

Resolution 21-18, CD1 Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-27-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Kids Sports
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Please let the kids play. They need this more than ever. My child is a senior and is missing out on everything. She will never have a prom, who knows about graduation. Bring back sports so not all their memories will be of nothing.

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Meeting Date 01-27-2021

**Council/PH
Committee** Council

Agenda Item RES21-018

**Your position on
the matter** Support

**Representing
Organization** Organization

Organization Hawaii High School Athletic Association

**Written
Testimony** The Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) supports this Resolution and the creation of a stakeholder group. I am further willing to serve as part of this group and/or contribute to it in any way that I am able to. As one of five (will soon be three) states that have not been able to offer athletic opportunities for our student-athletes, Hawaii's youth are not having the same access as other students across the country to the critical development that high school athletics offers. It is imperative that we return youth (and high school sports) as soon as it is safe to practically do so. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony By allowing the children to get back to sports in a safe environment, allows them to stay in better health and out of trouble. They are thought responsibility and learn how to work together. The children need outdoor sports to keep them mentally and physically fit.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

I am a youth baseball coach and father of two student athletes. I have personally observed the physical damage that the closing of sports is doing to the children of Oahu. On our club baseball team of 12, one has quit and his father said he just sits inside all day on video games. 2 others have lost interest in baseball and gained a large amount of weight. These were all active, outgoing kids as well as good players. The short term damage of the shutdown has been done to these boys already. Let's not do any more physical and psychological harm to our kids. Even the most liberal states have figured out that kids sports can be done safely. A good portion of our Kupuna have been vaccinated already. Let's get the kids outside and on the field so they can be healthy both mentally and physically again.

Mahalo,
Erich Wida

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item Public Participation and Testimony
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization USA SOFTBALL OF HAWAII

Written Testimony

USA Softball of Hawaii believes that following strict rules relating to the COVID-19 virus can have players, both youth and adults back on the playing fields. Attached are recommendations USA Softball of Hawaii provided to its members back in 2020 when participants were permitted to play. Please be assured that we will follow all rules and procedures mandated by the City and County of Honolulu. We will police all activities and events to make sure teams, players, spectators and officials are following the rules and procedures. Aloha, Donald G. Meinel, Commissioner, USA Softball of Hawaii

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Safe Sports Resolution Hawaii
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I am in STRONG support of the Safe Sports resolution. Children need to be able to get back to playing sports ASAP. Being out since July and not being able to compete is taking a toll on our youth. Children are starting to get lazy and losing their competitive edge. Most other states have continued on with youth athletics and our children in Hawaii are falling behind.

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I support this Resolution. Let the kids play please Thank you
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Supervised physical activity outdoors with peers has valuable benefits for children. Continuing to deny them this healthy outlet is detrimental.
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Committee
Agenda Item RES21-018
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The keiki AND parents need to get out and live. As long as we all can take all necessary precautions, we can live, work, and play OUTSIDE.

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Organization	USA Softball
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Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

As a psychologist and a mother of young athletes, I support this Resolution. Since sports have been taken away from our children we have seen an increase in physical and mental health problems within our youth throughout the state. Due to the fact that outdoor sports have a low risk for COVID transmission, especially when all the necessary safeguards are in place, the children should be allowed to play sports. I have talked to countless parents that have described numerous issues that have arisen with their children since organized youth sports were discontinued almost a year ago. Our children's mental and physical health is truly at stake. Please allow youth sports! Thank you, Dr. Maureen Mench

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Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony In support of Safe sports Hawaii. Sports should be allowed with a set of strict rules. The kids need to get back to their sports, its possible to organize the return of sports in a safe manner.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Hi, my name is Ethan Yamamoto and I'm a senior at Moanalua High School who was hoping to play football this year. I am writing this to support Resolution 21-18. Simply put, we all know that sports are an important part of development in students. Sports build character, help people work as a team, and even hold student athletes accountable in the classroom. On top of that there's the obvious mental and physical health benefits from participating in athletics. Unfortunately for the student athletes of this state, sports as a whole have been shut down. And these talented and gifted students have been denied the opportunity to participate in sports that many have been playing for a majority of their lives. To deny these students this opportunity unjust, unfair, and quite frankly unnecessary. First of all COVID-19 is a generally mild illness for younger people. This has been proven by the CDC as the total number of COVID associated deaths thus far for people within the age group of 34 or younger is only 2,921. This is a shockingly low number as these deaths don't account for underlying health problems, meaning the number of people who died from COVID alone is a lot less. Not only that but 2,921 itself is really low. It's also important to note that out of 2,921 ; 2,278 of those were in the age group of 25-34. This shows that death among younger people is extremely rare when it comes to COVID. Moving to a more localized view of the data the State of Hawaii Department of Health reports 342 COVID related deaths of all age groups, while the CDC reports 281. Even going off of the State's numbers this shows that the death rate is extremely low. With the state reporting a total of 25,275 cases. That would make the mortality rate in Hawaii roughly 1.35%. This makes your chances of dying from COVID extremely low especially if your younger and without other health problems. The science is clear, this

