

# **SB 392**

Measure Title: RELATING TO YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS.

Report Title: Keiki Caucus; Department of Human Services; Interagency Coordinating Body for Youth and Family Programs

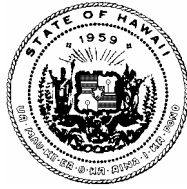
Description: Establishes the interagency coordinating body for youth and family programs within the department of human services.

Companion:

Package: Keiki

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

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January 29, 2013

TO: The Honorable, Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 392 – RELATING TO YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS**  
Hearing: Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 1:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 016 , State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 392 is to establish the interagency coordinating body for youth and family programs within the Department of Human Services.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services understands the intent of this bill but believes that this measure is not needed at this time. The Department of Human Services (DHS) has built collaborative and inclusionary approaches to its program planning, development and evaluation efforts with our partners at the Departments of Education and Health, the Judiciary, the Office of Youth Services, Law Enforcement and private sector providers. In addition, our Child Welfare Services Branch has a number of community participatory processes utilizing representatives from community based, government agencies and service providers to specifically review service delivery and assess the ongoing needs of children and families. Should a more formalized system be needed additional resources would be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.  
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**Date:** 01/29/2013

**Committee:** Senate Human Services

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 0392 RELATING TO YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

**Purpose of Bill:** Establishes the interagency coordinating body for youth and family programs within the department of human services.

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 0392. The Department is poised to participate as a member of the interagency coordinating body for youth and family programs and will continue to work toward the goal of increased efficiency of services and program delivery to youth and families through the improvement of coordinated services.

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SB392

Submitted on: 1/25/2013

Testimony for HMS on Jan 29, 2013 13:30PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rick Campbell	Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy	Support	Yes

Comments: I would like to testify in favor of the establishment of an interagency coordinating body for youth and family programs within the department of human services. The task of keeping track of all of the issues pertaining to youth and family services is horrendous. Add to that the job of trying to coordinate those services to insure that the youth and their families get all of the assistance they need is impossible. The ability to foster interagency communication would be a major part of the coordinating body's job and as such would help everyone know what services are being offered, by who, for how long, what the long term affects will be and how successful everyone has been.

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Community Programs for Children, Youth and Families

January 27, 2013

TO: Committee on Human Services  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, MD, Vice Chair

FROM: LaVerne Bishop, Executive Director  
Hale `Opio Kaua'i, Inc.

RE: SB392 Relating to Youth and Family Programs

HEARING: DATE: January 29, 2013  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
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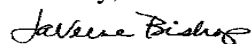
Lenie Nishihira  
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Thank you for considering establishing a coordinating body for services for young people and their families. My thirty-six year experience on Kaua'i is that many state agencies are procuring services that would be infinitely more effective if there was a central, high-level coordinating body that fostered a comprehensive and integrated array of services across state agencies and in collaboration with private funders so that resources can be maximized, services aligned with population need, duplication harnessed for strengthening learning and skills among target audiences, and effectiveness of services measured for continuous quality improvement.

Many states have Children's Cabinets that are accountable for articulating and aligning programs for all services purchased by the state for maximum benefit to the youth and families. These bodies also facilitate learning and change initiatives so that best practices are consistently in mind when the state procures services.

While many private agencies collaborate to benefit their target populations, the state agencies could come together through a coordinating body to achieve a collective impact utilizing their resources in a more intentional and informed manner, in relation to one another. This effort would further result in each state agency having more knowledge of what services are procured in their area and should lead to youth and families then having more knowledge and access to a comprehensive, coordinated array of services.

Sincerely,



LaVerne Bishop  
Executive Director