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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES
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February 26, 2018

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Merton Chinen, Executive Director

SUBJECT: SB 2089, Relating to a Youth Commission

Hearing: Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

OFFICE'S POSITION: OYS supports the intent of the measure but requests that any appropriation not affect the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget. There are currently youth driven advisory boards or councils in the community that focus on areas pertinent to their specific interests, such as the HI HOPES Youth Advisory Council that aims to educate, advocate, and collaborate with the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services, to improve the child welfare system, including foster care. Another example is the Teen Link Hawaii Youth Advisors sponsored by the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii that provides valuable input regarding youth perspectives on living a substance-free lifestyle. OYS believes the youth voice should be recognized and included in determining policies and recommendations on important matters impacting their lives. OYS has the following additional comments on coordinating and sustaining an effective youth advisory commission:

- Members should be diverse, including a strong representation of youth at risk.
- Adequate funding for coordinating, training and implementation is critical for success.
- Recognize youth have busy schedules, need flexible options for meetings, and should be compensated accordingly for their valuable participation.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the measure is to establish a youth advisory commission within the Office of Youth Services to advise the Governor and Legislature on issues relating to youth.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

11:00 am

Room 211

STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 2089 SD1 - YOUTH COMMISSION

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai'i for more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the families of **ASHLEY GREY, DAISY KASITATI, JOEY O'MALLEY, JESSICA FORTSON AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED UNDER THE "CARE AND CUSTODY" OF THE STATE** as well as the approximately 5,500 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars or under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety on any given day. We are always mindful that approximately 1,600 of Hawai'i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

This Commission is a great way to engage our children and youth in civic issues and to help them understand the broader reach of policymaking.

We urge the committee to pass this bill and help our children and youth become active and engaged participants in civic issues. These are our future leaders and our greatest treasures!

Mahlo for hearing this important bill. We urge the committee to pass it.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

*"Rather than standing or speaking for children,
we need to stand with children speaking for themselves.
We don't need a political movement for children...
[we need to] build environments and policies for our collective future."*

Sandra Meucci

SPOCÈ

Student leaders 2017-2018:

President:
Dwane
Tegman

Vice-
President: Rob
Jones

Volunteer
Coordinator:
Casey Shoji

Treasurer:
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Monika
Wurlitzer

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Coordinator:
Rachel James

Students for Public Outreach and Civic Education

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

February 28, 2018, 11:00 A.M., Conference Room 211

Testimony of Students for Public Outreach and Civic Education in STRONG SUPPORT of Senate Bill No. 2089

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

Students for Public Outreach and Civic Education (SPOCÈ) **strongly supports** Senate Bill 2089.

SPOCÈ is a student organization at the William S. Richardson School of Law at UH-Manoa. Our organization's mission is to empower members of our community by teaching classes about the law and its effects on their lives, and to help them become more informed citizens and active members of society.

SPOCÈ carries out its mission through various public outreach and civic education programs, where law students teach the law and interact with the community. A few such programs are: the Jon Van Dyke First Amendment Project, Mock Trial and Moot Court Coaching for high school teams, the Annual Discover Law Conference (a national program provided to high school students across the state), and the Courts in the Community Project (provided through a partnership with the Hawai'i Supreme Court).

SB 2089 complements and furthers our organization's mission by providing Hawai'i's youth with an interactive civic education. The focused opportunity provided by a Youth Commission engages Hawai'i's youth with policy makers today. We believe this engagement will encourage youth to become informed and responsible leaders in our community and nation.

SB 2089 creates the avenue needed to facilitate intergenerational dialogue, empowering Hawai'i's youth to contribute to decisions that most affect their generation. Passage of SB 2089 will enable young people to represent and advocate for the needs of their peers through the democratic process.

We believe it is vital for our Legislature to invest in the development of leaders who are equipped to tackle complex societal concerns. Investment in our youth today lays a necessary foundation to ensure increased economic advancement and community responsibility. Your passage of SB 2089 will evidence your concurrence with this imperative.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We trust this committee and the Legislature at large will welcome Hawai'i's youth into the legislative process by passing SB 2089.

Mahalo,

SPOCÈ

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Bobby Benson Center

Child and Family Service

Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii

Domestic Violence Action Center

EPIC, Inc.

Family Programs Hawaii

Family Support Hawaii

Friends of the Children of
West Hawaii

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

Hawaii Children's Action
Network

Hawaii Student Television

Ho'ola Na Pua

Kahi Mohala

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Maui Youth and Family Services

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together
(PACT)

Planned Parenthood of the
Great Northwest and
Hawaiian Islands

PHOCUSED

Salvation Army Family
Intervention Services

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community
Center

The Catalyst Group

February 22, 2018

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2089 RELATING TO A YOUTH COMMISSION

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 2089 Relating to a Youth Commission.

