

HB-613-HD-1

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Testimony for LCA on 3/19/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

The LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports the passage of HB 613 HD 1.

Mahalo for your consideration and for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 613 HD 1.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair
LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii



STATE OF HAWAII
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Date: 03/19/2019

Time: 03:00 PM

Location: 224

Committee: Senate Labor, Culture and the Arts

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 0613, HD1 RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the state YouthBuild Program to provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Authorizes the DLIR to award grants directly to eligible entities or to the counties. Appropriates funds. (HB613 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the overall concept of HB 0613, HD1, with comments, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities as indicated in our Board of Education approved budget.

YouthBuild provides alternative education for students who dropout of school and receive general education, vocational training, and leadership opportunities that result in youth and young adults earning their general education diploma, industry certification, and job placement.

Respectfully, the Department suggests a collaborative partnership with YouthBuild to allow access to at-risk and non-at-risk students who are interested in the building and construction careers to prevent high school dropouts and/or to support students in completing high school electives or dual credits.

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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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

RE: HB 613 HD 1 - RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 613 HD 1**, would establish the state YouthBuild Program to provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24 and the bill authorizes the DLIR to award grants directly to eligible entities or to the counties.

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** HB 613 HD 1.



Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture & The Arts
March 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol - Conference Room 224

RE: HB 613, HD1, Relating to Workforce Development

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii Chapter (“SHRM Hawaii”), we are writing in support of HB 613, HD1, which establishes the state YouthBuild Program to provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Workforce development is a key strategic priority for human resource management professionals. Please advance this measure.

Human resource management professionals are responsible for the alignment of employees and employers to achieve organizational goals. HR professionals seek to balance the interests of employers and employees with the understanding that the success of each is mutually dependent. SHRM Hawaii represents more than 800 human resource professionals in the State of Hawaii. We look forward to contributing positively to the development of sound public policy and continuing to serve as a resource to the legislature on matters related to labor and employment laws.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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March 18, 2019

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair;
The Honorable Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair; and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

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

Re: H.B. No. 613 HD1 Relating to Workforce Development

HB 613 HD1 proposes to establish and codify a YouthBuild program in the DLIR and require the Department to establish program requirements that are like 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 but has concerns as no moneys are appropriated for administration. If moneys were appropriated for administration, the Department's support would be predicated on as long as it does not conflict with the priorities as identified in the Governor's Biennium 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. Nonetheless, as drafted, the measure does not account for the increase in administrative costs for the Department. 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 only require a 25% match, which can include non-cash, in-kind contributions. DLIR notes that the measure allocates funds to all the counties. If counties fail to establish programs, then those counties would necessarily lapse the funds.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Logue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/18/2019 8:44:53 PM

Testimony for LCA on 3/19/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
florence dixon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha everyone

i am in support for this bill although I'm wondering why it starts in 2050 and not sooner. I have had the experience of trying to hire young men. Ages 18-20. It's was a great experience talking with these young men, most were homeless parents kicked them out one was because mother could no longer feed them another parents moved to Maui leaving him on Oahu and later we found out stents on ice the other always fighting with their parents another very insecure young man who really needs help from being molested when younger.

They all had had their stories they all were searching and trying to find ways to make ends meet. Helped them get a state Id, ebt card and one I was able to convince to try to get his ged but failed the first testing hopefully he keeps trying until he gets it.

I encourafed rgem to go to go to military but no GED no place in service for them. I think that it would be wonderful to educate, train but also give psychological services to change their mind set that their past stories are the past and that they can create a new story a new one where their lives can be the way they wished and dreamed it to be.

i feel that this would help provide them a support they need to thrive in the community.

Please vite yes to hell our our young men and women who are still need guidance of the community

aloha Flow



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March 19, 2019

Senate Committee on Labor, Arts, and Culture
Wednesday, March 19, 2019, 3pm
Conference Room 224

HB613, HD1 – SUPPORT

Aloha Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members:

I am submitting testimony in my capacity as Executive Director of Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA), the State's largest HUD-approved housing counseling agency and a community development financial institution, to **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB613, HD1**.

According to the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's 2015 Housing Demand Study, our State needs to build 66,000 housing units by 2025 to keep up with projected demand. 75% of these units – or nearly 50,000 – must be for households earning \$75,000 annually or less. This does not include the estimated 7,500 affordable units subsidized with Federal funds that are scheduled to end their affordability period by 2025.

In October 2018, HCA facilitated the annual Native Hawaiian Housing Caucus with over 70 attendees representing community, nonprofits, business, finance, labor, education, and philanthropy. During the Caucus, a policy priority was identified to expand YouthBuild programs beyond Honolulu and Waimanalo to communities throughout the State. The program was recognized as an opportunity to build our next generation of construction professionals and affordable housing builders by leveraging State funding with Federal YouthBuild funds.