is not a disease that we should overly fear. A majority of people who contract this disease will be fine and most will have little to no symptoms. This has been proven across the United States in schools as well. Schools have been able to open safely along with many of their sports programs. 27 states have completed their football seasons, with more either having most schools play, having partial play, and even more with seasons planned for the next few months. The states which have completed their seasons have seen little to no spikes in cases or deaths. A study from the University of Washington shows that out of 207 schools with over 30,000 students, over 16,000 practices, and more than 4,000 games only 271 athletes contracted the virus. With only one of the cases being confirmed to have spread through athletic activity. Out of all of the cases none were hospitalized and none died. Sports itself are not a danger to the health and well being of student athletes and their families. I'd argue it's quite the opposite. Cancelling sports entirely in Hawaii is a huge overreaction and is completely unnecessary. The student athletes of this state deserve the opportunity to play. For many of them, this is their life. Taking this away is cruel and unwarranted, especially at this point in time. We know it's safe, the data is clear. I hope you really consider giving us the choice to make the decision to play or not. Thank you for reading/listening.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Organization
Hawaiian Lions Basketball Club

On behalf of the Hawaiian Lions Basketball Club, I stand in support of Resolution 21-18 CD1, to start the process of reopening up competitive sports in Hawaii.

I works with youth between the 6th-12th grade to Inspire them to seek excellence in basketball and academics and to also give back to their community.

Written Testimony

I believe that with proper safety guidelines and protocols, competitive sports play can resume as being done in other states throughout our nation.

I ask that you consider the local people, from Keiki to Kupuna, who for too long have been cooped and deprived of accessing State and City & County Parks.

Mahalo for taking time to read my testimony.
David Shinbara
Hawaiian Lions Basketball Founder & Director

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 cd1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Children need to return to sports. The longer they wait, they are losing opportunities to play with friends, play in front of families. Some are in the last year of high school and already lost one season. The younger ones need these years to develop so they get opportunities to travel and play competitively and college scholarships. During the summer, my children were able to play a few games with modified rules and fortunately no one got sick. They are willing to adjust if given the opportunity to play.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I have a senior and a sophomore at Castle H.S. Both play sports and dance and drama activities. My kids really miss being with freinds and competition. My senior son is missing out in so many experiences and has trained for so many years for this year.

-I understand being a teacher and citizen that we need to be safe as a state for others and do our part in stopping spread of COVID-19

-But I believe we can do this safely like other states across U.S. with proper protocols and supervision by coaches and administrators. We can do this for our keiki.

- with supervision from. Coaches and teachers it is safer than unsupervised parties and large gatherings at houses or groups playing at parks and rec without any coaches or supervision ensuring safe protocols for spread of virus.

Written
Testimony

-I am a P.E. Teacher at an elementary school where kids are allowed to play freely without masks in or and recess.

-Professional and college sports have proven to keep safe intact most incidents happen outside of athletics w pro athletes not as result competition.

-Doctors have stated that direct contact with us 15 min within 3 ft can result in Covid transmission. But it has been proven with metrics with doctors analyzing data that athletes do not spend that much time in direct contact with others in playing area it's within seconds or less for contact within 3 ft

- There's also social economic bias and prejudice between private schools and public schools and facilities

- The private schools and recreation areas are able to practice and play games and do activities for families who can afford these schools

and areas. Upper social economic portion of our state has these privileges

- While our public schools and public facilities district parks are closed to practicing and games . Coaches cannot meet with kids who cannot afford these private schools and facilities. As result it's the haves and have nots in our society which means majority of students and kids are not physically active.

- as citizen please allow students to play in a safe manner and facilities to open up w supervision support.

- We as parents can support them to see our kids have fun. I am willing to not attend games and practices if it means my kids can play and perform and do things they enjoy

- many health and mental wellness problems are arising from lack of physical activity and social interaction, please help and support before it's too late in the year and we run out of time for them

- These seniors have it hardest

- Aloha for the help

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Agenda Item RES21-018
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Aloha I support RES21-018 Hawaii return to safesports. I am a coach, a parent and a 46 year old athlete. I'm the president of USATF Hawaii and a supporter of athletics for youth. One of many reasons for my supprt is there is less social distancing and likely spreading of the virus at Target/Wal-Mart and other big brand stores than there would be a an outdoor sporting event. Kids are missing out on an opportunity more than about earning a scholarship to college, but for clsure to their athletic career. The 2021 kids that play spring sports have missed out on nearly 2 seasons. I'd propose a smaller and crowd controlled event to learn then grow. There is nothing we can do to eliminate the risk of catching the disease but you can take precautions, and do those protocols to keep athletes safe. I'd ask that you consider micro events and perhaps testing for higher contact sports. PCR tests administered weekly will help lower the risks of wide spread infections. Give it a chance, and measure the success. The tier approach is against the success of the island because there are those that JUST WON'T follow the rules. Those folks are not athletes. Athletes are disciplined, and they want this. I ask that you give it a chance.

