

Resolution 21-18

Testimony

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Submission of written testimony:

RESO 21-18 - EMLA

URGING THE CREATION OF A STAKEHOLDER GROUP TO DISCUSS RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON BUSINESSES, EMPLOYERS, AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE HONOLULU REOPENING STRATEGY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC.

Hawaii has the lowest COVID-19 numbers in the nation. Yet many states around the USA did not stop their youth sports/seasons. I strongly propose that you grant an athletic extension for seniors (at least) much like that is being proposed in California. Furthermore, why can't we as a state come up with a safe way to roll out youth Sports? Especially on the islands of Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i (where numbers are at its lowest).

Damien Silva

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Galdeira, Louis

From: lailina Wisoff <lailinaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Galdeira, Louis
Subject: concerned parent on Hamakua coast

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Hello, I am so grateful for the community discussion about reopening school and club sports in Hawaii. I, like many of the speakers, have a senior this year who feels his future is being driven farther and farther from what he had hoped for himself. He is #1 in his class at Honokaa High and wants more than anything to play college basketball. He feels like this was going to be his year, he was a late bloomer and is finally bigger and stronger and has been working so hard despite not being able to play organized sports.

We have so few cases on this part of the island that he and his friends do gather and play pick-up games at least twice per week. His mental health has been fragile, he told us a couple of weeks ago that he felt like he wasn't sure he could keep it together much longer, online school is not a fun learning experience for him and upon learning his basketball season was unlikely to happen, all the hope he had been holding onto slipped away.

Am I correct in believing that we could have some form of island community participation in basketball tournaments/meets if we came up with a plan for testing, temperature screening, limiting contact and spectators and sanitation? Is this worth creating a committee and a Gofundme page knowing it will cost for tests, thermometers, PPE and cleaning supplies?

Should I reach out and contact someone in my community and the broader community so that public school kids don't have to live with the injustice of sitting out while their private school counterparts are playing? I'm sure they would prefer to play with the much greater group of public school kids than just private school kids, but they don't have enough gyms. We need to be able to reopen school gyms and county gyms.

Please offer any advice that you might have.

Thanks again for getting this discussion started. I'm sorry I missed the end of the discussion if solutions were explored already.

Best to you!

Lailina

Galdeira, Louis

From: Galdeira, Louis
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Galdeira, Louis
Subject: FW: "Community Discussion on the Safe Opening of Organized Group Sports in Hawaii".

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From: Ernestine Miranda [mailto:savannahphoenix@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 8:57 AM
To: Galdeira, Louis <lgaldeira@honolulu.gov>
Subject: "Community Discussion on the Safe Opening of Organized Group Sports in Hawaii".

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Aloha,
I am in support of sports starting up in hawaii, for all the same reasons as discussed.

-High School Football is important for the seniors and their only opportunity to get game footage for athletic scholarship at the next level. Football is the only sport without "club" league so they need it.

- all other sports have "club" & thats where their opportunity is.

We need to open up club sports... soccer, volleyball, baseball, softball, track n field, etc at the club level...set the guidelines and have the each club league be responsible to follow through. High football should open up at the High school level, guidelines enforced by OIA/ILH/MIS/BIIF etc.

For the Kids!!
Ernestine Miranda

Sent from my iPhone

Written Testimony

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 Meeting Date 01-12-2021
 Council/PH Committee Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
 Agenda Item Res. 21-18
 Your position on the matter Comment
 Representing Self
 Organization

Aloha Chair Tupola, Vice Chair Fukunaga and members of the committee,

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Mahalo for your efforts to move towards a more positive and healthy new year.

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Written Testimony

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 Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services

Agenda Item RESOLUTION 21-18 – CREATION OF A STAKEHOLDER GROUP, Reopening of Outdoor Organized Sports

Your position on the matter Support

Representing Organization

Organization United States Tennis Association / Hawaii Pacific

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I support the reopening of outdoor organized team sports provided that the organization provides the required safe guidelines when submitting their facility usage permit. Many National Governing Bodies of Sport Organizations already have these guidelines in place and are currently being implemented. Organizations can be responsible and trusted to safely conduct their activities. Outdoor physical activity in a team or class setting is essential to sustaining health and wellness. People young and old are suffering from not being able to participate in these activities that build their immunity. The mental and physical benefits that these organization's programs offer are very important to the community outlasting the pandemic.

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Meeting Date	01-12-2021
Council/PH Committee	Executive Matters and Legal Affairs
Agenda Item	21-18
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self Friends for a Better Ewa
Written Testimony	I fully support this resolution. This should have been done on day one of implementing the Tier system. My only concern would be the make up of the group.
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