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Re: Support to the Amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill 13 to provide Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions

Dear Members of the City Council:

I am writing to support the Support to the Amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill 13 to provide Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions.

I have been working with Surfrider Spirit Sessions for the past year and a half and have experience working with the teenagers who go through this program. I fully believe that this program fills the gap that other programs and services in Hawaii cannot provide. The program gives at-risk teenagers the ability to learn and benefit from one-on-one mentorship and also learn that surfing can be used as a metaphor for life's lessons. Being born and raised in Hawaii, and growing up with a family oriented closely to the ocean, this is one of the best opportunities for these teenagers to change their lives around for the better of our community. I have seen first hand how the teenagers have improved and it is very apparent even after graduating from the program.

Mahalo nui loa,

Jhana Young

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