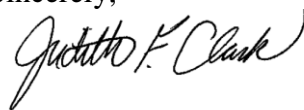
The Office of Youth Services needs input from the population it serves – youth. It will inform needs assessment, planning and evaluation of services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system and those who are at risk of juvenile crime, substance abuse, and homelessness.

And there are many benefits for the youth who participate on the advisory commission as well. “Youth civic engagement leads to reduced risky behavior, increased success in school and leads to greater civic participation later in life. . . . Civic engagement provides young people with opportunities to gain work experience, acquire new skills, and to learn responsibility and accountability—all while contributing to the good of their communities.” (Center for the Study of Social Policy)

The children and youth of Hawaii are our future. The way we treat them today, the opportunities we provide them and the investments we make in their development will influence the kind of adults they will become. Children and youth live and participate in our communities. We must recognize and value them as community assets. We need to include young people in decisions that affect their lives in communities, school systems, churches and in our public policy decision making.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

SB-2089

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 10:47:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ka'imi Nicholson	Testifying for Aloha Light Team	Support	No

Comments:

An ounce of prevention is more valuable than a pound of cure . . . our young people are precious and there is no more important priority than guiding their course of life into well-being.



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David Miyashiro
Executive Director

February 28, 2018

Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

HawaiiKidsCAN supports SB 2089, which establishes a youth commission within the Office of Youth Services to advise the Governor and Legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs and budgets relating to youth; and appropriates funds to accomplish this important work.

Founded in 2017, HawaiiKidsCAN is a nonprofit organization committed to ensuring that Hawaii has an excellent and equitable education system that reflects the true voices of our communities and, in turn, has a transformational impact on our children and our state. HawaiiKidsCAN is a branch of 50CAN: The 50-State Campaign for Achievement Now. We believe a successful education system is one that puts Hawaii's children first by prioritizing what students need to succeed, thrive and grow into our local and global leaders. We believe that real and lasting change toward an equitable education system will only occur when communities and kids themselves are deeply engaged, supported and heard.

Across our state and nation, adults continually wring our hands at the lack of youth participation in essential civic activities like of voting, yet we don't create ample opportunities for that generation to engage in our democracy through advocacy and policy making. When we make the times, locations and structures of our policymaking institutions inaccessible, we too often send the message to young people that their involvement, and their voices, do not matter. On the other hand, we recognize more each day their power and value when they demand to be heard, most recently on the national stage from the survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

A local youth commission would establish a structured and direct line of communications between our policymakers and our youth regarding key issues that impact our communities. HawaiiKidsCAN strongly encourages diverse and underrepresented voices to receive the earnest consideration they deserve in the pool of potential appointees. This representation is critical right now and for the future of our democracy, because it will immediately elevate the invaluable perspectives these youths can provide and create an ever-widening source of new role models and leaders across our communities.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,



David Miyashiro
Founding Executive Director
HawaiiKidsCAN



Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee,

The Young Progressives Demanding Action – Hawai‘i, representing nearly 600 registered members, **strongly supports** SB2089. As students and young people, our organization represents the future of a politically active and engaged citizenry. Our generations—Gen Y and Gen Z—will be the generations to solve climate chaos; to figure out how to feed the Earth's rising population sustainably; to ensure that every human has access to the resources they need to survive and thrive; to end war. We have to be, because if we don't it seems unlikely that we, as a species, will be able to continue our existence on this planet, at least as we have come to understand existence in the 21st century. In the spirit of that lofty goal, we believe it is imperative for your people to be stepping up in leadership positions early, and to be given a seat at the table to express the positions, ideas and drive that young people possess, and that can help lead our state, our country, and the whole world, toward a brighter era of justice, equity and sustainability.

Mahalo for your support,

Will Caron
Social Justice Action Committee Chair
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SB-2089

Submitted on: 2/26/2018 10:23:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Johnson	Testifying for Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

A youth commission that includes someone with expertise on substance use disorder treatment services is a really great idea.

Aloha, Alan Johnson, Chair HSAC.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2018 12:27:39 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of **2089**, RELATING TO A YOUTH COMMISSION

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. **2089**, relating to a Youth Commission; Office of Youth Services; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. **2089** and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. **2089**, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it establishes a youth commission within the Office of Youth Services to advise the Governor and Legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets relating to youth and appropriates funds.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states, "We believe that all families should have an equal opportunity to build their assets and become self-sufficient; and we support a strong safety net of programs that will afford them the opportunity to do so. We must protect our children, our future, from violence and neglect and provide them with a safe and healthy environment in which to grow and thrive. (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 184-191 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. **2089** establishes a youth commission within the Office of Youth Services to advise the Governor and Legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets relating to youth and appropriates funds, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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SB-2089

Submitted on: 2/23/2018 1:29:54 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-2089

Submitted on: 2/24/2018 1:37:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

SB-2089

Submitted on: 2/24/2018 9:36:50 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucia You	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-2089

Submitted on: 2/24/2018 11:57:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-2089

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 11:04:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT of SB2089 to WAM. Please pass this bill as the input of Youth is important. They are our future!

