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To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Education

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 13/SR 9 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.**

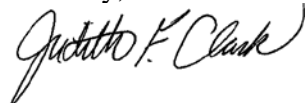
Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SCR 13/SR 9.

High quality after-school programs are effective in reducing the risk of a variety of undesirable behaviors among adolescents, including unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, juvenile crime, and substance abuse. They can increase school achievement, reduce dropout rates, and provide service learning opportunities that teach young people the value of contributing back to their communities.

Hawaii has the highest percentage of households in the United States in which all adults are employed. These working families need after school programs to ensure that children are safe and engaged in productive activities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director