

HB-69-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice English	Waimea Middle School	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our afterschool programming through the REACH grant has been a tremendous success. Parents are grateful for the options. Our school vision is to be a place of infinite possibilities, and grants like this make the vision possible. On behalf of my school, Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School, I support HB69.

Sincerely,

Principal English



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 02/23/2023
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: 308 VIA
VIDEOCONFERENCE
Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0069, HD1 RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for the department of education's resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 69, HD1, and offers comments on this measure.

The Resources for Enrichment, Athletics/Academics, Culture, and Health (REACH) program provides critical, developmentally-aligned out-of-school time (OST) opportunities to public middle and intermediate public school students at no cost to their families. In school year 2022-23, REACH has provided funding to 42 public and charter middle and intermediate schools, supporting roughly 6,250 students. As interest in the REACH OST program continues to increase, the need far exceeds the current \$500,000. With the proposed increase in REACH funding, there is an opportunity for the 33,000 middle/intermediate school students attending Hawaii's 87 public and charter schools to participate in high-quality, school-based OST activities.

By the 6th grade, educators can predict the likelihood of a student graduating from high school based on dimensions such as school-day attendance, behavior, and academic performance. The investment in high-quality after-school programs like REACH has been shown to improve and enhance school-day student outcomes such as attendance and social and emotional development.

Hawaii's adolescents need educational experiences that address their physical, cognitive, social-emotional, and psychological developmental characteristics in culturally sustaining and

affirming ways. Further, these young adolescents need supportive initiatives and programs that provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences and environments, such as the REACH after-school program that extends learning beyond the school day, when students may be unsupervised.

The Department appreciates the appropriation to expand its after-school programs provided it does not adversely affect the priorities identified in the Department's Hawaii State Board of Education approved budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



House Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 10:00 AM
Via Videoconference in Conference Room 308, State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 69: RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice-Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee!

The Hawai'i State Youth Commission (HiYC) was established to “advise the governor and legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the youth of the state.” We are writing in **strong support** of HB 69.

This bill appropriates funds for the Department of Education’s resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health programs.

With living and growing up in the era of technology, it is important for youth to have opportunities while at school to participate in other programs that can benefit both their mental and physical health. While learning in a classroom and navigating a computer is important in a student’s academics, ensuring that students are able to exert their physical energy, participate in activities outside in the sun, engage in different cultures, and have a diverse experience is equally as important. Especially as we are still healing from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more crucial than ever to ensure that the state’s keiki is immersing themselves in enrichment, athletic, cultural, and health activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 79.

Hawai'i State Youth Commission
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House Committee on Finance
Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

February 23, 2023
Conference Room 308

RE: HB69 Relating to After-School Programs-**Support**

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee,

YMCA of Honolulu supports HB69 to increase funds for the Department of Education's Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH) program to \$2,500,000.

Afterschool programs are essential for middle and intermediate students. The intermediate years are important for reversing high school drop-out rates and ensuring students remain engaged in their education and community. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and provide a space for students to develop their social-emotional skills.

Recently, a parent shared the following testimonial with us: "Scheduling became impossible between work and getting my daughter after school. Without having any family on island, there are very few options for us. We got accepted into the program and it was more than I ever hoped for. It's more than just a "program" to entertain the kids after school. It's a community. There's so much care, attention and passion for the kids. They do their homework the first hour, which is so helpful as a parent. Honestly I don't know what I would do without this program. I'm so grateful and recommend it to anyone!"

Although there is high demand for afterschool programs, for every youth in an afterschool program, two are waiting to get in, with 35,067 youth alone and unsupervised after school. Additional REACH funding will not only expand the offerings currently provided but allow those programs to enhance their current programming to help accelerate students' academic, social, and emotional learning.

The YMCA of Honolulu respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that students have the support they need after school. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Greg Waibel
President & CEO

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Rodillas	Island of Hawaii YMCA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Island of Hawaii YMCA supports HB69 HD1. After-school and out-of-school care promotes healthy development and well-being for children and youth.

For children and youth, the period between successive academic calendar years that typically occupies the majority of the months of June through August. Out of school experiences have direct and indirect effects on others in their roles as parents, siblings, caretakers, providers of goods and services or community residents.

This process challenges children and youth as well as parents, teachers, summer counselors, etc that design, develop, deliver or fund components of summertime experiences.

Environments, exposures, activities and interactions during summertime can promote positive cognitive social, emotional, and skills development, as well as promoting safety and physical and mental health for children and youth.

Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance

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House Committee on Finance
Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

February 23, 2023
Conference Room 308

RE: Support of HB 69 Relating to After-School Programs

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance supports HB 69 to increase funds for the Department of Education's Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH) program to \$2,500,000.

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Hawai'i parents report that afterschool programs are a lifeline for working families. According to the America After 3PM report, 81% of Hawai'i parents agree that their afterschool program helps them keep their job or work more hours, and 84% of parents agree that programs provide them peace of mind.

Although there is high demand for afterschool programs, for every youth in an afterschool program, two are waiting to get in, with 35,067 youth alone and unsupervised after school. Additional REACH funding will not only expand the offerings currently provided but allow those programs to enhance their current programming to help accelerate students' academic, social, and emotional learning.

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance respectfully urges the passage of this bill, so students have the support they need after school. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Paula Adams
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Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: House Committee on Finance

Re: **HB 69, HD1 - Relating to After-School Programs**
Hawai'i State Capitol & Via Videoconference
February 23, 2023, 10:00 AM

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, I am writing in **support of HB 69, HD1, relating to after-school programs**. This bill would appropriate funds for the department of education's resources for enrichment, athletics, culture, and health (R.E.A.C.H.) program.

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Afterschool programming is incredibly important to working families. Having a nurturing place to go afterschool allows children and youth to stay safe and their parents to work full-time.

But there aren't enough afterschool programs to serve all the families needing help. It is estimated that tens of thousands more Hawai'i children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available to them.¹

For some families, this means they must choose between shortening work hours (if they can) or leaving their child unsupervised. For middle and intermediate school students, programs like R.E.A.C.H provide structured activities during out of school time.

More funding for the R.E.A.C.H program will help expand comprehensive, high quality afterschool offerings and meet the growing needs of our students and families. **We suggest increasing the funding amount to \$2.5 million per year.**

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,

Nicole Woo
Director of Research and Economic Policy

¹ <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/data/geo/Hawai%E2%80%99i/overview>

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Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
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February 23, 2023

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee,

We support HB 69 HD1, which appropriates funds for the DOE's REACH Program.

Afterschool programs can provide this structure as well as be a safe place where teens can build confidence. Studies show that afterschool programs can contribute to higher grades and test scores, better attendance records, lower drop-out rates and an increase in positive attitudes and behaviors.¹ After school programs can also have benefits to families including better connection between parents, children and communities, and improved relationships between parents and children.²

Hui for Excellence in Education, or "HE'E," promotes a child-centered and strength-based public education system in which families, communities and schools are valued and empowered to help every student succeed. HE'E works to bring diverse stakeholders together to harness collective energy, share resources, and identify opportunities for progressive action in education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Our support represents at least a 75% consensus of our voting membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

¹ Decker, L. E., et al. (2000). *Engaging families & communities, pathways to educational success*. Boca Raton, FL: National Community Educational Association, Florida Atlantic University.

² Harris, E. & Wimer, C. (2004, April). *Engaging with families in out-of-school time learning, No. 4*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Family Research Project.



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*Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance
*Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
*Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
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* Hawai'i State PTSA
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*Youth Service Hawai'i

Voting Members () Voting member organizations vote on action items while individual and non-voting participants may collaborate on all efforts within the coalition.*



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Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
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February 23, 2023
Conference Room 308

RE: Support of HB 69 Relating to After-School Programs

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee,

After-School All-Stars Hawaii supports HB 69 to increase funds for the Department of Education's Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH) program to \$2,500,000.

Afterschool programs are essential for middle and intermediate students. The intermediate years are important for reversing high school drop-out rates and ensuring students remain engaged in their education and community. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and provide a space for students to develop their social-emotional skills.

After-School All-Stars Hawaii works in 12 Title I middle and intermediate school and last year provided over 2,600 students with free daily after-school programs. Although our programs are free for all our participants, they are certainly not free to provide. This year, successful applicants for the REACH grant received \$12,000 to provide after-school programs, this is a rather inadequate amount even to fund a very small portion of an effective after-school program.

Although there is high demand for afterschool programs, for every youth in an afterschool program, two are waiting to get in, with 35,067 youth alone and unsupervised after school. Additional REACH funding will not only expand the offerings currently provided but allow those programs to enhance their current programming to help accelerate students' academic, social, and emotional learning.