Mahalo.

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Committee Council
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Your position on
the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony I am over 70 years old and the lockdowns have destroyed my well
being. Soccer has kept me alive for more than 15 years. The closing
of the parks has resulted in much physical deterioration and currently
I am not able to run.
Mandates to "keep me safe" from covid are literally leading me to an
early grave.
PLEASE!!!!
ENOUGH!!!
Don't dictate how I die, let me have my choices....
Demitri Economou

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Committee
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Why are we allowing all of these tourist to come into our state but the local residents are the ones kept confined and restricted to the rules under tier 2. Please give the local residents a say in what can or can't be done safely within our own communities. Thank you

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Agenda Item RES21-018
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I strongly support anything to get our kids back out playing sports. As a parent of a teenager playing both travel and high school softball, and a member of USA Softball of Hawaii, I can say without a doubt, we can and have used established protocols to play softball on the island again. The protocols that were in place by the softball community were stricter than anything C & C had established at the time we were shut down 6 months ago. Lack of play here is sending many members of our community to the mainland, just for the opportunity to keep our kids collegiate dreams from being eliminated. My family is one of many doing so. You have many families going back and forth for the same reason. Wouldn't it make more sense to have these families staying on island, thus minimizing the risk of Covid-19 transmission in the community. Open up organized sports with protocols, so our kids can get back to playing sports they so desperately need to keep their mental and physical health at an optimal level!

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Agenda Item	Resolution 21-18CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony	Kids need exercise outdoor. Keep kids busy & out of trouble.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-18, CD1 Urging the creation of a stakeholder group to discuss restrictions imposed on sports and recreational activities
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	<p>I feel that public pools in the state of Oahu should be open for our our keiki and their swim clubs as well as those who choose to use the pools recreationally. Our swim clubs have still not been able to utilize our city pools while both Maui and Hawaii counties have resumed practices in their public pools. It is imperative that our keiki get back in the pool for their health and well being. It's been far too long.</p> <p>Please consider all the emotional benefits being part of an active team brings to our keiki and end these restrictions immediately so that they can get back in the pools.</p>
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Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony My 12 year old daughter misses the social interaction of her peers and the excitement of competition she gets through playing club soccer and softball. She has gained 10 lbs since sports have been banned. Please allow sports to be started again.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

I understand that this pandemic is scary and people are getting sick & some fatal but it should be up to the kids and parents to decide if a person should or shouldn't play any sport. Believe me when I say that I DO NOT take this Virus lightly. When we are out, I and my family take precautions. We wear our mask, constantly wash & sanitize our hands/everything. If leagues or organizations have safety protocols for parents, coaches, volunteers and players they should be allowed to play.
Kids need this to help them physically, mentally, emotionally and socially.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Organization
808Futsal

Aloha! Thank you for the opportunity to be part of Safe Sport Hawaii and to represent the sport of Futsal as well. We strongly support moving forward with the reopening of all youth sports. The mental and physical health of our keiki is at stake.

Written Testimony 808Futsal is a privately owned and operated (indoor soccer) sports facility. Youth & adult players alike call our place home. It has been a place where players can come express & enjoy themselves. We feel that with the proper safety protocols that we have put in place we can resume in a manner that is not only safe but will allow players to flourish in a time that is changing for them moment by moment.

Mahalo!

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Agenda Item	Reopening Sports
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Organization Chelsea Soccer Club
Written Testimony	I support reopening sports to allow adults and kids to maintain their mental health and fitness.
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Dear Lawmakers, we are the voting public who voted to put you folks in office to make decisions that are best for US.. Not what's best for the DOE. Please hear our voices and let our kids get back to some type of normal sports activities. They are lonely, depressed, and getting into trouble. Please help us parents as well. We are struggling to manage work, schools and keeping kids out of trouble. Sports help us with that.

Mahalo,
Jasmine

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha lawmakers,
I am Jayden Maiava a quarterback from Kaimuki high school. I am praying that you consider bringing back our football season so that i can showcase my talent and hopefully get a full ride scholarship to a D1 school. I come from a family of 8 kids and a mom and dad with only one income from my dad's job. There is no way that my parents could afford to send me to college without a football scholarship. Like so many of my friends, we come from a underserved community that don't have all the money to travel to camps and showcases. football is my only way that I can get to a good college. I feel I have good enough quarterback skills to get to a D1 school and play football while I earn a degree in business. If I graduate from college and don't make it to the NFL, I hope to own my own business here in Hawaii and help other local kids become great athletes as well.
Please please please allow us to play. I am willing to follow all safety protocols to be able to play the game I love.
Thank you for your time. I hope you will make a decision in the favor of us kids who have already suffered for so long.

