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To: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair;
The Honorable Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Vice Chair; and
Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Time: 9:10 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

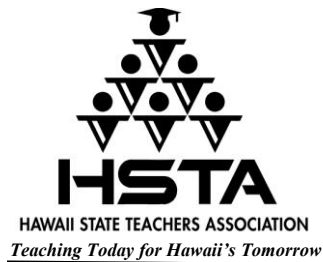
Re: H.B. No. 2753 Relating to Workforce Development

HB2753 proposes to establish and codify a YouthBuild program in the DLIR and require the Department to establish program requirements similar to ones administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL). The measure allocates funds to the counties to establish YouthBuild programs if the counties match the appropriation on a dollar-to-dollar basis.

DLIR supports the intent of the measure as long as it does not conflict with the priorities identified in the Governor's Supplemental Budget request.

DLIR notes that the intent of the measure involves expanding a federal program at the State level. If the intent is to match the federal grant requirements under the discretionary Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) grants, then the administrative burden would be lower than if they differed. Currently, the federal grants allocate 10% for administration. Any deviation from federal grant requirements would necessitate even greater resources for administration.

Currently, the Department is aware of two entities receiving these discretionary WIOA grants in the State, both on Oahu. DLIR believes eligible entities and Honolulu may face significant challenges in providing matching dollars. The discretionary WIOA YouthBuild grants require a 25% match, which can include non-cash, in-kind contributions.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT

RE: HB 2753 - RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 2753**, would establish the state YouthBuild Program to assist non-profit and public entities in applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild Program grants. Authorizes DLIR to award grants to eligible non-profit or public entities to meet the matching funds requirement for federal YouthBuild grant awards. Appropriates funds.

The state YouthBuild Program provides employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24.

The YouthBuild Program across the United States and across the globe does not just provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth, but it also provides hope for a brighter future for their participants. It does this by helping to ensure the participants have marketable skill sets when they graduate so they can be productive and contributing members of society.

HSTA looks at the YouthBuild Program as an investment not only for the participants, but for our society as a whole.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 1:17:55 PM

Testimony for LAB on 2/4/2020 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamuela Werner MPH	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Following
Testimony is
Marked Late



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Date: February 3, 2020

To: Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair, Representative Stacelynn Eli,
Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Labor and Public
Employment

From: Brent Kakesako, Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic
Development (HACBED)

Re: Strong Support for HB2753

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice-Chair Eli, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) strongly supports HB2753, which would codify the state YouthBuild program and provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities for youth between the ages of 16 and 24.

HACBED was established in 1992 as a nonprofit statewide intermediary to address social, economic, and environmental justice concerns through community-based economic development. It advances its mission with core competencies in the areas of community and organizational capacity building, community and economic development planning, and asset policy development and advocacy. HACBED played a facilitating role in the State Asset Policy Task Force and was a key contributor to the State Asset Policy Road Map. HACBED currently serves on the O'ahu Workforce Development Board and has also provided support to the Hawai'i Island Workforce Development Board. Through those experiences sees the dire need for place-based, skills driven opportunities for families, particularly youth, across our island and by extension our state.

In addition, the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's latest Self-Sufficiency Income Standard Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Income Standard (2016) depicts the obstacles that Hawai'i families are facing. The Standard measures the amount of money that individuals and families require to meet their basic needs without government and/or other subsidies and the data shows the following percentage of families who fall below the self-sufficiency standard statewide:

- 31.7% of families with two adults and two children;
- 50.8% of single-adult families with children.

The passage of HB2753 would help grow our next generation of affordable housing builders by creating a state YouthBuild program to provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between ages of 16 and 24. Furthermore, the bill would match Federal funding with State dollars so we could have additional resources necessary to stand up YouthBuild programs in our communities across the state.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Brent N. Kakesako
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 5:56:41 AM

Testimony for LAB on 2/4/2020 9:10:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Eli and Committee Members,

The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i stands in support of the passage of House Bill 2753.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

Chair

LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i