After-School All-Stars Hawaii respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that students have the support they need after school. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Paula Fitzell
President/CEO

House Committee on Finance
Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

February 23, 2023
Conference Room 308

RE: Support of HB 69 HD1 Relating to After-School Programs

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee,

The **Pioneering Healthier Communities (PHC) Initiative** brings together local, diverse leaders to discuss and support strategies, policies and programs that we can accomplish together to build healthier communities in our island home. The members of PHC Honolulu are involved in supporting efforts that enable children and families to become healthier through schools, afterschool programs, healthcare and more.

PHC **supports** HB 69 to increase funds for the Department of Education's Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH) program to \$2,500,000.

Afterschool programs are essential for middle and intermediate students. The intermediate years are important for reversing high school drop-out rates and ensuring students remain engaged in their education and community. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and provide a space for students to develop their social-emotional skills.

During the after school hours, not only the youth are engaged but also healthy habits can be promoted through physical activity, healthy nutrition and much more.

Although there is high demand for afterschool programs, for every youth in an afterschool program, two are waiting to get in, with 35,067 youth alone and unsupervised after school. Additional REACH funding will not only expand the offerings currently provided but allow those programs to enhance their current programming to help accelerate students' academic, social, and emotional learning.

PHC respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that students have the support they need after school. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

May Okihiro
Paula Adams
Jennifer Dang
John Mai
Michael Libertini
Joy Barua

Diane Tabangay
Ray L'Heureux
Daniel Leung
Daniela Spoto



TO: Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE/LOCATION: February 23, 2023; 10:00 AM Conference Room 308

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 69 HD1– RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PACT supports HB 69 HD1, to increase funds for the Department of Education's Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH) program to \$2,500,000.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 20 programs. Among its services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

As a provider of early learning, adolescent and youth programs, including our Community Teen Programs at Kuhio Park Terrace in Kalihi and Puuwai Momi in Halawa, PACT understands the importance of high-quality early childhood education opportunities for every child. Afterschool programs are essential for middle and intermediate students. The intermediate years are important for reversing high school drop-out rates and ensuring students remain engaged in their education and community. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and provide a space for students to develop their social-emotional skills.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emmaleah Stauber	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

House Committee on Finance

Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair

Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

February 23, 2023

Conference Room 308

RE: Support of HB 69 Relating to After-School Programs

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee,

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I respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that students have the support they need after school. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Emmaleah Stauber

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Submitted on: 2/21/2023 12:19:50 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Angie Miyashiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

House Committee on Finance

Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair

Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

February 23, 2023

Conference Room 308

RE: Support of HB 69 Relating to After-School Programs

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee,

Dr. Angie Miyashiro from KHPES support HB 69 to increase funds for the Department of Education's Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH) program to \$2,500,000.

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Our school have many parents who work and students are behind due to many barriers. Afterschoool enrichment programs will help support them greatly.

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I respectfully urges the passage of this bill so that students have the support they need after school. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Dr. Angie Miyashiro, NBCT

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Submitted on: 2/21/2023 12:33:43 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cards Pintor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Cards Pintor

HB-69-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2023 12:43:13 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Afterschool support for keiki, parents, ‘ohana and community in general is so important. Providing a safe and social setting for after school care is beyond comforting for all working parents. The structure provided is extremely beneficial to our keiki. Mahalo for listening. STRONGLY request you support and HB69 :)

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Submitted on: 2/21/2023 12:54:07 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

House Committee on Finance

Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair

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February 23, 2023

Conference Room 308

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I respectfully urge the passage of this bill so that students have the support they need after school. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Molly Mamaril

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faith Kalamau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

To: Justin Woodson, Chair of the House Committee on Education

Lisa Marten, Vice Chair

For: HB69 HD1

Date of Hearing: 02-23-23

Time: 10:00 am

Room: CR 308

Position: IN SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on Education,

My name is Phoebe Camarco and I am an 8th grade student at Connections Public Charter School. I am writing in support of HB69.

I support this bill because I am a student that directly benefits from REACH funding. My afterschool program, called Studio Shaka, is a recipient of REACH funding, and this program is interesting and gives me a place to go after school. At Studio Shaka, they have a laser cutter, 3D printer, and other resources that help me create art. I love art and make masks and miniature projects at Studio Shaka.

This bill would provide more funding to REACH for programs like Studio Shaka to fund supplies and enrichment activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for this bill. I hope the members will consider HB69 so I can continue to benefit from REACH funding.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Phoebe Camarco

Student at Connections PCS

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry SUPPORT HB 69 RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.
To include the Waianae community.