Mahalo,
Jayden

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

It's time to look at the overall mental and physical health of our citizens.

Written Testimony

As reported in a recent Mental Health America report, over 70% of Moderate to Severe anxiety/ depression sufferers reported their condition is a result of loneliness or isolation.

According to the same study, in 2020 the number of people seeking help, due to anxiety or depression has "skyrocketed." The first nine months of 2020 saw a 93% increase from 2019.

Safely increasing physical activity, through organized sports, is a proven remedy to counter mental anxiety and depression.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Hawaii has stripped some many children from future opportunities with scholarships by shutting down youth sports. Colleges have asked for updated game footage that we are unable to provide because the State of Hawaii is living under a rock and not looking at the science of lack of transmission of COVID during athletic events. States with much higher positivity have played all sports since beginning of the school year with very few issues. Senior years that the kids will never get back and missed opportunities for furthering their education with scholarships because with economy in the tank and the state closed fewer kids will receive that extra financial aid needed to go to college. Unfortunately this state cares very little about the keiki, since the first budget cuts immediately go against them and the educators. Do the right thing for once and open up sports for the kids. Schools and sports should never have been stopped in the first place.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

As a parent of two boys I urge you to pass this resolution. Our youth are suffering with school closures and the cancelation of sports and other group activities. Group sports are essential for physical and mental health and should be allowed sooner than in the current Tier system. This group is needed to address and adjust the restrictions put on sports and recreational activities. These activities can be done safely and public schools need access to allow students to participate in them. There needs to be a greater sense of urgency to support our youth. Please pass this for the sake of our youth. Mahalo.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I am a soccer player and I feel that we should be able to play. I am coming up to the last semester of my Junior year, and my chances of getting seen by college coaches are getting smaller every day. Playing soccer might be a way for me to get to college, so I really hope that this resolution will be passed.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

I support Resolution 21-18 CD1. My son is a junior in high school, as well as an avid soccer player. He has played soccer since he was five years old... and this is the longest time frame that he has not been able to play soccer, in his entire life. He was fortunate enough to be able to participate in strength and conditioning drills through his ILH Varsity team, however the hope of having a season was ripped away from him earlier this month. Now, he is back to square one. With his sights set on playing soccer in college, this year is especially crucial in the recruiting process. Without being able to play competitive games, let alone train with his club team, his progress is at a standstill. We as well as others that we know, have been forced to travel out of state, to play in tournaments. Having to make this choice, just to be able to compete in his sport, was a tough one to make. Please let our student athletes get back to playing the sports that they have dedicated most of their lives to. There are ways that we can open sports back up safely...Let Them Play!

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Please allow the kids and us adults to play. We are 1 of 3 states that do not allow sports. My son is a junior high school soccer player and deserves the opportunity to play at a collegiate level like kids from the mainland. He can't do that if we stay locked down. Please allow the kids to play.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

As a psychologist, I have seen first hand the significant toll that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken on mental health. There has been an alarming increase in anxiety and depression in our community, including our youth, that has resulted in significant mental distress, including the extreme and tragic outcome of suicide. Mental health cannot be separated from physical health and overall immunity that is known to be compromised by stress.

Written
Testimony

In our efforts to curb the effects of one disease, COVID-19, the restrictive policies currently in place are actually causing new illnesses with far reaching consequences that truly have a much more dire impact on our community, particularly our youth, than the virus itself. The ability to participate in sports is a much needed outlet for our youth with considerable benefits: the opportunity to burn off stress and decrease psychological dysfunction, overall physical health to counteract the risks of being sedentary and online, increased engagement and commitment to academics with long-term consequences for their future, the ability to socialize with peers and to work as a team toward shared goals, and a sense of hopefulness with an eye toward the future.

Early in this pandemic, a 15-year-old boy killed himself because he could not see beyond the restrictions of the pandemic and felt hopeless that life would ever go back to "normal." We all need a sense of normalcy and hope, and our youth need it most of all because they literally lack the neurological development to think abstractly and see beyond the troubles of today.

Moreover, youth sports can be played safely (there are many proven protocols already in practice across the country), and I strongly encourage this council to support the return of sports for our keiki for the mental, physical and social benefits that far outweigh the risk of COVID-19.

In addition to the safe return of youth sports, we desperately need a stakeholder group to discuss the impact of the COVID restrictions on our entire community including our small businesses. It is news to no one that we are in a dire situation, as the economic losses are taking a devastating toll on the financial, mental and physical wellbeing of our families.

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Written Testimony	LET THE KIDS PLAY!
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Agenda Item Resolution 21-18 CD1
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I am writing testimony to voice my support of the Council's resolution to pursue the re-opening of outdoor sports.

