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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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March 15, 2017

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HCR 10 – URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND JUDICIARY TO PERMANENTLY ESTABLISH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY STATE YOUTH NETWORK OF CARE TO BETTER SERVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES WITH COMPLEX NEEDS IN THE STATE.**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this Keiki Caucus resolution. DHS is committed to continue to work together to improve systems and processes to address the complex needs of Hawaii's children and families, especially those children involved in multiple systems. DHS Child Welfare Services (CWS) Branch and the Office of Youth Services have been participating partners with the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HI-SYNC) and recognize the value of consistent data and outcomes reported by child serving agencies of the state, and supports HI-SYNC's goals to move toward a system capable of addressing individual cases.

As a department, DHS serves one in four of Hawaii's residents and nearly half of its children. The programs we implement support residents' ability to achieve well-being in a holistic sense. We address key elements of well-being such as financial assistance, access to insurance coverage and healthcare, access to food and nutrition, child care and early childhood learning opportunities, public housing, homelessness, juvenile justice, support services for families experiencing domestic violence, protective services for children and

vulnerable adults, and employment opportunities and vocational rehabilitation for people with disabilities.

We are working diligently to incorporate 'Ohana Nui, a multigenerational framework that invests early and concurrently in children and families within our department, with other state agencies, and with community stakeholders, to improve health, education, employment, and other outcomes for Hawaii residents. This approach will allow us to more efficiently align programs and funding to make a greater impact on the whole person and the whole family.

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

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**Date:** 03/15/2017

**Time:** 09:30 AM

**Location:** 329

**Committee:** House Human Services

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 010 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND JUDICIARY TO PERMANENTLY ESTABLISH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY STATE YOUTH NETWORK OF CARE TO BETTER SERVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES WITH COMPLEX NEEDS IN THE STATE.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports HCR 10 to permanently establish the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care.

The Department is committed to our continued interagency work and collaboration with the Departments of Health and Human Services, and the Judiciary to best support the needs of Hawaii's most vulnerable children and families.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 10.



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Human Services**

Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair

Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

By

Judge R. Mark Browning

Senior Judge, Deputy Chief Judge

Family Court of the First Circuit

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**Resolution No. and Title:** House Concurrent Resolution No. 10, Urging the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Judiciary to Permanently Establish and Participate in the Hawai'i Interagency State Youth Network of Care to Better Serve Youth and Families with Complex Needs in the State

**Purpose:** for the Judiciary and designated state agencies to establish and participate in the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports House Concurrent Resolution No. 10.

Different funding streams and different organizational roles can act as impediments to collaboration, even when all the participants agree on a joint mission. When the issues and needs are complex, like those of children and youth in crisis, these impediments can create systemic problems that result in less than optimal use of resources.

HCR10 recognizes the important work already accomplished by the Hawai'i Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HISYNC) in encouraging and implementing inter-agency collaboration for a coordinated and, therefore, a more effective response to the myriad and complex needs of children and youth in our state. The partial list of accomplishments noted in



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HCR10 represents extraordinary goodwill and trust among all the participants. Such goodwill and trust are products of hours and hours of hard work by leaders in the agencies involved as well as a commitment to embrace productive change.

The HISYNC representatives are dedicated to working in the best interests of the children and youth of our state by creating together what we could not create alone.

We urge passage of this concurrent resolution.

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



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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March 15, 2017

The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Morikawa and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HCR 10 - URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND JUDICIARY TO PERMANENTLY ESTABLISH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY STATE YOUTH NETWORK OF CARE TO BETTER SERVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES WITH COMPLEX NEEDS IN THE STATE.**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HCR 10**. The resolution urges the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Judiciary to permanently establish and participate in the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HISYNC), and to participate in the Hawaii Interagency Local Youth Network of Care (HILYNC) to better serve children, youth, and families with complex educational, behavioral, and social-emotional needs.

There is a belief that people with developmental disabilities and challenging behaviors cannot participate in community life with appropriate supports. This notion is compounded by those who also have mental health issues. It is imperative that families recognize potential trajectories for their children within community life, regardless of the level of support that may be needed. Too often, professionals and community members prepare families for a more limited future based solely on a diagnosis and observable behaviors, rather than a combination of possibilities within the child, family, and community.


