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**Location:** 309  
**Committee:** House Education  
House Higher Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 009 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CARRY ON ITS WORK TO BETTER ENGAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports HCR009, expressing support of the Department of Education's work to better engage community groups in the education of children and youth in Hawaii's public schools.

The Community Engagement Office (Office) was formally established in August 2016, and serves as a coordinating entity both within the Department, and external to the Department for partnerships and collaboration.

Functionally, the Office aims to be a source of guidance and training for schools; and houses growing networks of partners that support out of school time, and health and well-being. The Office also supports direct program delivery of afterschool and out of school time opportunities; of which recent evidence-based research demonstrates a correlation to attendance, behavior, and course marks, markers of student success.

The Office is also addressing new and emerging responsibilities related to engagement, including supporting schools with volunteers, commercialism and revenue-based partnerships, events coordination, parent community network coordinators (PCNCs), and fundraising and donors.

The main goal is to create spaces for dialogue, reflection and relationships, to build capacities, collaborative structures and processes, so that our schools and communities feel confident and competent in responding to opportunities and challenges for the learning experiences we desire for our keiki - so they thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Representative Justin Woodson, Chair,  
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Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair,  
And members of the Committee on Higher Education

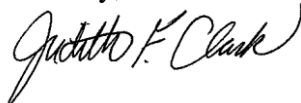
**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 9 REQUESTING THE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION TO CARRY ON ITS WORK TO BETTER  
ENGAGE COMMUNITY GROUPS IN THE EDUCATION OF  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SCR 137/SR 58 Requesting the Board of Education to Carry On Its Work to Better Engage Community Groups in the Education of Children and Youth in Hawaii's Public Schools.

Community organizations can assist the Department of Education by providing hands-on, education in real life skills. Youth who participated in the 2016 Children and Youth Summit identified this as a top priority. High quality after-school programs promote academic achievement and provide positive youth development opportunities that prevent substance abuse, unplanned pregnancies, and juvenile crime.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH  
Executive Director

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