I am a parent of two keiki that previously participated in outdoor sports on Oahu (club soccer, golf, tennis)

Under the previous administration, instead of utilizing science and researching what actually occurs with outdoor sports, they arbitrarily shut down the outside sports and activities. The keiki of Oahu have continued to suffer educationally, socially, and physically because it has been decided it is better to shut down the schools and sports rather than opening these functions within safe parameters b/c the safe parameters cannot be agreed upon.

Written Testimony Science and other states have demonstrated and shown that the rate of transmission of Covid-19 within organized sports is not higher than rates of transmission out in the community. By allowing organized sports to resume within safe parameters, our children will be benefit from healthier lifestyles in a number of various categories: mental, physical, social, and physiological.

- Please allow our community sports to resume within safe parameters
- not just the schools. Science has shown that the younger keiki experience the lowest rate of transmission of Covid-19 with the lowest risk of serious complications but yet have not been allowed to play organized sports. The different sports communities should submit plans on the safety protocols they will be implementing so that they can be held accountable if these protocols are not followed.
- Allow families to decide if this is something that they would like their keiki to participate in. There will still be families that do not feel it is in

the best interests of their families to participate in these sports. Just as some families have selected in person private schooling and some elected online distance learning, our families should be allowed to choose.

The State and the County of Honolulu have sent conflicting messages about what entities are deemed "safe" and are allowed to function and remain open. The Water Park in Kapolei is open with excited, screaming and happy keiki and families from different households present. Yet, these same keiki are not able to participate in a soccer game or a tennis match, etc. This does not make sense. The same can be said for the malls remaining open. There are people shopping and standing in close proximity at malls and Costco, etc., but we cannot sit (distanced 6 ft) at an outdoor soccer game.

I am pleased that the new administration is seeking to look into these restrictions and guidelines and determine if there are changes that can be made to allow re-opening of activities that actually promote the health of our keiki/citizens and also contribute to salaries of local coaches.

It was so disheartening to hear that Hawaii was one of three States (other two being CA and NY) that didn't have kids sports this past year. What a horrible statistic for Hawaii to have, and please let us look to other states that have had much better practices regarding the management of Covid -19.

Thank you.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I am a father of 2 High School athletes and also of a 7th grade athlete. I have been a youth sports coach (Football and Baseball) at the intermediate level for the past 10 years. I fully support this resolution by Councilwoman Tupola. Our Keiki of all ages need sports for their social, physical and emotional well being. Most communities across the US have returned to sports in a safe manner to help their children cope as best they can with this pandemic. Only in Hawaii are we so locked into fear that we have inaction. The easiest thing in the world is to just say no to this. Mahalo to Councilwoman Tupola and the others advocating for our youth! Bottom line as a Coach and as a Father, I 100% support these efforts. All of us are willing to follow the correct protocols with masks, social distancing and game/practice modifications to get our kids off the couch and out in the sunlight and fresh air doing the things kids should do. Mahalo

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Organization

Written Testimony

I am in support of allowing our fast pitch softball teams to engage in practices. I have witnessed that while practicing, our girls have been adhering to maintaining 6' distances from each other, the girls have been wearing their masks, shared equipment disinfected constantly and precautions taken such as temperature checks and hand cleaning done before and after practices. The coaches have been doing an excellent job with maintaining COVID guidelines and have even gone as far as setting up a washing station at all practices. While I understand that there are necessary measures in place to try and gain control of our current situation, our children are suffering the most. These practices can help provide some form structure in our children's lives. They have no outlet for their energy, no normalcy of interacting with people. Our children need to be able to socialize even just for an hour or 2. Thank you for your time!!

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Written Testimony

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 Your position on the matter Support
 Representing Self
 Organization

Written Testimony Since the sports programs have not been able to continue it has been Duffy for athletes like my daughter to promote herself as a candidate for collegiate sports and possible college opportunities. It has also been mentally disheartening for her as she is a senior this year. As a four year varsity player it is devastating.

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Written Testimony

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 Your position on the matter Support
 Representing Organization
 Organization USA Softball of Hawaii & HHSAA

I have played and still coach baseball and fast pitch softball, and I am pledging my full support for the Safe Sports Hawaii resolution for several reasons.

First of all, keeping our athletes and their families out of the parks to lessen the exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 virus appears to be one of the justifications for the the lock down. However, what this has done is forced athletes, like my son and daughter, to travel to the mainland to play sports in COVID-19 "hot spot" states like Arizona, where I am writing you from, therefore further exposing our athletes and their families to the virus. I feel as though if there was sports in Hawaii, many of our island athletes would remain at home because of the virus, instead of risking travel to the mainland.

