacy Advisory Council	SAAC	Support	No

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Kokua Kalihi Valley

Life Foundation

Marimed Foundation

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Parents and Children Together
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Planned Parenthood of the
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Waikiki Health

February 8, 2016

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair,
And members of the Committee on Human Services

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2442 RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, strongly supports SB 2442 Relating to Children and Youth Day.

Children and Youth Day provides a unique opportunity for children, youth, and families to learn and play together. The 200+ interactive exhibits, tables, and games educate people about nutrition, exercise, parenting, the environment, safety, employment, education, disaster preparedness, culture, and many other topics that lead to healthy lifestyles and a sustainable Hawaii. It encourages parents and children to interact in healthy and fun ways at a totally free event that is attended by more than 40,000 people annually.

More than 250 government, non-profit, faith-based organizations, and community businesses, and over 1,500 volunteers come together to create this very special community gathering. Children and youth learn the joys of community service as they provide entertainment, stuff goodie bags, clean up litter, and run games and other interactive activities. They work side by side with kupuna, each sharing their talents and time.

By bringing families to the Capitol for a day of fun and learning, our citizens and our future voters become comfortable with the venue – and are more likely to come back to engage in civic affairs and discuss their concerns with their elected officials.

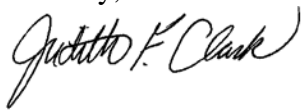
Children and Youth Day educates citizens in ways to reduce future public costs for health care and other services. By encouraging people to eat more nutritious diets, exercise regularly, and refrain from using tobacco products, we can reduce acute health care and long term care costs. By encouraging good parenting practices, we prevent child abuse and neglect. By encouraging educational achievement and the development of employment skills, we

reduce costs for public assistance. And by encouraging safe driving and pedestrian safety, we reduce death and disability from traffic accidents. These are just a few of the ways that we benefit Hawaii's citizens and reduce government costs by holding a state-sponsored Children and Youth Day and Children and Youth Month.

No one organization or individual gets special benefit from the use of state resources to put on Children and Youth Day and Month. It benefits each and every one of us. Please pass this legislation to sustain Children and Youth Day and Month.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Judith F. Clark, MPH
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Alexander Wheeler	Individual	Support	No

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Anne Marie Owens Jacintho	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arnold Martines	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support this bill and highly encourage our legislators to support making the Children and Youth Day an official event of the State of Hawaii. You have an opportunity to honor our children and youth by supporting this bill. Mahalo, Arnold

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Campagna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. I am in full support of this measure. Our keiki are and ought to be the priority. The Children and Youth Day event, the go along with the Summit, are important opportunities for our keiki to see and be involved with and recognized by our political process. Most people believed that the event was a State event to begin with, so this is an important correction to the process and keeps the organization of the event within good ethics practices. Congratulations to the keiki and mahalo to the introducers of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
daniel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Children's day in Hawaii is sacred. It must continue for the sake of children!

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TESTIMONY

COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Thursday, February 11, 2016

2:00 p.m.; Conference Room 16

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chairs

Senator Gil Riviere and Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair

By: Dennis Arakaki for the Kalihi Community Youth Violence and Gang Prevention and Intervention Task Group.

Aloha kakou, Chairs Chun Oakland and Kim, Vice Chairs Riviere & Ihara and members of the Senate Committees on Human Services and Government Operations. I stand in strong support of SB 2442.

I speak as a former co-chair of the Keiki Caucus and current member of the Keiki Caucus Resource Group. I was greatly disappointed that the 2015 Children and Youth Day was cancelled because of misperceptions about the use of resources and legislative authority. Perhaps there was technical reason to cast doubt on the operations and resources of this great event but there was never a doubt about the intent and purpose and the beneficiaries of Children and Youth Day and Month.

From the very beginning, it was always the children, youth and families who were first and foremost in mind and purpose. It was and will continue to be the celebration of all that is right about our children, youth and families. It was and will continue to be honoring and appreciating those dedicated individuals, groups and organizations who work tirelessly to advocate for children and youth and to repair and renew things that harm our most precious resource.

It is only proper and right that this event should be held at the center of political power and discussion in Hawaii as a reminder of the importance of who they serve and why they serve; irrespective of the fact that they lack a voice, a place at the table or the right to vote.

The legislators and the administration are trustees of the most precious resource and investment the state has in the future of Hawaii. Our keiki and o'pio.

I urge you to pass SB 2442. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have actively support CYD since 2005 as the Teen Zone director. I have done this for ten year and have seen the positive impact the event has enjoyed under the State of Hawaii. I support this measure to bring the event under the State of Hawaii covering.

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Harvey Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This measure will benefit the children, youth and parents of Hawaii with all the social services. This is the best method of Social Marketing. In addition, the youth (teen) volunteers benefit giving back to their community. Health Youth Hawaii supports the Children and Youth Day.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Umemoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill as this event is of great service to the people of the state of Hawaii. Children and Youth Day is the largest annual gathering of youth and family-serving organizations and has served as an important venue for youth and families to learn about programs and activities available to them. Furthermore, this has been an opportune venue for service providers to network and learn about one another. These strengthening of connections is invaluable and leads to innumerable benefits. I salute those who have worked hard to organize this event in the past and I urge you to make this an official state event. Mahalo.

