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Time: 10:15 AM

Location: 211

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 0613, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the state youthBuild Program to assist non-profit and public entities in applying and qualifying for federal YouthBuild Program grants. Authorizes the department of labor and industrial relations to award grants eligible non-profit or public entities to meet the matching funds requirement for federal YouthBuild grant awards. Appropriates funds. Takes effect 1/1/2050. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the overall concept of HB 613, HD1, SD1 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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April 3, 2019

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair;
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Friday, April 5, 2019
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

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

Re: H.B. No. 613 HD1SD1 Relating to Workforce Development

HB613 HD1SD1 proposes to establish and codify a YouthBuild program in the DLIR whereby the Department would assist non-profit and public entities to in applying and qualifying for YouthBuild program grants from the United States Department of Labor, establish program requirements and procedures, and award grants.

The Department supports the intent and offers comments.

The DLIR offers the following comments on the SD1:

- The proposed §371- (a) appears contradictory in that the proposed program would be administratively attached to the department, but the rest of the statutory language assigns the department the functions.
- The proposed §371- (a) & (c) appear contradictory as (a) has the department assist entities to apply and qualify for YouthBuild grants and (c) entails the awarding grants used to meet the required federal grants for entities that already have been awarded the YouthBuild grant.
- Further, §371- (c)(2) permissively allows eligible entities to match in cash or in-kind contributions the DLIR grants.



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Date: April 3, 2019

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means

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

Re: Strong Support for HB613 HD1 SD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) strongly supports HB613 HD1 SD1, which would establish 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 HD1 SD1 would 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 youth between ages of 16 and 24. The bill would authorize the State to award grants to eligible non-profit or public entities to meet the matching requirements for federal YouthBuild awards so we will have the resources necessary to stand up YouthBuild programs in our communities across the state.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

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HB613, HD1, SD1 – 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, SD1.**

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 at the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement's Annual Native Hawaiian Convention. The Caucus had 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, SD1 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, SD1 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.

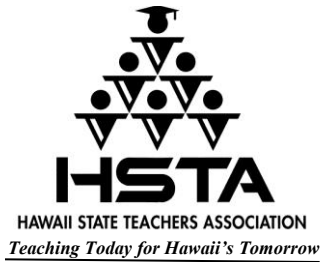
We ask you to help grow our next generation of affordable housing builders and bring in Federal dollars to expand YouthBuild programs statewide. **PASS HB613, HD1, SD1.**

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, flowing style.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 613 HD1, SD1**, 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 HD1, SD1.