Written
Testimony

Secondly, sports like baseball and softball are naturally "social distanced," with the exception of the catcher and umpire at home plate, which can be altered by placing the umpire behind the pitcher, if need be. I know crowds are a worry, but if it is made clear to players' family and friends that viewing the game would be from afar instead of from the bleachers it would be doable. This could be done through legislation supported by league mandates, which USA Softball adhered to when sports reopened this past June/ July by mandating the wearing of masks by everyone on the premises; restricting families from sitting in the bleachers or behind the backstop to watch games; social distancing players inside the dugouts by using the empty bleachers or other seating; sanitizing dugouts in between games, and not allowing teams to pot luck or linger after games to prevent gatherings.

Lastly, I have seen and heard the benefits of exposure to UV rays in battling the COVID-19 virus. There are not too many other places in the world with more UV rays than Hawaii where we experience 80-85 degree weather year round, and keeping kids and their families at home does not allow us to utilize this resource to our advantage in fighting the virus.

The virus is scary of course, but I think living in fear is the worst thing we can do right now, especially for our youth. Masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing is the "new norm" and in my experience at work and in the community we have been in compliance with this new norm. I ask that we soften the regulations by allowing outdoor sports,

which can take place in phases like allowing teams to practice only, then, if the virus numbers remain stable, allow scrimmages and then games. Once again, I STRONGLY SUPPORT the Safe Sports Hawaii resolution. Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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 Your position on the matter Support
 Representing Self
 Organization

I am in support of bringing back organized sports for kids, with enhanced safety protocols. My son is a freshman at Waipahu HS at Full Distanced Learning and doing well at school. He participates in private lessons throughout this covid situation (when allowed) and has trained with sanitization of equipment and wearing of a sports mask 100% of the time. It took some getting used to, but he is able to run full practices for an hour WITH his mask on. I truly believe that student athletes in close contact types of sports, who compete WITH masks, should be able to compete. Modifying rules like additional rest periods, or "sanitizing breaks" can easily be implemented to enhance safety. There should be 1 person per team allowed to video record the event. No additional spectators to quell "super spreader" concerns. If the student and team want to compete "with the safest allowable protection", have them start training WITH masks. Unfortunately this pandemic isnt going to end soon, so it should become "the new norm" to keep our kids as safe as possible. It may not be easy and yes, the student will need to adjust.. but at reducing the risk to the athlete? It's a no brainier to me.

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Written Testimony	I am representing myself, my children and my patients.
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
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Written Testimony Please start youth activities up again. The youth are suffering unnecessarily. Their mental and physical health and wellness is just as important as anyone else's.

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Written Testimony I strongly support the Resolution to establish safe protocols for organized sports and recreational activities currently prohibited by the COVID-19 Honolulu Reopening Strategy. Please pass this resolution so we can start playing sports again.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony It pains me to see my children suffering from the inability to play organized sports when they are already confined to home studies and multiple restrictions throughout society. This needs to change now. I fully support a bill that allows the youth to exercise responsibly and under the watchful eye of a professional.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Open sports for kids. If contact sports in numbers of five and the water park can open and also the ILH are allowing their students to have their season, the OIA should have done the same. Whoever is in charge of these decisions have robbed by son who is a senior from defending his two state titles in swimming, break the OIA record and achieve his All-American time. These students want to break records and go to college, too. If health concern is really as bad as we are led to believe, then why not shut all of it down both ILH and OIA. Open the public pools for club swimming. They are outdoors. They are social distanced and they are in chlorine. These "rules" make no sense and don't seem to follow the science. Open things up for the sake of our kids and their mental, emotional, and physical health. Thank you

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Written Testimony	Local residents should be able to determine what is safe and not safe related to the guidelines. We need to take care of the people who live here first before letting visitors come back to our state.
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony As a physician and father of 10 children, I value, practice and promote daily exercise. It has immediate and lifelong value, instilling multi-faceted healthy habits that persist. The benefits are far reaching. Please consider reopening youth sports soon. Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Organization
Wai Kahala Baseball

Written Testimony

Hello, my name is William Hom, and I am one of the Directors for Wai Kahala Baseball. I believe organized youth sports can re-open safely now with the proper guidelines. During Spring/Summer 2020, we were able to re-start youth sports with rules such as mandatory masks for all participants/spectators, social distancing at all times, and constant disinfecting of equipment/sitting areas (ie- dugouts). When leagues are giving specific rules to follow, it makes it safer for everyone involved, as well as the community as a whole. Currently, if you drive by any park, you'll find many teams (in all different sports, not just baseball) breaking rules, and holding practices. This is done without any official rules or guidelines. It is obvious that HPD and City and County are not enforcing any Covid rules, so this has become a safety concern for not just those involved, but many others through contact as well. Let's re-open organized youth sports the right way, so everyone can do it properly, and keep the community as a whole safer.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
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Written Testimony My son is 14 years old and has been in Karate and Water polo for the past 2 years. This brings him much joy and gives him an avenue to release stress and exercise. It's been very difficult for him to manage without these activities. It's imperative to his mental well being.

