

SB-3210

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Golojuch Jr	Testifying for Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

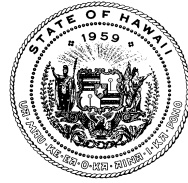
Aloha Senators,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (formerly the LGBT Caucus) Hawai'i's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 3210.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
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Testimony COMMENTING on SB3210
FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTERS

SENATOR JARRETT KAOHOKALOOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 2/7/2022

Room Number: Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Establishing a Family Guidance Center (FGC) in Ka'ū in the County of
2 Hawaii will require additional appropriations of funding and positions over and above the
3 Governor's Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's appropriations and
4 personnel priorities.

5 **Department Testimony:**

6 Currently, there are two physical Family Guidance Centers (FGCs) on the island of Hawaii, The
7 East Hawaii Family Guidance Center (EHFGC) in Hilo, and the West Hawaii Family Guidance
8 Center (WHFGC) in Kamuela-Waimea. The EHFGC has a Clinical Services Section devoted to
9 the service of youth in the Ka'ū. This service section consists of five Mental Health Care
10 Coordinators, and Mental Health Supervisor, and a Clinical Lead Psychologist. Families in all
11 service areas, including the region of Ka'ū, have been able to access FGC services without any
12 need to be physically present at an FGC, which are largely administrative offices. Child &
13 Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) services are statewide, community based, and
14 contracted mental health providers' services are also available in-person and through telehealth.

1 CAMHD services are intended to be delivered at the family home or other location convenient to
2 the family. As such, families in the Ka'ū area have been receiving in-person and telehealth
3 service from the EHFGC before and throughout the pandemic. CAMHD's community based and
4 telehealth practices pre-dates the pandemic. Therefore, an additional FGC in the Ka'ū area may
5 incur unnecessary cost to the state without increasing or improving services as they currently are
6 in this area.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3210

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Via Videoconference

RELATING TO FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTERS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 3210.

S.B. No. 3210 requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a family guidance center office in Ka'ū in the County of Hawai'i (COH) and appropriates \$3,000,000 in general funds in FY 23 to DOH for the establishment and operation of a community mental health center office in Ka'ū in COH.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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February 5, 2022

Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation
Via Videoconference

Re: S.B. No. 3210 – Relating to Family Guidance Centers

Honorable Chair Keohokalole and Vice Chair Baker:

On behalf of myself and as Councilmember representing the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'ū and Volcano Village (Council District 6), I express my strong support of S.B. No. 3210 relating to family guidance centers.

As you know, Hawai'i island residents face cultural, financial, and geographical barriers that prevent them from accessing health services, especially in the rural areas in my Council Districts of South Kona, Ka'ū, and portions of Volcano Village. A family guidance center in Ka'ū will be able to address an array of health outreach and education services in many areas.

I cannot adequately express that I fully support S.B. 3210 which will provide the much needed family guidance center in the Ka'ū district.

Mahalo a nui loa for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Maile David

Maile David, Council Member
Council District 6, S. Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village

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Submitted on: 2/5/2022 10:15:53 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/7/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Zahava Zaidoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Health,

I am testifying in strong support of SB3210.

I have been living in Hawaii for over 8 years, and 3 years in the district of Ka'u. I am a wife, mother, and mental health professional.

I have a teenager who recently required psychological and psychiatric care. There were only 2 keiki psychiatrists on the island; one was not accepting new patients, and one had a 5 month waiting list.

I reached out to the Family Guidance Center in Hilo, and was told that I could not be seen there, because Ka'u is officially the Westside.

The West side office is in Waimea, that is an over 2 hour drive each way.

We have absolutely zero behavioral health services for our keiki within an hour of our homes.

We constantly speak about the need to do things for our keiki. I would like to ask you to help us achieve the most fundamental thing for the keiki in our community; keeping them safe, healthy, and alive.

Suicide rates and mental health struggles are skyrocketing across our state. We need help in Ka'u; help with our basic needs.

For these reasons, I request that you move this measure forward with no amendments, so that we can show our keiki and their families, that mental health matters and that suicide does not have to be the only option.

Mahalo,

Zahava Zaidoff, MRAS, CCDS

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
SHAWN LOHAY	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support bringing County funded Mental Health services to the rapidly growing Kau district.

Thank you,

Shawn Lohay

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jo-Ann M Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill. Access to mental health is so important, and with children and adolescents, it t should be available "in their neighborhood".