For families with young children, this often begins in the early childhood years. Their children are not accepted into child care settings due to behavioral or other special needs, and these types of exclusions continue throughout the school years. The passage of HCR 10 will promote the primary work of HISYNC which is to improve outcomes for Hawaii's children, youth, and families. Furthermore, it would facilitate the development of local and regional Hawaii Interagency Local Youth Network of Care (HILYNC) groups, also known as HILYNC committees, to promote interagency collaborative work on the local level. Such collaboration will provide much need supports and information on services to such individuals and families.


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This initiative aligns with the Council’s 2017-2021 Five-Year State Plan, Objective 6. that “Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and parents and family members of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to information about services and supports that cut across the lifespan of the individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities by September 30, 2021.”

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HCR 10.**

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Administrator

  
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Chair

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Parents and Children Together (PACT)

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Salvation Army Family

Intervention Services

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Waikiki Health

March 8, 2017

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Human Services

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 10 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND JUDICIARY TO PERMANENTLY ESTABLISH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY STATE YOUTH NETWORK OF CARE TO BETTER SERVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES WITH COMPLEX NEEDS**

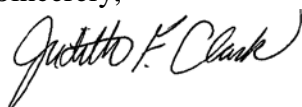
Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HCR 10 Urging the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Judiciary to Permanently Establish and Participate in the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care to Better Serve Youth and Families with Complex Needs.

The Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care (HISYNC) is focused on improving outcomes for children, youth and families through: 1) continuous review of data to identify areas for system improvement; 2) the recommendation of policies to address system barriers; 3) collaboration, coordination, integration of services and resources; 4) planning on joint treatment and management of specific cases; and 5) problem-solving around multi-agency challenges.

HISYNC ensures that children and youth with complex health, social service, and legal issues obtain appropriate and coordinated services that lead to better outcomes and reduces costs for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH  
Executive Director





March 8, 2017

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR10**

Urging the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services and the Judiciary to Permanently Establish and Participate in the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care to Better Serve Youth and Families with Complex Needs in the State.

REPRESENTATIVE DEE MORIKAWA, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
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I am writing to express my strong support for this resolution regarding the Hawaii Interagency State Youth Network of Care (“HISYNC”), in my role as CEO of Friends of Children’s Mental Health (FCMH). FCMH is a small non-profit organization founded in 2014 with a mission of supporting effective mental health services for children and youth in Hawaii. We believe the work of HISYNC is strongly aligned with this mission.

The HISYNC committee is comprised of high-level representatives from the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Human Services and the Judiciary, as well as from the Family Support Organization Ohana Support Services. I think HISYNC has enormous potential to ensure that Hawaii’s child-serving system is well-aligned and coordinated to help youth with multi-agency, complex needs and their families.

Hawaii youth and families with complex needs too often experience delays and confusion trying to get the services they need. Interagency collaboration and teaming are needed to develop new service options and to assure that existing services are well coordinated across state departments. The HISYNC committee is well positioned to align policies and programs to better serve Hawaii’s children; HISYNC can assemble cross-system datasets to assess whether the state’s child-serving agencies are achieving their missions and desired outcomes; and it can serve

as a multi-agency forum where particularly complicated or troublesome cases can be brought forward for coordinated treatment planning and innovative, multi-agency solutions.

The Hawaii Interagency Local Youth Network of Care committees (“HILYNCS”) are local/regionally-based multi-agency committees that are comprised of similar child-serving agencies as the state committee, but are primarily focused on furthering cross-system collaboration at the local level.

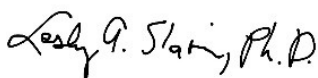
Mechanisms that further state-level and local-level collaboration are vital to ensure a well-coordinated system of care. Families of youth with complex needs frequently suffer because of the need to involve a number of state agencies and the lack of options for integrated care. A seamless system of care has numerous positive outcomes for children and youth, including improvements in school attendance and grades; increases in stable living situations; and decreases in behavioral health challenges, suicide rates, substance use, and juvenile justice involvement. The HISYNC and the HILYNC committees enhance Hawaii’s system of care by ensuring that policies, programs and services are better coordinated for youth with complex needs and their families.

Encouraging state agencies to send representatives to the HISYNC and HILYNC committees and to utilize these groups to address cross-agency problems will ensure alignment of the child-serving system and help develop more opportunities for youth and families across the state to receive the coordinated care they deserve.

I urge you to pass this important resolution!

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



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Comments:

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Comments: All agencies need to work together and support each other. My own experience as a DOE educator looking for assistance for students with extensive needs was frustrating. Resources and help are not coordinated into a central place for example.

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