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**Date:** 02/06/2017  
**Time:** 02:00 PM  
**Location:** 309  
**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

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

**Title of Bill:** HB 1379 RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Authorizes teachers to voluntarily promote community-sponsored after-school programs, subject to principal approval.

**Department's Position:**

Dear Chair Takumi and Vice Chair Har, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Department of Education (Department) supports the intent of H.B. 1379, which authorizes teachers to voluntarily promote community-sponsored after-school programs. For students and parents who may not be aware of after-school offerings provided, and for teachers who may wish to see students participating in these activities for their learning and growth, this bill would allow for Department staff to help drive awareness and excitement for after-school programs.

The Department recommends amendments to clarify that H.B. 1379 is not intended to put teachers and staff in a position of potentially violating the State Ethics Code and Board of Education (BOE) Policy 303.12 on Commercialism. Utilizing State resources to promote private initiatives (these may be initiatives by organizations who will generate for-profit revenues from student participation in after-school programs); and potentially favoring certain organizations or events over others who are not granted the same permission could be problematic. In addition, the BOE Policy 303.12 on Commercialism does not allow commercial advertising of a corporate or private business without the establishment of a sponsorship agreement. Finally, the implementation of this legislation should ensure there are no expectations of responsibility for distribution placed on principals.

We respectfully suggest the following amendments:

- Page 1, line 13: change "any employee" to "An employee"
- Page 2, line 2: remove "and"
- Page 2, line 4: add "; and" after "employee"
- Page 2, line 5: insert "(3) Such promotion does not violate any board policy or provision of chapter 84 relating to the State code of ethics."

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Bill Brown	Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association	Support	No

#### Comments:

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**HB1379 “RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS”**  
Monday, February 6, 2017 2:00 pm State Capitol, Conference Room 309

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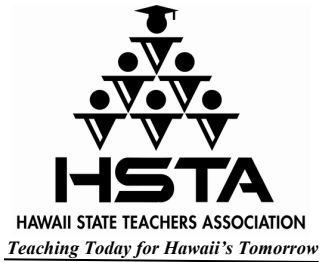
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**Submitted on Behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawaii**

The Democratic Party of Hawaii supports HB1379 “RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS” which will allow teachers to voluntarily promote community based after school programs. **The intent of this legislation supports two of the DPH’S legislative priorities for the 2017 legislative session:** expanding the scope of educational programs and youth drop-in center programs that provide positive learning experiences.

Respectfully submitted,

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION

RE: HB 1379 - RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 1379**, relating to after-school programs.

Teachers often provide information to students about community organizations and events, especially those that impact children. For example, teachers may pass along information related to the American Youth Soccer Organization or Little League Baseball and Softball.

Unfortunately, at some schools, teachers have been prohibited from passing along information about after-school programs because of complaints that such programs can be affiliated with religious organization. While we do not believe that it is appropriate for religious groups to use schools to proselytize or, worse, spread discriminatory theological messages, we note that this bill does not compel teachers to pass along information with which they disagree. Moreover, this measure places responsibility on principals to ensure that after-school information disseminated to students comports with the Department of Education's mission and Board of Education policies, which include an explicit ban on sponsorship of religious observances and activities (BOE Policy 900-3).

To make our schools the centers of our communities, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

## EDNtestimony

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Todd Fujimori	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good Afternoon. I am writing this testimony is support of HB1379. My name is Todd Fujimori and I serve as the Principal of Makakilo Elementary. I am in support of this bill because if passed it will provide another avenue for our students and families to know/and possibly sign up for supplemental activities outside of school. As a Principal, I know we, school and community, have to put our efforts together to provide opportunities for our students to reach their goals. The part of this bill that states it will need my approval will help to ensure that what we pass out is fair and consistent. Thank you for allowing me to express my support of this bill. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 672-1122. Have a great day.

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**LATE**

February 5, 2017

TO: House Committee on Education

FROM:   
Bruce Naguwa, Principal  
Kapolei Middle School  
Department of Education

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY RE: HB 1379, RELATING TO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1379.

The middle school years are a pivotal time for students. The State Office of Youth Services estimates that middle school aged children account for nearly half of all first-time juvenile arrests in the State of Hawaii.

It is my firm belief that students who are engaged in organized after school activities, are more successful in school and less likely to get into trouble. After school programs represents an upfront investment in Hawaii's youth to keep them engaged in high-quality, positive, pro-social, enrichment, athletics, culture and health programs. Affording students a sense of belonging is critical in developing successful citizens.

Every student should have the opportunity to flourish in an after school program, providing an atmosphere that is conducive to learning in a safe and secure environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1379