STATE OF HAWAII
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Online via Zoom

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting the health and welfare of the community is a priority. The meeting was held remotely, with Board members and staff participating via an online meeting venue.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:
Ian Kitajima, Committee Chair, Oceanit
Winona Whitman, Committee Vice Chair, Alu Like, Inc.
Cary Miyashiro, Quad D Solutions
David Sun-Miyashiro, HawaiiKidsCAN
Erin Yagi, Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education
Stacy Ferreira, State Senate
Danny Goya, Ke Ala Hoaka
Troy Sueoka, HIDOE, Career and Technical Education
Deborah Spencer-Chun, Adult Friends for Youth
Cheryl Matthews, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services
Danny Wyatt, Leeward CC – Waianae Moku Extension Campus
Maureen Bates, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Services
Sylvia Carter, HIDOE, Adult Education
Lois Hamaguchi, UH Career and Technical Education
Josiah Akau, Kinai ‘Eha
Melissa Gerber, Winners at Work
I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Committee Chair Ian Kitajima.

II. Review and discussion on recommendations by the Legislative Subcommittee as presented by Co-Chair David Miyashiro, HawaiiKidsCAN
David Miyashiro discussed legislative proposals, that were to be recommended to the Executive and Workforce Development Council board, should the committee approve the proposals. The included legislative proposals were:

- To provide funds to families to support with key educational supplies and needs.
- To provide incentive funds to schools when students complete quality industry recognized credential programs.
- To enable more students to participate in career readiness opportunities by removing barriers.
- To diversify the Hawaii Board of Education by updating the membership requirements.
- To enable the Hawaii Board of Education to let students earn school credits from community programs and organizations more easily.
- To request for the Hawaii Board of Education to enable computer science courses to count toward core graduation requirements in high school.
- To advance legislation that would require Hawaii Department of Health to produce a weekly public dashboard on the Hawaii Youth Trauma Indicators.

A motion was made by Maureen Bates to approve the proposed legislative recommendations to the Executive Committee and Workforce Development Council board. Melissa Gerber seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion to approve the recommendations was approved unanimously.

III. Adjournment
Committee Chair Kitajima adjourned the meeting at 2:27 P.M.