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Date: 01/27/2020
Time: 02:45 PM
Location: 229
Committee: Senate Education

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: SB 2063 RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes the Hawaii After-School Program for Youth within the Department of Education community engagement branch to provide after school programs for children in grades six through eight. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

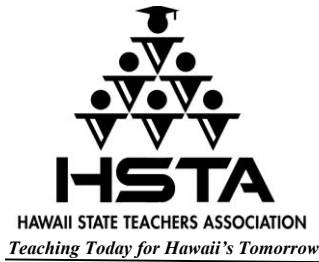
The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2063 related to establishing the Hawai'i After-School Program for Youth for children in grades six through eight.

The Department's Community Engagement Branch is responsible for the administration, compliance, and monitoring of federal and state-funded quality out-of-school time programs: Afterschool Plus (A+), 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC), Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge (UPLINK), and Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (REACH). The Department recognizes the increase in demand for quality out-of-school time programs for working families in Hawai'i.

A single funding source to support quality care and learning in the out-of-school time will help to support alignment of the regular school day to the out-of-school time space, increase student access that build character, self-esteem and prevents risky behaviors through a variety of educational activities that increase student outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2063.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. 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 EDUCATION

RE: SB 2063 - RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 2063**, relating to after-school programs. This bill would establish the Hawai'i After-School program for youth within the Department of Education community engagement branch to provide after school programs for children for grades sixth through eighth.

This bill would establish more after school programs for our middle school students. This is an age when students need safe, enjoyable activities after the school day is finished but currently have a limited number of after-school activities available to them. We also know that many of their parents and guardians work two to three jobs that run late, and they may not be able to be home for their children until later. Furthermore, seventy-two per cent of parents surveyed in Hawaii agree that afterschool programs help working parents to keep their jobs. After school programs are not only important for homework help, but they offer extracurricular activities and social activities that benefit our students after school. HSTA recognizes that there are over 1,355 students who are homeless across the state that would also benefit from after school programs for their children in middle school. Homeless students have a unique set of needs than their housed peers and these after school programs would be greatly beneficial for them as well.

More after school programs would help ensure that students who are in middle school are able to thrive and get the most out of their educational career and allow their parents to work and not worry about their children as their children will be in a safe, enjoyable after school program until they can come home.

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

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FOR: SB 2063 Relating to After-School Programs
DATE: January 27, 2020
TIME: 2:45 P.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Education
ROOM: Conference Room 229
FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2063**, which establishes the Hawaii After-School Program for Youth and provides an appropriation to the program.

The Commission appreciates the inclusion of public charter schools in this measure and program. The Commission looks forward to collaborating with the committee, the DOE, other interested stakeholders, and public charter schools in moving this legislation forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
Monday, January 27, 2020 at 2:45 pm

By

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And

Michael Bruno, PhD

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SB 2063 – RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim, and members for the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2063 which establishes the Hawai'i After-School Program for Youth within the Department of Education community engagement branch to provide after school programs for children in grades six through eight.

The College of Education supports intent of this bill for establishing the Hawai'i After-School program which may include arts; civic engagement; language; and science, technology, engineering, math, After—school plus program, athletics, workplace learning, middle school programming, resources for enrichment, Culture, and Health for Hawai'i; United Peers Learning, Integrating New Knowledge; and Century Community Learning Centers for youths.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 2063.

Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance

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January 26, 2020

Committee on Education
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Conference Room 229

Re: Support of SB 2063: RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Dear Chair Kidani and Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance supports Senate Bill 2063, which seeks to establish the Hawaii After-School Program for Youth within the Department of Education community engagement branch to provide after school programs for children in grades six through eight.

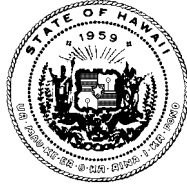
The State of Hawai'i, twenty-eighth legislature, 2016, requested the Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) to convene a working group to review after-school programs in Hawai'i's public middle and intermediate schools. This working group, formed by experts in the field, submitted its finding and recommendations to the Legislature. The group came to the conclusion that there is an immediate need to increase the funding for out-of-school programs in the state of Hawai'i to provide services to all the children and youth that need and/or would like to participate in program. Out-of-school programs work as a safety net to support students' success by creating a safe environment where they can thrive. The group also highlighted the importance of focusing on transportation, on athletics and on accommodation for students with special needs. Transportation is needed to grant the students safe return home when the out-of-school program ends. The group also included athletics (intramural, extramural and interscholastic) as an important component of the development of the out-of-school programs. The document produced by the group also emphasized that the out-of-school programs have enough resources and capacity to serve and support students with special needs.

In conclusion, the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance supports SB 2063 and respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that students in Hawai'i have the support they need to participate in a high-quality out-of-school programs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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January 26, 2020

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 2063 – RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Hearing: January 27, 2020, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the measure and provides comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to establish the Hawaii After-School Program for Youth within the Department of Education community engagement branch to provide after school programs for children in grades six through eight. Appropriates funds.

DHS regulates programs that are operating as child care facilities, including programs for children that are in the 6th grade. If the after-school programs as proposed are providing care, which is defined by section 346-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as “... those situations where a person or organization has agreed to assume and has been entrusted with the responsibility for the child's supervision, development, safety, and protection apart from the parent or guardian,” then the program may be operating a child care facility, which is defined as “a place maintained by any individual, organization, or agency for the purpose of providing care for children with or without charging a fee at any time. It includes a family child care home, group child care home, and group child care center.”

