

Youth Services Committee

Highlights of Committee Activities

For the WDC Quarterly Meeting

February 20, 2019

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Meetings

Since the last Committee report at the last Council meeting on September 12, 2019, the Youth Services Committee has held 3 meetings.

Presentations

- **Act 271 Trauma-Informed Assessment for Early Intervention: Department of Education Task Force and Pilot Project** by Stacy Ferreira, Strategy Consultant and Josiah Akau, Executive Director, Kinai Eha, gave a presentation on Act 271, relating to education which can be found at this link: <https://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2019/07/Act-271.pdf>. Act 271 requires the Hawaii DOE to establish a task force to examine 4 major components: early intervention screening using a universal tool such as the ACES questionnaire, lowering the compulsory school age from 16 to 14, ensuring the funding follows the youth, and including youth in vocational and/or CTE programs in sports and extracurricular activities. The DOE and the task force seek to expand collaboration to include notable youth service programs such as the Workforce Development Council's WIOA Youth Program.

- **PY 2019 Committee Budget Plan** by Chairman Ian Kitajima

A budget proposal for Program Year 2019 was presented by Chair Kitajima. Total budget request was \$75,000 of which \$30,000 is for an initiative to support WIOA Youth Program Element 10, Guidance and Counseling; an additional \$30,000 to support Youth Program Element 3, Work-based learning experiences and Element 14, Activities to Prepare Youth for Postsecondary Education and Training; and \$15,000, for initiatives to support Youth Program Element 12, Entrepreneurial Skills Training.

Action

At the November 6, 2019 meeting, the committee unanimously voted to approve the Youth Services Committee PY 19 Budget Plan. Total budget request: \$75,000. At its February 18, 2020 meeting, the committee formed three (3) working groups to finish the development of and oversee the implementation of the three (3) funding initiatives. Implementation date is projected no later than March 31, 2020. Description of initiatives is attached.

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