

HB-2051

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard K. Minatoya	Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney	Support	No

Comments:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui, SUPPORTS HB 2051, Relating to the Weed and Seed Strategy. This measure will appropriate funds for much needed grants to maintain the Weed and Seed strategy. The Department requests that this measure be PASSED.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

HB-2051

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-2051

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert Somera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 12, 2018

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair

The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

State Capitol Room 325

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Albert Somera and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past 3 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I strongly support Weed and Seed because of the positive role it plays in the mentoring of the youth in the Waipahu community, and how they actively support our schools, businesses, community events and groups.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

Albert Somera

Honolulu Police Department

1100 Waimano Home Road

Pearl City, HI 96782

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HB-2051

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 2:52:22 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neal Rivera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

2/12/18

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair

The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

State Capitol Room 325

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Neal Rivera a Waipahu Resident and Board Secretary for the Waipahu Community Coalition and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past 5 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

Neal Rivera

Secretary, Waipahu Community Coalition

P.O. Box 971119

Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

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& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 - RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Kelli Buenconsejo. I am a Public Health Nurse and the Chair of the Waipahu Community Coalition.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

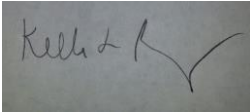
Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

- I am an avid supporter of Weed and Seed, because I have seen the improvement in my community through decreased crime and increased community awareness of illegal activities. They have realized that crime prevention must start at a younger age and they work with elementary, intermediate and high school students to combat and prevent substance abuse, truancy and gang involvement. They've organized graffiti paint outs and participated in beautification projects. They've assisted in creating neighborhood security watches in the most at-risk neighborhoods and have empowered the residents to report illegal activities promptly.
- They work with the 6th graders at Waipahu and Honowai Elementary for their "Real and Powerful Sessions" educating the students about juvenile laws, substance abuse and illicit activity and help to empower the students to make safer choices as they age.
- They were instrumental in hosting the first meeting in Waipahu to discuss how the community can support the state and federal government concerning prison re-entry into the community.
- They were instrumental in hosting the first discussions regarding the over representation of Polynesian youth in the Juvenile Justice System. This led to the creation of the Civil Citation program which was implemented in Kalihi to divert first time offenders into a culturally based program instead of into the Juvenile Justice System.
- They are an integral part of the Waipahu Community Coalition and help to provide safe, healthy, drug-free activities for the residents of Waipahu. It is a pleasure working with such dedicated professionals to improve Waipahu and I look forward to working with them in future projects.

Weed and Seed is an important community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature appears to read "Kelli L. Buenconsejo" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kelli L. Buenconsejo, RN
187 Kilea Place
Wahiawa, HI 96786



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HASEKO DEVELOPMENT, INC.

February 12, 2018

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Sharene Saito Tam and I am the Vice President for Haseko Development, Inc. in 'Ewa Beach. My company and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for more than a decade. I am asking for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the 'Ewa/'Ewa Beach community.

This collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses has helped reduce both violent and drug-related crimes, as well as inspire community pride. I have seen the benefits of this effort in my community. The truancy rate at area schools has fallen significantly since Weed and Seed came to 'Ewa Beach. Weed and Seed officers help residents and students organize citizen patrols to walk neighborhood streets, and their partnerships with community members has helped to paint out graffiti and clean up neighborhood parks. In addition, officers provide valuable life skills and job training via "seeding" efforts such as the summer culinary arts program. By having Weed and Seed officers working hand in hand with residents, students and businesses, residents are inspired to work together to keep our community safe.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in the community.

Sincerely,

Sharene Saito Tam

Vice President

Haseko Development, Inc.

February 12, 2018

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
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& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Rochelle Kalili and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past 8 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

As a parent of 6 children and 5 grandchildren who once lived in Waipahu, my first priority is the safety of my family. Unfortunately, my former home of 22 years, Waipahu, has the stigma of being a bad place to live. While I acknowledge that there are criminal and drug issues, I also know that Waipahu is a safer place to live and work **because of Weed and Seed**. Through Weed and Seed, we have a team of officers who are designated to work hand in hand with the community to solve problems. In fact, just three years ago, they arrested some people for prostitution near where I used to live and recently, arrested two people for distributing crystal meth near a park where children play.

As a parent-community facilitator at an area elementary school, I have seen the improvement in the way our students/children relate to police officers. In the past, many of our children viewed officers as aggressive people who only caused harm to their 'ohana. Through the partnerships that the Weed and Seed officers have created, **it has changed their views**. They now see police officers as people who are looking out for their best interests; people they can trust. Weed and Seed has educated individuals on how drugs and other negative influences ruin families and community. **Weed and Seed has empowered residents to take back their community**. The residents are no longer afraid to call 9-1-1 to ask for help. As the saying goes, "Ohana means no one is left behind." I believe that because of Weed and Seed, no one in Waipahu is left behind.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,



Rochelle Kalili

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Waianae, Hawaii 96792

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HB-2051

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 3:50:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Sanders	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



DR. CHRISTINA M. KISHIMOTO
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Kalihi Kai Elementary
626 McNeill Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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February 13, 2018

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 - RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

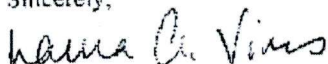
Aloha! My name is Laura Vines and I am the principal for Kalihi Kai Elementary School. Weed and Seed has been supporting the Honolulu Police Department with a youth mentoring program at our school for the past 6 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed and the Honolulu Police Department have been offering the Real And Powerful (RAP) program to our fifth grade students for the past 6 years. This youth mentoring program challenges our students to make better choices and to take responsibility for their actions. We are grateful to have this program at our school as we feel it is important for our students to be educated on issues such as bullying, self-identity, drugs, gangs, and juvenile laws. Our students have also benefitted from the educational outings that they have been involved in, as it has provided them with a greater appreciation for our community and island home. At Kalihi Kai Elementary we have 75% poverty and these students are provided opportunities they would otherwise not have if this program ended. This program is a proactive means to improve our community. This is an investment that will result in less crime and safer communities.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource, which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

Laura Vines
Principal
Kalihi Kai Elementary School

DAVID IGE
GOVERNOR



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
WAIPAHA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
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February 13, 2018

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The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 - RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

Aloha! My name is Randell Dunn and I am the principal for Waipahu Intermediate School. Weed and Seed and the Honolulu Police Department has been supporting our school for the past 13 years.

I am appealing for your support HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa/Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that has helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in the Waipahu community and has seeded the community with positive activities and education.

Weed and Seed and the Honolulu Police Department have sponsored numerous community-wide events such as the Town Hall on Underage Drinking and Drugs, Waipahu Christmas Parade and Carnival and Waipahu Community Speak Outs. In addition, they have organized community clean ups and pedestrian and traffic awareness sign waving campaigns. These are a few of the programs and services that they have provide. Most importantly, they are supportive of our area schools and have been instrumental in deterring gang related activities on our campus in the past.

I urge you to demonstrate your support of Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051.

Sincerely,

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Randell Dunn
Principal
Waipahu Intermediate School



February 12, 2018

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& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Darryl Shinogi and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past 5 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I was asked to be a guest instructor for the Weed and Seed's Culinary Arts Summer Program. I was very impressed with this program, how the Officers interacted with the students. With the hard work of Gale Bracerros, Program Director this program is at no cost to the students. This program not only teaches the students how to prepare economic meals, it gives them a great feeling of accomplishing something that they can take home to help their parents. When I was asked to be the permanent instructor it was an immediate YES, this year it will be my 5th year and Ewa Weed and Seed's 15th year offering this program. I am very honor to be part of this awesome program, to see students taking interest in cooking, interacting with Officers and most of all keeping busing and staying out of trouble.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

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Darryl Shinogi
Executive Chef
Roy's Ko Olina

