

# Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m., February 1, 2024

Location: Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 16 & Videoconference

Re: SB2395, Relating to a Probation Compliance Credits Program

Aloha e Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee:

We are writing in **support** of SB2395, Relating to a Probation Compliance Credits Program

This bill will require the Judiciary to establish a compliance credits pilot program for probationers that comply with their conditions of supervision.

Our collective, the Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i (OYAH), works to support young people under age 25 who are disconnected from school and work, referred to as "opportunity youth." This developmental time period is extremely consequential to the individual growth and overall life chances of our children. Through this work, we have supported broad policies that promote equity and reduce the harmful effects of incarceration for youth and adults. We support this measure.

The Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i hui is a collaboration of organizations and individuals committed to reducing the harmful effects of a punitive incarceration system for youth; promoting equity in the justice system; and improving and increasing resources to address adolescent and young adult mental health needs. We seek to improve the continuity of programs and services for youth and young adults transitioning from minor to adult status; eliminate youth homelessness and housing market discrimination against young adults; and promote and fund more holistic and culturally-informed approaches among public/private agencies serving youth.

**Please support SB2395.**