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Written Testimony	I believe the proposed plan allows sports to be conducted safely.
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Organization
Jr Prep Sports Hawaii

Written Testimony I come to you as a volunteer and former team owner in JPS HAWAII, and as a parent whose son received 22 Division 1 scholarship offers because he had a chance to showcase himself. Our Hawaii athletes need to compete. 40 states are open for Sports now; therefore, Hawaii needs to do what's right and open up ALL SPORTS especially youth Sports today. Thank you Council members for doing what's right! Lockdowns are a thing of the past. Please Kokua and Malama da Keiki!!

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I am in support of the high school athletic programs playing as scheduled...it is so unfair to penalize our kids more than they already have sacrificed...high school seniors in particular have practiced for years and years to win a college scholarship to allow them to have their college paid for...to not allow them to compete and show their abilities is criminalhow can Texas...Louisiana ...Florida ...Georgia and many more states allow their kids the opportunity but we cannot here in Hawaii???....

the things our children learn in athletics provide our children with the skills and fundamentals they need for success not only on the field but in life....those being sacrificing for each otherteam work...never quittingfighting through any adversity....we here in Hawaii have had 10 months to figure out how to do it safely...not rocket science here....copy what other states have implemented...Mahalo for your time....Coach June Jones

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Your position on the matter Comment
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Regarding safe sports, we are in favor of getting organized sports back into a program with safety protocols such as the pro- athletes are allowed to do. Players can be tested before game. Have sanitization of equipment and hand washing in between matches or on breaks. Spectators can watch virtually. Sports play a integral role in total health - mental, physical and spiritual for players, their families and coaches and all involved. Even modified tournaments that could take place over two days would be better than nothing. Athletes above all know how to take care of their bodies and constantly monitor their health to be in top physical condition. We should not impede their growth and passion rather find constructive ways to support them.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Thank you for this opportunity to opine. My name is Peter Nakagawa, and I am a youth baseball and softball coach, as well as a former Vice President of the Central Oahu Baseball Association. My opinion is mine alone, and is based on my personal observations through my employment and through my involvement in youth sports during the state of emergency.

Written Testimony

Over the decades as a youth coach and as a police officer, I have seen the critical role that youth sports plays in our communities across our islands. Not only does sports develop physically and mentally fit and healthy citizens, it also teaches those life lessons of cooperation, sportsmanship, struggle, competition, and hard work. By taking this opportunity away from our children, we have weakened them in ways that we will not see immediately. This is not speculation, but an unfortunate and inevitable truth.

Opening outdoor team sports up can be done safely, as it was in the summer. Social distancing, sanitizing, personal hygiene, and personal responsibility were practiced by the baseball and softball communities on Oahu. By following those protocols and established best practices, we can have our kids continue their mental, emotional, and physical development through sports.

I understand that some parents would not agree with my position. All parents should, and will always have the option to not enroll their children in sports if they so chose. However, their personal beliefs should not interfere with the development of my own young children.

Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
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Written Testimony If done properly, sports should be reopened as soon as possible, Tier 2, as they are integral in so many ways for so many people. Fitness, outdoor recreation, comradery, and jobs are all important factors to consider.
I politely support and request Resolution 21-18 CD1 be approved as quickly as possible.
Mahalo

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Organization
Oahu League Of Hawaii Youth Soccer Association
Written Testimony We are in support of Resolution 21-18 CD1 as feel the sport industry in Oahu needs to come back with enforceable protocols to ensure a safe resumption of athletic activities. This is especially important for physical and mental health of players and coaches, and provides income to referees, coaches, and administrators.
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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Please allow to start playing sports again. We are 1 of 3 states that do not allow sports. I am a junior soccer player in high school and deserves the opportunity to play at a collegiate level like other teenagers from the mainland. We can't do that if we stay locked down forever. Please allow us to play sports. This lockdown is causing a lot of unnecessary stress.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Aloha my name is Kimberly Ah Soon, and I am a parent of a 17-year-old high school student who plays competitive soccer with HYSA and MISO as well as a varsity soccer player at Kamehameha Schools Kapalama. I cannot express how difficult it has been to not have my daughter train or play for almost an entire year. The last time she played a game in Hawaii was at the HHSAA Soccer Tournament last year in 2020. She was able to train, about for two week a few months later before getting shut down again. She has accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of Nevada Reno and hasn't been able to train with her team and play any games. I had to move her to Las Vegas for a few months to live with her sister and do online school so that she could train with a soccer team in Las Vegas. She was able to train with a team for 3 days a week and get in a couple of scrimmages. It was a drastic measure to take, but it was necessary for her keep her competitive training going. Not being able to train or play soccer in Hawaii has been extremely difficult for her physically and mentally. She does zoom training for speed and quickness and trains by herself, but this is not optimal for her. She returned in December to be able to play soccer in High School and now that has been taken away. As a senior in high school so many things have been taken away from them and just to be able to be outside safely with her teammates and play again would be beneficial for all. Getting ready to play at a collegiate level is difficult when there are no opportunities here at home. Opening up sports in Hawaii can be done safely. We cannot continue to keep everyone in a bubble. Practicing safe precautions will enable sports to open back up. My daughter's mental and physical health is being compromised. Give our keiki an opportunity to be normal again and put a smile on thier face and heart. Mahalo!

