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Date: February 9, 2019

To: Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair, Representative Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Labor and Public Employment

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

Re: Strong Support for HB613

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice-Chair Eli, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) strongly supports HB613, 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 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,

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February 11, 2019

To: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair;
The Honorable Stacelynn K.M. Eli, Vice Chair; and
Members of the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Time: 9:20 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

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

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

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Eli, and Members of the House Labor and Public Employment Committee:

HB 613 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 appreciates the intent of the measure but has concerns as no moneys are appropriated for administration. Moreover, 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 appears to involve replicating 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. 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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Date: 02/12/2019
Time: 09:20 AM
Location: 309
Committee: House Labor & Public
Employment

Department: Education

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

Title of Bill: HB 0613 RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Purpose of Bill: Codifies 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 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to award grants directly to eligible entities or to the counties. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports the overall concept of HB 613, with comments, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities as indicated in our Board of Education approved budget.

The Department recognizes the important role of community day programs to provide education, vocational training, employment, and leadership opportunities to students who have voluntarily been excluded from school. However, it is unclear how YouthBuild will provide a quality standards-based education and special education services to eligible at-risk young adults between the ages of 16 and 24.

Young adults under the age of 22, who are eligible for special education, must still be provided all appropriate services, per their Individualized Education Program (IEP). In accordance with the Department's child-find responsibilities, any student under the age of 22, not currently eligible for special education and is suspected to have a disability, is entitled to an evaluation.

Given the resources and staffing needed to establish YouthBuild, the Department anticipates additional funds will be needed for the actual implementation if this bill passes.

A collaborative partnership between the Department and YouthBuild is encouraged to ensure that students receive a quality education as well as the supports and services necessary to earn a high school diploma, GED, certificate, or pursue post-secondary education and/or careers.

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 for LAB on 2/12/2019 9:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: