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Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair  
Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair  
Representative Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair  
Committee on Lower and Higher Education

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Dear Chairs Woodson and Mizuno, Vice Chairs Hashem, Perruso and Kobayashi, and Committee Members:

**RE: SB 383, SD2 Relating to Youth Suicide Prevention**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 383, SD2, dealing with youth suicide prevention.

I am not knowledgeable enough, nor do I have the expertise, to comment on the specific detailed approach to suicide prevention laid out in this bill. However, having done some minimal research to warrant supporting SB 226, SD2 (funding for suicide prevention on Kauai, Maui, and Hawai'i by the Department of Health), I feel comfortable urging this Legislature to recruit the Department of Education in the prevention effort.

Whether or not you want to mandate the specific provisions of SB 383, SD2, or choose to pass a more generic bill, I leave to your discretion. In either case, I hope you keep the concept alive for further discussion, and perhaps explicitly recognize that additional funding may be necessary if your mandate is to be properly carried out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim  
MAYOR