

Testimony for Bill 11 (2014), CD2

Presented to Ernest Y. Martin, Council Chair
And Members of the City Council of Honolulu

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Chair Martin and Members of the City Council of Honolulu, I am here to testify in support of Bill 11 (2014), CD2 which will Grants in Aid to financially support Adult Friends for Youth

I am writing about Bill 11 CD 2 which is granting aid for Adult Friends for Youth. I have worked at Adult Friends for Youth for the past year and have done my internship at AFY before being hired. I am writing in support of Bill 11 CD 2 because of the impact that AFY has had on the clients and communities of the areas that we work at. I have seen the transformation of the clients during my tenure at AFY and have seen the impact that AFY has on their lives. We have worked in the communities for many years and are well respected not only by our clients but by others who live in those communities. I frequently have people thank us for the help and support that we provide and the clients have said that we are such a big part of their lives. The schools have constantly said that they do not know what they would do without us as we have made a substantial impact throughout the whole school.

All of this is only possible through the support that we receive from others and I can see how helping AFY would also help the communities. This is why I am in support of Bill 11 CD 2 as it is an investment within the communities of Oahu. We will continue to strive and provide our services but we only can do so with the proper funding and aid. With the funding that AFY will receive we can continue our services and touch even more young lives in our island. We are helping those who desperately need support and guidance. Afy is such an important part of our communities as witnessed by the transformations of our clients.