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Location: 016

Committee: Senate Human Services

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 1230 RELATING TO YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS.

Purpose of Bill: Permits individual non-justice vocational programs within the purview of the Office of Youth Services to engage in commercial enterprises, including the sales of goods and services, for self-sustainability purposes.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) respectfully provides the following comments on SB 1230.

The Department is seeking definition of the following terms: "youth" and "commercial enterprise," and that the definitions of these terms be included in the proposal.

In addition, the Department requests clear stipulations that the vocational training programs are for young adults age 18-24 only. The Department is concerned about the adjudicated youth, the non-adjudicated youth who are residing at Kawaihoa, as well as the non-adjudicated youth who enter the Kawaihoa property to participate in other vocational programs like Kinai 'Eha. Kinai 'Eha is a program on the grounds to provide construction training, personal development, and empowerment for youth, which include youth under the age 20 who have applied for Exceptions to Compulsory Education (4140) in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 302A-1132. It is this type of co-mingling of youth, young adults, adjudicated and non-adjudicated, and the varying programming that should be clarified in statute to ensure appropriate programming for each population being served.

Further, while Correctional Industries in the Department of Public Safety provides individuals with wages for their performance worklines, we are concerned that this measure, as written, currently does not provide for this. Also similar to Correctional Industries, SB 1230 does not provide for a Commission to oversee the proposed

commercial activities, nor is there a provision for administrative rules to ensure policy and processing transparency, as is similarly required in the Department of Education's commercialism statute (Act 169, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2018).

Respectfully, the Department suggests a collaborative working relationship with the Office of Youth Services and Kawaiiloa would assist in ensuring the:

- Delivery of educational requirements to the adjudicated and non-adjudicated youth up until age 20 and young adults eligible for special education, age 18-22;
- Current Vocational programs and development/implementation of any new programs at the technical education facility delivered by Olomana School are uninterrupted; and
- Establishment of processes to access general education and special education for these youth.

The Department is generally supportive of initiatives that are aligned with the Department's goals and objectives to provide vocational training programs and authentic learning experiences in commercialism. The Department asks for consideration of the concerns raised as SB 1230 moves through the legislative process.

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.



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January 31, 2019

TO: The Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Merton Chinen, Executive Director

SUBJECT: SB 1230, RELATING TO THE YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

Hearing: Friday, February 1, 2019, 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

OFFICE'S POSITION: The Office of Youth Services supports the measure. It will allow OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES to create and expand career and vocational programs through the establishment of a revolving fund, that would receive proceeds from sales for products and services generated by young adults participating in these programs. The State will save money by lessening dependence on funding from State resources. There will also be a positive impact for the public through training and learning experiences provided the young adults, who can enter the workforce better prepared and qualified for the workforce.

Additionally, we request the following amendment to line 10 of the bill, "as established under section 352D-4 (5) shall be deposited".

PURPOSE: The purpose of the measure is to establish self-funded commercial enterprise vocational programs within the Office of Youth Services for young adults at risk, and to create a revolving fund within the Office of Youth Services, for the receipt of income and payment of expenses generated from the programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

SB-1230

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January 31, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
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FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 1230 – RELATING TO YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Hearing: Friday, February 1, 2019, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this administration measures that continues the reform of the State's juvenile justice system.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to permit individual non-justice vocational programs within the purview of the Office of Youth Services to engage in commercial enterprises, including the sales of goods and services for self-sustainability purposes.

Act 201, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2014, initiated juvenile justice reform in Hawaii to improve and enhance Hawaii's juvenile justice system. Working collaboratively cross-sector, there has been a twenty-six per cent reduction in admissions to the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility since Act 201 became law.

Last session, Act 208, SLH 2018, established the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center at the campus of the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility, to provide much needed services for at-risk youth and young adults, including victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

Innovative programs have commenced at the Wellness Center, and this program will provide skills building, vocational training, and economic programing to prepare youth and young adults for entry into the workforce.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.
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Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Committee of Human Services

LATE

Kailana Ritte-Camara

February 1, 2019

Support for S.B. No. 1230 Relating to Youth Services Programs

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Kailana Ritte-Camara. I was born and raised on the island of Molokai, and am currently attending the distance education Master's of Social Work program through the University of Hawaii. I am the youngest of nine, and have been living below the poverty threshold all my life. Although there were struggles, my mother raised me to be a leader, and a fighter for myself, my family, and my community. Growing up in a family who advocated for their rights by standing up through activism, I did not realize that there were other ways to have a voice, other than through an activist perspective. I have recently learned that I can affect change in policy, whether through many ways like submitting a testimony.

I have been working with youth for a number of years, from volunteering at our Hawaiian immersion preschool, Punana Leo o Molokai, to being an instructor and coordinator for the Molokai Middle School at our after-school program, UPLINK, to currently being apart of Child Welfare Services on Molokai. Through my experiences at these organizations, I have seen how the island of Molokai is rich in culture and community, but continues to lack resources in many things, including services for at-risk young adults. I have witnessed first-hand how limited opportunities in job skills and youth services negatively impacts the attitude and sense of worth of young adults, especially those who are at-risk. With little or no opportunities, there is little or no chances for our youth to succeed in life.

I was struck to hear that there are over 15,000 young adults who are not contributors to our communities, and who are not pursuing a higher education to become self-sustaining individuals. With the support of S.B. No. 1230, it will allow individual vocational programs to sell goods and services produced by the program itself, which will provide self-sustainability, while providing more opportunities for our youth to develop job skills, implement them in real-life situations, thus becoming self-sufficient citizens.

I encourage the committee to support our youth by passing S.B. No. 1230. Our future is in the hands of the next generation, and I want to be apart of providing opportunities for those that need and want to be a contributor to their communities. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.