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Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 2564, SD 1 - Relating to After-School Programs

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) supports SB 2564, SD 1 which provides more than \$6 million in additional funding to support high quality after-school programs at Hawaii's middle and intermediate public schools.

SEAC has long been supportive of more opportunities for students with disabilities to be involved in inclusive extracurricular activities that combine opportunities for learning and social emotional development. The USDOE has identified quality after-school programming as a key component for accelerating learning to make up for skill loss experienced by a variety of students, and especially students with disabilities, during the current pandemic. It is therefore critical that newly funded after-school programming include the necessary supports to accommodate the needs of diverse learners.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express our support for this legislation.

Respectfully,

Martha Guinan  
Chair