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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii

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

April 2, 2018

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

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SCR 64 SD 1/SR 34 SD 1
REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING TO PROVIDE SCHOOL
RESOURCE OFFICERS IN EVERY SCHOOL IN HAWAII

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, opposes SCR 64 SD 1/SR 34 SD 1.

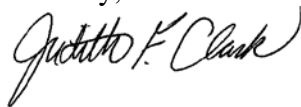
HYSN is concerned that an increasing police presence at schools will "criminalize" student behavior by moving problematic students to the juvenile justice system rather than disciplining them at school. Throughout the country arrest rates for students are higher in schools with school resource officers.

Hawaii has the lowest rate of gun violence in the United States. Our gun laws and our aloha spirit combine to prevent the kind of tragedies that have taken place in Florida and other states.

Having armed resource officers in our public schools is neither necessary or desirable.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

SCR-64-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 4/4/2018 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: