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**TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE JOINT
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SENATE BILL 2909
RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Kidani, and Members of the Joint Committee:

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor ***supports*** Senate Bill 2909, Relating to After-school programs. This measure formally establishes the R.E.A.C.H. (resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health) program in the Office of Youth Services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools, authorizes participating schools to assess and collect fees, and requires the Office of Youth Services to report to the Legislature.

The middle school years are a critical time in a child's life where disengagement can start to take hold, and the stakes of disengagement are high. Once students disconnect, recruitment and retention programs require stronger, more persistent outreach and more long-term participation. Juvenile crime, drug rehabilitation, counseling and other forms of intervention result in higher costs to families and the taxpayer. The bottom line is that high quality after-school programs keep kids on the path that leads to high school, college, career, and ultimately, a better quality of life. This bill addresses a critical need for Hawaii's middle school students.

The Office of Youth Services is dedicated to creating opportunities for the youth to develop competencies that foster resiliency and enable them to achieve a successful transition to young adulthood. The objectives of the R.E.A.C.H. initiative are wholly aligned with the objectives of the Office of Youth Services. Since 2013, the Lieutenant Governor and his office has worked collaboratively with the Department of Education (DOE), the Office of Youth Services, and a working group of middle school principals and DOE administrators to develop both the pilot project and the long-term structure for R.E.A.C.H. In addition to the working group, an Advisory Board comprised of well-known community leaders committed to improving outcomes for Hawaii's youth was also established to provide insight, guidance, and support for this important initiative. In FY15, 31 out of 54 public middle and intermediate schools applied for R.E.A.C.H. funding – of those 31, 19 were selected – 9 of those 19 were funded in the previous year.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor supports SB 2909 and respectfully urges the passage of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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FOR: SB 2909 Relating to After-School Programs
DATE: Friday, February 05, 2016
TIME: 1:15 PM
COMMITTEE(S): Senate Committee on Education
Senate Committee on Human Services
ROOM: Conference Room 229
FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Testimony in support of SB 2909

Chairs Kidani and Chun Oakland, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Riviere, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 2909, "Relating to After-School Programs." The Commission is grateful to the sponsor of this bill for its continued support of our middle school students and the inclusion of public charter schools in this impactful program that provides our students with the needed support to continue on the path of positive growth and success later in life.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII
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February 4, 2016

TO: The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

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

FROM: Merton Chinen, Acting Executive Director

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY RE: SB 2909 - RELATING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Hearing: Friday, February 5, 2016, 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

OFFICE'S POSITION: The Office of Youth Services (OYS) supports this measure.

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 all lead 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 programming for middle schoolers through afterschool programs will address those very issues – relationships, connections and school engagement will positively impact school attendance and success.

Currently, there are 19 middle/intermediate schools statewide receiving Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health) R.E.A.C.H funds, including ten schools on Oahu, six on Hawaii Island, one on Maui, one on Molokai and one on Kauai. These schools have introduced programming ranging from robotics to band, tutoring to athletics, and cultural programming to health and nutrition.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this measure is to establish the resources for enrichment, athletics, culture and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program in the Office of Youth Services (OYS) to

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provide a standardized framework and funding for after-schools programs in public middle and intermediate schools. This measure also establishes program requirements and participation fees or other charges to be assessed to each participant for the cost of administering and operating the R.E.A.C.H.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Senate Committee on Education
Senate Committee on Human Services

February 5, 2016 1:15 p.m. Room 229

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **SUPPORT** on S2909, which would establish the Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (REACH) Program within the Office of Youth Services, provide a standardized framework and a funding mechanism for after-school programs in public middle schools, and require the Office of Youth Services to report annually to the Legislature.

The REACH initiative proposes to fill the current void of after-school activities for public middle and intermediate school students with an organizational framework, which will ensure that our ‘ōpio at this highly impressionable and vulnerable age receive the kind of positive support and educational stimulation to keep them motivated and engaged in academic enrichment, arts and culture, and athletics.

In recognition of the critical need to create after-school programming for our ‘ōpio, the OHA Board of Trustees on December 5, 2013 approved an allocation of \$75,000 to establish REACH programs at Moloka‘i Middle School and Hāna High and Elementary School.

Therefore, OHA urges your Committees to **PASS** SB2909.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
Conference Room 229

Re: Support of SB 2231: RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Dear Chairs Kidani and Chun Oakland and Vice Chairs Harimoto and Riviere, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Afterschool Alliance strongly supports Senate Bill 2231, which seeks to establish the R.E.A.C.H. program in the office of Youth Services to provide a standardized framework and funding for after-school programs in public middle and intermediate schools.

The "2014 America After 3PM" report, published by the national Afterschool Alliance, articulates some relevant and important statistics:

- **93% of Hawai'i parents support public funding for afterschool programs,**
- 86% of Hawai'i parents agree that afterschool programs give working parents peace of mind about their children when they are at work,
- 72% of parents in Hawai'i agree that afterschool programs help parents keep their jobs,
- 75% of Hawai'i parents agree that afterschool programs reduce the likelihood that youth will engage in risky behaviors, and
- 62% of the parents in Hawai'i agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning.

These numbers provide strong reasoning for protecting and supporting Hawai'i's quality afterschool programs.

In conclusion, the Hawaii Afterschool Alliance strongly supports SB 2231 and respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that students in Hawai'i have the support they need to participate in a high-quality afterschool program. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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February 2, 2016

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

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2909 RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

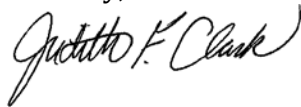
Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 2909 Relating to After-school Programs.

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,



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