

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1789

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1789 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to better prepare Hawaii's youth for future success by establishing a standardized framework and funding mechanism for after-school programs in public middle schools. Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Statutorily establishes the Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (R.E.A.C.H) program with the Office of Youth Services;
- (2) Specifies the powers and duties of the Office of Youth Services with regard to the R.E.A.C.H. program and requires an annual report to the Legislature on the implementation of programs and use of funds under the R.E.A.C.H. program; and
- (3) Authorizes the Office of Youth Services to establish program requirements and fees to be assessed to each participant for the cost of administering and operating the R.E.A.C.H. program.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Office of Youth Services, State Public Charter School Commission, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Family Programs Hawaii, Kanu o ka 'Aina New Century Public Charter School, Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance,

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Waiialua Intermediate School Afterschool Learning Center, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. A concerned individual commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1789 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



