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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Date: February 28, 2018

Where: State Capitol Room 211

### TESTIMONY

By Ka‘ano‘i Walk  
Kamehameha Schools

**RE: SB 2083, Relating to After-School Programs**

E ka Luna Ho‘omalua Dela Cruz, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Keith-Agaran, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike o nā Loa‘a a me nā Ho‘olilo o ka ‘Aha Kenekoa, aloha! My name is Ka‘ano‘i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Division of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support** SB 2083, relating to after-school programs, which appropriates funds for after-school programs at Kalaniana‘ole Elementary and Intermediate School, Kapa‘a Middle School, Konawaena Middle School, and Waimea Canyon Middle School. The purpose of this measure is to fund after-school programs at intermediate and middle schools designated as Title I schools pursuant to the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, that have a high number of Native Hawaiian students and that currently do not receive state or federal funding for after-school programs.

Kamehameha Schools advocates for and supports the achievement of Hawai‘i’s Native Hawaiian public school students, the largest ethnic population in public education. Quality after-school programming for intermediate and middle school students is critical to their development. Not only does it provide a safe place for these students, it also supports their academic achievement when aligned to in-school curriculum. Please advance this measure.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.