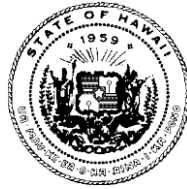


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TO: The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SCR 13/SR 9 - RELATING TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM WORKING GROUP
AND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Hearing: Monday, March 19, 2018, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this resolution and provides comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to request the Department of Education (DOE) to convene a working group to review afterschool programs in Hawaii's public schools and to establish an afterschool program advisory council.

Through a partnership agreement established in 2006, DHS provides the DOE Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to administer the Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge (UPLINK) Program, an existing after-school program for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The UPLINK Program provides middle and intermediate school students academic and remediation support and optional high interest activities that focus on developing positive character, in a safe and nurturing environment during the immediate hours after school from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

DHS will participate in the requested working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for EDU on 3/19/2018 2:45:00 PM

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

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