



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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SB 2063 SD2 – RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Chair Woodson, Vice Chairs Hashem and Quinlan, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2063 SD2 which establishes the Hawai'i After-School Program for Youth within the Department of Education to provide after-school programs for public school and public charter school students in grades six through eight.

The College of Education supports the intent of this bill for establishing an After-School program for students in grades six to eight. Providing a structured learning environment after the normal school day can reinforce learning, motivate students, build on social emotional growth, character and self-esteem.

Extra-curricular activities provide an opportunity for students to balance school work, while participating on a team, learning a new instrument or taking on leadership roles. Teamwork, demonstrating mutual respect and fair play are all part of the learning process for students. Activities beyond the typical school day allows for extended positive opportunities for all students.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 2063 SD2.