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House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

This testimony is submitted in support for SB3099 SD1 HD1, establishing the Hawaii three to six out-of-school program for grades kindergarten through twelve.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition likes that it is a comprehensive program, addressing elementary, middle and high school students. Out of school programs connect the community with schools and this program will help foster this engagement. Additionally, we hear that currently, providers are fragmented and may not be working to utilize resources efficiently. Having the Department of Education be the point of coordination of community partners who provide out of school services to our students will create more efficiencies, networking opportunities and allow for better quality services to be provided for our students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

Sincerely,

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HE'E Coalition Director

Academy 21
After-School All-Stars Hawaii
Alliance for Place Based Learning
*Castle Complex Community Council
*Castle-Kahuku Principal and CAS
Coalition for Children with Special Needs
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
Girl Scouts Hawaii
*Hawai'i Children's Action Network
Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
*Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance
*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
*Hawai'i Charter School Network
Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition
*Hawaii State PTSA
Hawai'i State Student Council
Hawai'i State Teachers Association
Hawai'i P-20
Hawai'i 3Rs
Head Start Collaboration Office
It's All About Kids
*INPEACE
Joint Venture Education Forum
Junior Achievement of Hawaii
Kamehameha Schools
Kanu Hawai'i
*Kaua'i Ho'okele Council
Keiki to Career Kaua'i
Kupu A'e
*Leaders for the Next Generation
Learning First
McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds
Our Public School
*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning
*Parents and Children Together
*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

Punahou School PUEO Program
Teach for America
The Learning Coalition
US PACOM
University of Hawai'i College of Education
YMCA of Honolulu

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