Thank you!

Raelyn Reyno Yeomans

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of Senate Bill No. 2089

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My son, Rylan Nakasone, who is a 9th grader at Moanalua High School, asked me to submit his testimony and the testimony of 11 of his friends in strong support of SB 2089.

As you can see from their testimonies, they are interested in SB2089 because of the opportunities it presents.

I support a Youth Commission because it is intended to engage young people like them and will show them how to make a difference in their community. This can only benefit the State of Hawaii.

Please support SB2089.

Thank you,



Kenneth Nakasone

Area: Aiea

Zip Code: 96701

Date: 2/27/18

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Rylan Nakasone and I am a freshman at Moanalua High School.

I strongly support this bill to establish a Youth Commission for the following reasons: As a member of the generation that will become the future workforce and next politicians, I think that it is crucial that we have some real experience in politics other than just what our teachers tell us.

Furthermore, having young adults contribute to the discussion will help address incidents/tragedies like the Florida school and other shootings which are of great concern.

I have spoken with some of my friends from Boy Scout Troop 488 in Newtown, Aiea and their testimony in strong support of Senate Bill No. 2089 is submitted together with mine. So you now have the testimony of at least a small sample of 12 young people who would like the opportunity a Youth Commission offers.

I urge you to please support this bill so the future generations of Hawaii will be raised in an extremely efficient government and society.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,
Rylan Nakasone
Area: Aiea
Zip Code: 96701
Date: 2/26/18

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Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Eric Rivera
and I am in the 2nd ~~year~~ year at Leeward Comm. College.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

It will help us learn more about government
and make us more interested in voting
when we are old enough.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Eric Rivera

Date: 2/23/18

Area: Pearl City

Zip Code: 96782

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Thomas Rivera
and I am in the 9th grade at Damien Memorial High School.

**I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission
for the following reason(s):**

It will give young people and leaders a chance to contribute and
prepare for our future.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Thomas Rivera
Date: 2/23/18
Area: Pearl City
Zip Code: 96782

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Caleb DeSoto
and I am in the 6 grade at Holy Family Catholic Academy.

**I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission
for the following reason(s):**

Currently, Youth have no say in any political matters.
This greatly stunts our generation and the
generations to follow. Passing this bill will make
youth feel equal, important, and worth, would let
us tell you what affects us, not what you
think affects us. Coming from a measly and
unimportant 6th grader, please pass this bill,
for my and thousands of others futures,

Please approve SB2089.

Sincerely,
Caleb N. DeSoto

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Caleb DeSoto

Date: 2/23/18

Area: Aiea

Zip Code: 96-701

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of
the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Joey Nater
and I am in the 6 grade at Holy Family Catholic Academy.

**I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission
for the following reason(s):**

I support this bill because it could affect our
futures and generations after.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Joey Nater
Date: 2-23-18
Area: Waianae
Zip Code: 96792

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Roice Galapon
and I am in the 8 grade at Holy Family Catholic Academy.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

I support this because it would be good
to have young people from across our state
working to represent Generation Z.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Roice Galapon
Date: 02-23-18
Area: Kapolei
Zip Code: 96782

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Reagan Galapon
and I am in the 6th grade at Holy Family Catholic Academy.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

Young people cant vote so we dont have a way to participate.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Reagan Galapon
Date: 2/23/18
Area: Kapiolani
Zip Code: 96782

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Gabriel Maramag-Ganigan
and I am in the 6 grade at Red Hill Elementary School.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

I will support this bill so that the students/youth can participate in voting which will affect the future and other generations.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Maramag-Ganigan
Date: 2/23/18
Area: Honolulu
Zip Code: 96818

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Landon Chun Kaisan
and I am in the 7th grade at Nai Valley Middle school.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

I believe we as youth people should have a way to get more involved in the community. And any in the future that we are going to have. And a voice in the government and what our tax pays go towards

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Landon Kaisan Chun
Date: February 23, 2018
Area: Aiea
Zip Code: 96701

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Felipe-Antonio Devera Montano
and I am in the 0 grade at Holy Family Catholic Academy.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

I think that it is important for student to be informed. Young people can't vote so we don't have a way to participate.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Felipe-Antonio Devera Montano
Date: 2-23-18
Area: Wipahu
Zip Code: 96782

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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Ray Russell
and I am in the 6 grade at Real Pigde Elementary.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

I wanna do dis cause I want to... "
Also... I want other people to have a say.

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely, Ray Russell

Date: 2/23/18
Area: Aiea
Zip Code: 96201



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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means;

My name is Aiden Samuel Saole
and I am in the 7th grade at Waipahu Intermediate School.

I strongly support this SB2089 to establish a Youth Commission for the following reason(s):

I think that's important for students

Please approve SB2089.

Mahalo for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Aiden Samuel Saole
Date: 02/23/2018
Area: Waipahu
Zip Code: 96797