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Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Resolution: SCR 013 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Purpose of Resolution:

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SCR 13 to convene a working group to review afterschool programs in Hawaii's public schools and to establish an afterschool program advisory council.

All major afterschool programs for students K-12 are administered by the Department's Community Engagement Office (CEO). Using recommendations developed by the working group convened under HCR 137 (2016), CEO has focused on aligning and coordinating systems related to data collection, program evaluation, program planning, and technical assistance. The office continues to improve systems processes that will produce positive outcomes for students through quality afterschool programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



American Heart Association testimony in support of SCR13 “Requesting the Department of Education to Convene a Working Group to Review Afterschool Programs in Hawaii’s Public Schools and the Establish an Afterschool Program Advisory Council”

The American Heart Association supports SCR13 as an opportunity to improve access to, and quality of, Hawaii afterschool programs and potentially serve as a tool toward providing greater resources to prevent obesity in Hawaii’s keiki. **The AHA also requests to be considered as a member of the Afterschool Advisory Council.**

Childhood obesity is a U.S. epidemic. Hawaii youths are not immune, falling at or near the national average of childhood obesity statistics, and the trend for Hawaii’s youths is unfortunately climbing. More focus is needed to improve and instill both healthy nutrition and physical activity lifestyle habits in Hawaii youths. Currently, physical education is not required for Hawaii middle schools, and only one semester is required in high schools. If healthy lifestyle habits are not established at young ages, it is very difficult to change unhealthy habits in later ages.

The burden of cardiovascular disease is now growing faster than our ability to combat it due to the obesity epidemic, poor diet, high blood pressure and a dramatic rise in Type 2 diabetes – all major risk factors for heart disease and stroke. In a frightening reversal, the overall decline in CVD mortality rates have flattened to less than 1 percent per year since 2011, and rates have even worsened for our most at-risk populations. In 2015, the death rate from heart disease actually increased by 1 percent for the first time since 1969, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics.

In addition, CVD has become our nation’s costliest chronic disease. In 2014, stroke and heart failure were the most expensive chronic conditions in the Medicare fee-for-service program. Expenses associated with CVD are expected to soar in the coming years and surpass medical cost estimates for other chronic diseases, such as diabetes and Alzheimer’s. Based on prevalence, death rates, disability and cost, CVD will continue to be the most burdensome disease Americans will face in the next decades.

The costs of obesity, which is rooted in lifestyle habits established at younger ages, is staggering, **costing \$190 billion a year in weight-related medical bills**, according to the American Heart Association. In 2011, the CDC estimated that healthcare costs exceed \$8,600 annually (per capita). Another study estimated that medical spending attributable to obesity was estimated to be more than \$1,400 higher than normal weight individuals.

The AHA supports SCR 13 as an opportunity to provide tools to address Hawaii’s childhood obesity epidemic.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 19, 2018

Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Conference Room 229

Re: Support of SCR 13/ SR9: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance strongly supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, Senate Resolution 9, requesting the Department of Education to convene a working group to review afterschool programs in Hawai'i.

House Concurrent Resolution 137, S.D. 2 Regular Session of 2016 requested the Department of Education to convene a working group to review afterschool programs in middle and intermediate public schools. Experts in the field met regularly producing a valuable document that guided decisions and policies regarding afterschool.

The working group requested in this resolution will give a landscape of afterschool programs in Hawai'i from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The outcomes of this group's work will also help guide decisions and policies in the department of education, the board of education and the legislature. It will also facilitate conversations with the private sector about the need of investment in the field encouraging public-private partnerships.

An afterschool program advisory council will help the Hawai'i Department of Education Community Engagement Office (CEO) continue its work of organizing the resources of the community around student success. CEO coordinates the funding, data and evaluation of afterschool programs. It also coordinates the implementation of the programs as well as controlling the quality of them. The council will advise the office on strategies on how to fulfill its mission.

In conclusion, the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance strongly supports SCR 13, SR 9 and respectfully urges the passage of this resolution. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
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March 19, 2018

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

We support SCR 13/SR 9 requesting the Department of Education (DOE) to convene a working group to review afterschool programs in Hawai'i public schools and to establish an afterschool program advisory council.

Hui for Excellence in Education, or "HE'E," promotes a child-centered and strength-based public education system in which families, communities and schools are valued and empowered to help every student succeed. HE'E works to bring diverse stakeholders together to harness collective energy, share resources, and identify opportunities for progressive action in education.

One issue that is of high priority to Coalition members is school safety, including bullying, addressing students at-risk, and looking for ways to keep children in school. Especially in the middle and intermediate schools years, a young teen's focus can wander if they are not engaged in structured activities. Afterschool programs can provide this structure as well as be a safe place where teens can build confidence. Studies show that afterschool programs can contribute to higher grades and test scores, better attendance records, lower drop out rates and an increase in positive attitudes and behaviors.¹ After school programs can also have benefits to families including better connection between parents, children and communities, and improved relationships between parents and children.²

The Coalition supports this resolution because of the success of the previous House Concurrent Resolution 137, S.D. 2 Regular Session of 2016, which focused on middle school afterschool programs. Through the recommendations of that resolution, tremendous progress has been made in making afterschool programs more efficient and effective. In particular, the newly established DOE Community Engagement Office serves as a central hub for afterschool and out of school programs, coordinating, overseeing and making sure that quality and accountability is maintained. We would like to see the working group continue its work to look at the K-12 continuum of afterschool programs with a specific look at quality.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Our support of these bills represents a 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

Sincerely,
Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

¹ Decker, L. E., et al. (2000). *Engaging families & communities, pathways to educational success*. Boca Raton, FL: National Community Educational Association, Florida Atlantic University.

² Harris, E. & Wimer, C. (2004, April). *Engaging with families in out-of-school time learning, No. 4*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Family Research Project.

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*Castle Complex Community Council
*Castle-Kahuku Principal and CAS
Coalition for Children with Special Needs
*Faith Action for Community Equity
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*Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
*Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
PHC HNL	Testifying for Pioneering Healthier Communities of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

Re: **SCR 13**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH AN AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL.

The Pioneering Healthier Communities (PHC) Initiative brings together local, diverse leaders to discuss and support strategies, policies and programs that we can accomplish together to build healthier communities in our island home. The Honolulu Committee was established in 2009. The members of PHC of Honolulu are involved in helping children and families to become healthier through schools, afterschool programs, healthcare and community initiatives.

PHC of Honolulu has actively supported After School Programs in Hawaii for years, including the development of the Hawaii Afterschool Alliance. We believe that Hawaii's children, especially those of working parents, deserve affordable, high quality after school programs. Numerous studies and programs evaluations have shown that Afterschool Programs provide children with a safe and structured environment. They support:

- Healthy child development and behavior
- Academic achievement.
- Physical activity including active play

Afterschool programs also provide the opportunity for children and youth to explore their interests and skills, develop lifelong friendships and important interpersonal skills, and allow students to apply what they learn in school to practical, real life experiences.

The report from this Working Group will provide a landscape of afterschool programs in Hawai'i from Kindergarten to 12th grade. This will also help guide decisions and policies in the DOE, the Board of Education and the Legislature. It

will also facilitate conversations with the private sector about the need of investment in the field encouraging public-private partnerships.

We strongly support SCR 13, SR 9 and urge the passage of this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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