Our organization views HB613, HD1 as a strategy to grow our next generation of affordable housing builders by creating greater opportunity for at-risk youth, ages 16-24, to participate in YouthBuild. With the necessary skills and expertise, they will be on the front lines of helping our State meet the housing needs of our communities. Furthermore, HB613, HD1 would bring in Federal funds at a ratio of \$1:\$1 of State funds passed through the Counties as grant-in-aids dedicated to YouthBuild programming. These financial resources will not only strengthen our communities and local economies, but will provide the necessary workforce in areas like South Hawaii Island, West Maui, Kauai, and East Oahu that are still recovering from floods, fires, and lava eruptions.

We ask you to help grow our next generation of affordable housing builders and bring in Federal dollars to expand YouthBuild programs statewide. **PASS HB613, HD1.**

Mahalo for your time, leadership and consideration. Please contact me directly at 808.587.7653 or jeff@hawaiiancommunity.net should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Gilbreath". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "G".

Jeff Gilbreath
Executive Director

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 8:27:24 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/19/2019 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kamuela Werner. I strongly support HB613 HD1 that would expand YouthBuild programs by appropriating State grant-in-aid funds to Counties for expansion statewide. YouthBuild provides professional development and career training opportunities for youth, ages 16 to 24, so they can step up to be our next generation of construction professionals and affordable housing builders.

Me ke aloha,

Kamuela Werner, MPH

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March 19, 2019

TO: HONORABLE SENATOR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR, SENATOR LES IHARA, JR., VICE CHAIR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS:

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB613: RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Hearing

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2019
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair, Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair, and the members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts:

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over five hundred general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

YouthBuild is a federal workforce development program that provides employment, education, leadership development and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four, most of whom are secondary school drop outs and are either a member of a low-income family, a foster care youth, a youth offender, a youth with a disability, a child of an incarcerated parent, or a migrant youth.

The program is specifically designed to create a skilled workforce either in the construction industry, through the rehabilitation and construction of housing for homeless individuals and families and low-income families, as well as public facilities, or in other high wage, high-demand jobs. GCA is in support of the program and its intent.

GCA supports HB613 which would codify the state YouthBuild program and allow it to maximize its federal fund draw down by authorizing the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to award grants directly to eligible entities or to the counties. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.



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Date: March 19, 2019

To: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair, Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture, and the Arts

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

Re: Strong Support for HB613 HD1

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) strongly supports HB613 HD1, 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 HB613 HD 1 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: 3/19/2019 9:21:59 AM

Testimony for LCA on 3/19/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Makana Paris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators:

I support HB613 HD1, establishing a state YouthBuild program. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Me ke aloha,

Makana Paris

Papakolea, Oahu

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March 19, 2019

Senate Committee on Labor, Arts, and Culture
Wednesday, March 19, 2019, 3pm
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HB613, HD1 – SUPPORT

Aloha Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members:

I am submitting testimony in my capacity as Executive Director of Laiopua 2020 a nonprofit organization that **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB613, HD1.**

According to the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's 2015 Housing Demand Study, our State needs to build 66,000 housing units by 2025 to keep up with projected demand. 75% of these units – or nearly 50,000 – must be for households earning \$75,000 annually or less. This does not include the estimated 7,500 affordable units subsidized with Federal funds that are scheduled to end their affordability period by 2025.

In October 2018, La'i'Ōpua 2020 attended and participated in the housing panel discussion at the annual Native Hawaiian Housing Caucus with over 70 attendees representing community, nonprofits, business, finance, labor, education, and philanthropy. During the Caucus, a policy priority was identified to expand YouthBuild programs beyond Honolulu and Waimanalo to communities throughout the State. The program was recognized as an opportunity to build our next generation of construction professionals and affordable housing builders by leveraging State funding with Federal YouthBuild funds.

La'i'Ōpua 2020 organization views HB613, HD1 as a strategy to grow our next generation of affordable housing builders by creating greater opportunity for at-risk youth, ages 16-24, to participate in YouthBuild. Our current Vocational Training and Business Entrepreneur program is in its infancy, but we intend to expand the vocational training program to include the necessary skills and expertise to compliment a new and young trades workforce. Furthermore, HB613, HD1 would bring in Federal funds at a ratio of \$1:\$1 of State funds passed through the Counties as grant-in-aids dedicated to YouthBuild programming. These financial resources will not only strengthen our communities and local economies, but will provide the necessary workforce in areas like Hawaii Island, West Maui, Kauai, and East Oahu that are still recovering from floods, fires, and lava eruptions.

We seek your support for the next generation of affordable housing builders and bring in Federal matching dollars to the YouthBuild programs Statewide. **Pass HB613 HB613, HD1**

Mahalo Nui,
Craig "Bo" Kahui
Executive Director

CC: L2020 BOD; Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island Board, VOLA Board; DHHL;