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February 12, 2018

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name Gordon Gomes Jr and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past 5 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because Weed and Seed is imbedded in the Community. They look out for the current issues with the community as well as getting prepared for the future of the Community. I say future because Weed and Seed does provide a lot of Youth Mentoring programs. I have witnessed personally how these programs motivate our youth to set goals and achieve these goals successfully. Many youth that come out of these programs become successful because of the skills that they have learned from these Youth Mentoring programs. The youth are our future and without the Weed and Seed, These Youth Mentoring programs that are maintained yearly will cease.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

Gordon Gomes Jr.
91-1177 Kaiu Avenue 403
Kapolei, HI 96707

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February 12, 2018

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
House Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 421
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: H.B. 2051 RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY
Hearing: Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 2:00 p.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Debbie Luning, Community Relations Director for Gentry Homes and a board member of Weed and Seed Hawaii. I am also a member of the Ewa Weed and Seed Steering Committee. I am testifying in **strong support** of H.B. 2051, which appropriates and undesignated sum of moneys to maintain and expand the Weed & Seed strategy.

As the developer of a residential community within the Ewa Weed and Seed site, Gentry is very supportive of continued funding for the Weed and Seed program. We have been active participants in the collaborative effort involving law enforcement, citizens, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, community groups and private businesses (such as ours) and are pleased that Ewa is undergoing a positive transformation. Violent and drug-related crimes have been reduced substantially, large drug dealers have been "weeded out" and "seeding" programs have been implemented for families and youth. These programs include youth activities, such as bowling and junior golf, ocean sports, summer culinary arts classes, health and fitness programs, art classes and more. An annual Kupuna Health and Safety Fair sponsored by Ewa Weed and Seed has been a popular event for Ewa/Ewa Beach seniors. Ewa Weed and Seed also established a nonprofit community based development organization which has offered small business training classes and financial literacy classes for the community.

The Weed and Seed program is working; however, we need to continue the efforts to restore neighborhoods and the families that live within. I urge you to support Weed & Seed Hawaii by passing this measure out of Committee.

Sincerely,
GENTRY HOMES, LTD.


Debra M. A. Luning
Director of Governmental Affairs and
Community Relations

February 12, 2018

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The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Barbara Tom and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past 16 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because they have been a key component to reducing crime rates in Waipahu. Their approach of attacking crime through prevention via education in the schools and community is one that I am personally involved with as a volunteer.

The Waipahu Safe Haven Computer Center was created as a way for students to complete their homework with assistance from volunteer and paid tutors in the community. It's creation was supported by Weed and Seed in collaboration with Waipahu Community Coalition, Parents and Children Together, Hoomaka Hou Learning Center, the DOEs ESL Leeward District, Americorp/Vista and the community members. It is housed in a Weed and Seed office in the community in Pupuole area. In addition to student education, the center also provides education for limited English speaking adults through adult education as well as digital literacy in hopes of locating job opportunities for this migrant group.

Additionally it provides limited English speaking women with the opportunity to improve their economic situation through learning how to sew and develop a business with their skill. These innovative approaches to prevention in the community are all helping to decrease the crime rate as it provides education to an extremely needy population. It is also is a preventative tool for homelessness and poverty.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Tom". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

**Barbara Tom RN
Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant and Resource Center**



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February 12, 2018

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Anna Kobashigawa and I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past 6 years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i, because I have seen the impact Weed and Seed has had on the Ewa community.

I have personally seen improvement in the Ewa Beach community as a result of Weed & Seed's neighborhood restoration and clean ups. The condition of the neighborhood impacts the behavior of residents. Well maintained public area hold residents to a higher standard and builds community pride.

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna M. Kobashigawa".