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Members of the Hawaii State Senate on Government Operations

Statement of Karissa Cheng on 51121142- Relating to Children and Youth Day

Thursday, February 11, 2016
2:00pm, State Capitol, Room 016

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice-Chair Riviere, Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Ihara and members of the Committees:

I write in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB2442**, which recognizes celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official State event.

As an Independent Contractor with the Pacific American Foundation, I served as the Administrator of the 20th Annual Children and Youth Day Event in 2013. During my time as the Administrator, I was able to witness the value and importance of Children and Youth Day to Hawaii's families. I was also able to witness Hawaii's children and youth shine and exhibit their special contributions to the community.

Through educational interactive activities provided by over 300 government and community organizations, games and rides, nonstop entertainment on six stages, demonstrations, guided tours of Hawaii State Capitol, Washington Place, Iolani Palace, and that King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, and over a dozen food and drink vendors, Children and Youth Day has grown to be on the State's largest FREE family fun-filled events.

As a social worker, Children and Youth Day is an amazing event that encourages positivity and family engagement. As mentioned above, the event activities are FREE for the family and offer families a day of fun and an opportunity to learn about what services are available to help support families. Children and Youth Day is also a time for children and teens to demonstrate what they have learned through school or extracurricular activities.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of SB2442. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,
Karissa Cheng

February 10, 2016

Re: Support to S.B. NO. 2442, RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY.

Dear Senators and Committee,

My name is Jon Keali'i Inciong and I am currently in my third and final year in the Master of Social Work Program through the University of Hawaii at Manoa Distance Education Program. My concentration focuses on Child & Family.

On behalf of the children and their families within my community of Maui, I want to take this time to voice my support of S.B. NO. 2442 that will recognize celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official State event during the month of October.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo & Sincerely,

Jon Keali'i Inciong
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miyuu Handa	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: February 9, 2016 To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senator Gil Riviere From: Miyuu Handa Kailua, Hawai'i Subject: Support of Senate Bill 2442, Relating to Children and Youth Day Aloha! My name is Miyuu Handa and I am currently a sophomore at Kalaheo High School in Kailua. I strongly believe in Senate Bill 2442 and would like to ask for your support. As it stands in current time, Children and Youth Day is a public event on a Sunday in October at the State Capitol. The first Sunday of every October was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature and Governor in 1994 as Children and Youth Day. Since then it has been happening for over 20 years now. Act 30 of 1997 was passed for the entire month of October as Children and Youth Month in Hawai'i. Although the Act for Children and Youth Month was passed, there was nothing done for the actual event which was Children and Youth Day. This whole day is used to honor children and youth to help them in finding special skills they may possess. It is also a day for just having fun and enjoying a nice Sunday with the family. Making this day an official state event would give this day bigger recognition. As a student and youth of the community, I believe that the recognition of the children and the youth of the community would give them a chance to express themselves and give them a time to have fun and spend time with their families. Children and youth may also learn about themselves as well and discover new things about themselves. Making this event a state holiday would promote the event even more giving children and youth the opportunity to attend the event helping them discover themselves and learning new things. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I truly hope that you will support Senate Bill 2442.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2016

Testimony for HMS/GVO on Feb 11, 2016 14:00PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Children and Youth Day is a wonderful event that the state should fully support. I urge you to pass SB2442. Mahalo for your consideration.

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From: [Tram Nguyen](#)
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Subject: SB2442 RELATING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 12:00:42 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to submit testimony in support of the Children and Youth Day in Hawaii. I lived in Hawaii in 2012 and had the pleasure of attending the Children and Youth Day. I had just moved to Honolulu and was still getting to know the area. I was so glad to be a part of such a welcoming event that introduced me to the rich and beautiful cultures and people of Hawaii. I saw thousands of children and their families in attendance at the event, and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Children and Youth Day should become an official State event, because it brings people of the state together to celebrate the richness and beauties of the State.

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Best ,

Ms. Tram T. Nguyen

February 10, 2016

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Gill Riviere, Vice-Chair
Members of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice-Chair
Members of the Hawaii State Senate on Government Operations

Statement of Tyrell Ma'ae on SB2442 -- Relating to Children and Youth Day

Thursday, February 11, 2016
2:00pm, State Capitol, Room 016

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice-Chair Riviere, Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Ihara and members of the Committees:

I write in **STRONG SUPPORT of SB2442**, which recognizes celebrations of Children and Youth Day as an official State event.

As an Independent Contractor with the Pacific American Foundation, I served as Project Coordinator of the 18th and 19th Annual Children and Youth Day Event in 2011 and 2012 and have witnessed firsthand the value of Children and Youth Day to Hawaii's families.

Children and Youth Day is a time to honor and celebrate Hawaii's children and youth and the special contributions they make to our community. It is a time to recognize their potential and a time for them to shine.

Through educational and interactive activities provided by over 300 government and community organizations, games and rides, nonstop entertainment on six stages featuring almost 50 local artists and groups, demonstrations, guides tours of the Hawaii State Capitol, Washington Place, Iolani Palace and the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center and over a dozen food and drink vendors, Children and Youth Day has grown to become one of the State's largest FREE family fun-filled events. It would be a shame to see such a successful event no longer take place.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of SB2442. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo,



Tyrell Ma'ae