If the proposed after-school program operated by a private provider is not exempt

from licensure by DHS, as allowed under section 346-154(a), HRS, then the private provider will also need to be licensed by DHS as a child care facility when the after-school program is caring for children attending elementary schools.

If the DOE will be responsible for licensing or certifying the after-school program directly, then the proposed program would not need to be licensed by DHS, in accordance with section 346-152(a) (3), HRS.

Additionally, DHS currently has a contract with the DOE to fund the A+ Program services with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding for families that meet Purpose Two of TANF, to end the dependence of low-income employed families by promoting job preparation, work and marriage. The Department claims this expenditure on behalf of the State the A+ subsidies towards the State's TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations section 263.1. Eligibility screening is required to ensure State TANF MOE claims are limited to expenditures incurred for TANF-eligible families.

DHS also contracts with the DOE for the Uniting Peer Learning, Integrating New Knowledge (UPLINK) Program. UPLINK is an existing after-school program for intermediate and middle school students in grades 6, 7, and 8. The State Fiscal Year 2019 funding for the UPLINK Program, totaling \$3,171,000 in Federal TANF funds, is provided by DHS and administered by the DOE through an agreement established in 2006. Beginning school year 2018-2019, 30 out of 53 (56%) intermediate and middle schools provide UPLINK.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

January 25, 2020

To: Chair Kidani
Vice Chair Mercado Kim
Senate Committee on Education



Re: **Support for SB2063**

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Thank you for your dedication to our keiki and for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong **support** of **SB2063**, which establishes the Hawaii After-School Program for Youth within the Department of Education's community engagement branch and provide after school programs for children in grades six through eight.

Kaho'omiki, the Hawai'i Council on Physical Activity and Nutrition, is a local non-profit that supports and encourages lifelong healthy lifestyles and closely works with organizations across the state to better the lives of youth.

There is extensive evidence showing the benefit of out-of-school time programs for youth social, emotional, and academic well-being. At the same time, more than 36,000 children are left alone each day during the hours after school in Hawai'i. This bill will make important strides towards our unified goal of improving outcomes for our future generations, especially during the after-school hours, that can have a significant impact on our communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of **SB2063**.

Sincerely,

Colby Takeda
President, Kaho'omiki

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SB-2063

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 9:35:35 AM

Testimony for EDU on 1/27/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susie Chun Oakland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Thank you so much for hearing Senate Bill 2063 and for your support of this important bill for our children and youth in Hawaii. I strongly support this measure.

Aloha,

Susie Chun Oakland

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2063

LATE

January 27, 2020
2:45 p.m.
Room 229

RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The department has concerns with the creation of the Hawai'i After-School Program for Youth Special Fund (HASPYSF).

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 2063 establishes the Hawai'i After-School Program for Youth within the Department of Education's Community Engagement Branch to provide after-school programs for children in grades six through eight; and the HASPYSF. The measure appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds for deposit into the special fund for FY 21, and the special fund would generate revenues through legislative appropriations and fees.

As a matter of general policy, the department does not support the creation of any special fund that does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work, and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and

the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to S.B. No. 2063, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed special fund would be self-sustaining or why the program cannot be implemented under the general fund appropriation process.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 4:45:16 PM

Testimony for EDU on 1/27/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Glidden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing to inform you what a tremendous difference that afterschool programs makes in our community. I currently work for an afterschool program and have seen the changes in the youth our program serves firsthand. It helps to improve children's grades, provides assistance for working parents and provides structured, safe opportunities and options for Hawaii's keiki during the afterschool hours.

They are able to learn more about themselves as people and how they can positively affect their communities and become active members in their community.

I have seen students go from failing classes to finding the motivation to become an honor roll student.

I have seen students go from insecure and shy kids to confident leaders who take charge of their future.

Afterschool programs help support all the hard work teachers do during the school day and provide a way for students to continue their learning outside of the classroom.

I strongly believe that free or very low cost afterschool program options should be available to every student in Hawaii and support this bill. It's not just the right thing to do, but our keiki DESERVE it.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 4:48:47 PM

Testimony for EDU on 1/27/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Fitzell	Testifying for After-School All-Stars Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of SB 2063. The hours of 3pm - 6pm each day is the most dangerous time for Middle School Students in Hawaii. During this time, a large percentage of students are unsupervised because adults in their families have to work long hours simply to survive. This is particularly relevant for socio-economically disadvantaged students who simply have no place to go, nothing to do and crucial no supervision from the time they leave school to the time the adult in their family returns home.

As evidenced by the fact that recent reports highlight that the incidence of vaping among teens is highest (among all States) in Hawaii. These are the kind of bad decisions that unsupervised and bored teenagers make, but unfortunately is not the most severe of the behaviors that teens are prone to partake in.

The provision of a fund to provide after-school programming, specifically for middle school youth is essential to help this State produce good, productive citizens who give back to their communities. Please consider supporting this Bill

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SB-2063

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 5:22:22 PM

Testimony for EDU on 1/27/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marci Lopes	Testifying for Domestic Violence Action Center	Support	Yes

Comments:

The Domestic Violence Action Center currently provides a 10 week program with After School All Stars called My Story. The program is offered free to their afterschool program. We support this bill and would like more girls in DOE schools to get prevention and education about healthy relationships to prevent future dating harm and having positive friendships in their after school programs as well.