Anna M. Kobashigawa
Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager
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Email: akobashigawa@fhb.com

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February 12, 2018

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The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
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Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

I support Weed and Seed because it has excellent outcomes in decreasing crime in the designated neighborhoods. It has proven to provide opportunities for community and law enforcement to work together and now there are trust relationships between them. The youth programs that have been implemented with this partnership has proven to be excellent prevention programs such as sports programs, culinary arts, mentoring and youth community patrol

Weed and Seed is an important organizational tool and community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

Maile Kanemaru, Retired
Director of Weed and Seed

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HB-2051

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:27:17 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

02/12/2018

The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair

The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair & Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

State Capitol Room 325

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Malia-Ann Ikeda and I have been a resident of Ewa Beach for twenty five years. I have seen many changes in the Ewa-Ewa Beach area during this time and feel that Weed and Seed Hawaii has been integral in keeping the community I live in a safe place where we can live, work, and play. The efforts of the program not only reclaim, restore, and rebuild our communities, but also works closely in developing programs to empower our youth.

About five years ago I formed a partnership with Weed and Seed while employed at an elementary school in Ewa Beach. The Weed and Seed Coordinator and the Community Policing Team were always willing to participate in school functions and events. I wanted to be more involved and the opportunity presented itself. I have now served as a Weed and Seed Steering Committee Member for the past three years.

I am reaching out to request your support of HB2051 with hopes to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach. Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups, and private businesses. I have seen firsthand the impact it has on the Ewa Beach community. This bill will help as we

continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed: Law Enforcement, Community Policing, Prevention/Intervention/Treatment, and Neighborhood Revitalization. Some of the programs in the Ewa Beach community include:

- Speed control measures/Drive Safe Campaign
- Career Day/Read Aloud with area elementary schools
- Kupuna Resource Fair
- Youth Programs (sports, RAP sessions, keiki ID, Bicycle/Skateboard Safety, Culinary Arts)
- Citizen Patrol Walks/Neighborhood Security Watch
- Speak Out Session
- Community Clean Up

I kindly ask for your consideration in support of HB2051 for the Weed and Seed Hawaii strategy.

Sincerely,

Malia-Ann Ikeda

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HB-2051

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Gale Mejia	Individual	Support	No

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The Honorable Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair
The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
& Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 - RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Gale Mejia and I am a member of the Waipahu Steering Committee. I have been involved with Weed and Seed for the past ten years.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

Weed and Seed is a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, residents, non-profit organizations, community groups and private businesses that have helped to reduce violent and drug-related crimes in my community.

Weed and Seed has made a significant difference in the Waipahu community in the following ways:

Providing the RAP program at Waipahu and Honowai Elementary Schools that help students make good decisions.

Mentoring high school students at Waipahu High School through the Na Alaka'i student club to reach out to fellow students in need.

Supporting safe communities through community policing groups.

Supporting beautification events that engage community members, both young and old, to take pride in our community.

Providing consultation and manpower to support family-oriented events such as the annual Christmas Carnival and Song Festival at the Waipahu Town Center, as well as the Town Hall on Underage Drinking and Drug Use and 'Ohana Bingo Night.

Weed and Seed is an important community resource which needs to be continued. Your continued support of this important initiative will ensure that community leaders and partners continue to build a strong network of committed citizens that will work toward preventing crime and growing strong, healthy communities.

I urge you to support Weed and Seed by supporting HB2051 so that we can continue to ensure for the safety of all stakeholders in these communities.

Sincerely,

Gale Mejia
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Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

RE: HB2051 – RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED STRATEGY

My name is Richard Quiamzon and I am a resident, business member, and a Ewa Weed and Seed steering committee member since 2005.

I am appealing for your support of HB2051 to sustain the Weed and Seed program in Kalihi-Palama-Chinatown-Ala Moana-Sheridan, Waipahu, and Ewa-Ewa Beach.

I support Weed and Seed Hawai'i because I have seen firsthand the positive changes Weed and Seed has made in Ewa Beach. Weed and Seed works with the community, and they are the link to resources, partnerships and most of all with law enforcement. We work together to look for solutions and how we all can contribute to keep our community a safer place to live, work and play.

This bill will help as we continue to implement the four strategies of Weed and Seed (law enforcement, community policing, prevention/intervention/treatment and neighborhood revitalization) as a comprehensive program in improving the quality of life.

Please support HB2051 so we can continue Weed and Seed's efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Quiamzon'.

Richard Quiamzon

GM, McDonald's Ewa Beach

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