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I'm a gymnastics coach on the island for the last 22 years, as well as a parent of 2 student athletes, ages 15 and 11. I implore you to bring back sports now. The damage that has been done to our youth keeping them from getting exercise as well as honing their skills is tragic. The numbers of kids who've had no choice but to quit their sports is beyond sad. Gone are their scholarship opportunities, confidence, pride, morale and much more. The depression out their in the community is alarming. Kids who were once outgoing, active and energetic are now, withdrawn, depressed and overweight. The amount of hours each day kids now spend indoors, glued to the Xbox or other video game platforms has skyrocketed. That can't be good for our kids! Sports can come back safely and should, ASAP. We will all wear masks and follow guidelines. We will take careful attendance to help with contact tracing. We will continue to take temperatures. You can't put a price on the cost of keeping sports shut down. Kids have lost all motivation. They need to be with their peers and challenge their bodies and minds. It is essential to the mental health of our keiki. Please don't form a study or a group that could take months. Take action now for the well being of our youth. Their mental health is at stake. Everything has a risk, but keeping things shut down will only make our situation worse. We cannot live in a bubble forever.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Organization
All Hawaii Sports

Written Testimony

The kids need to go out & play sports in a safe manner. This is very crucial for many kids, which has a great impact on their lives physically & mentally. Many states have kids sports & are doing fine. It's so sad to witness so many kids going through depression. Allow the parents & kids to make life choices. Sports to many kids are food for their mental & physical health. They're starving for it.

Sports also play a huge impact on college admissions for many students. It gives students a chance to get a college education. A lot of parents can't afford a college tuition. How will the students get that opportunity if they can't play sports? Please let the kids play. They have been robbed with so much already. Give them hope & opportunities!

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I strongly support Resolution 21-61 to implement Safe Sports for Public High Schools in our state. Many of our students use athletics as a platform to further their education. College tuition fees are increasing, and many of our youth depends on athletics to pay for those rising costs. Our youth are also suffering academically, mentally, emotionally, & socially. Sports are a clear motivating factor in the academics of our students. It is clear in the recent data of our schools across the state. Our student-athletes are also becoming more and more depressed due to the circumstances we have been facing with COVID-19. Sports has been an outlet for our youth to increase their confidence & self-esteem. Student-athletes are less likely to engage in criminal acts if they are spending their time focusing on positive activities like Sports. Providing a plan for safe sports is possible. Many high schools across the nation have been able to accomplish it. All it takes is a plan. I know that our state is better than this. We are very much capable of having a plan in place that will ensure Safe Sports in our schools. I have examined the plan that has been proposed by Safe Sports 808. It is solid, and I support it. The choice should be left up to the parents/families & athletes. I ask that you trust the plan. Thank you!

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

As a parent of two high school athletes, I urge you to allow participation in sports to begin immediately. The disadvantages of keeping kids from playing greatly outweigh the advantages. Not only are kids suffering physically from inactivity, but their mental health is being jeopardized as well. Thousands of kids have been successfully and happily participating in sports on the mainland (and at Hawaii private schools) for many months. It has been proven that it can be done safely and effectively. These athletes do not get a redo. Many have been working to obtain college athletic scholarships for many, many years. That is all being taken away from them. The negative affects of not participating in sports could potentially follow them throughout their lives. It may affect their future educational and career choices. Children need play, socialization and exercise. I urge you to follow the science, make the tough choice and get these kids back on the fields and courts. Many of their futures depend on it. Mahalo for your time.

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Written Testimony

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Organization

Written Testimony

My, name is Jesse Markham, I own a small family insurance business that has been adversely affected by the restrictions of the last 10 months from the Ige and Caldwell administrations. That said my greater concern is the shut down of youth sports since early March 2020. I have played soccer for nearly 40 years and have coached club soccer for the last 6 years. My two sons play both club soccer and baseball throughout the year and have been not been able to have actual games in nearly 11 months (soccer). Unlike many clubs we have been fortunate to be able to train at a private school for the last 5 months fully masked, socially distanced, etc. What I have seen first hand is that of the 150-200 kids that we coach we have not had any Covid issues from playing soccer. Likewise my sons who practice baseball at a public park in Kailua were able to run an 8 or 9 week season this past summer prior to Caldwell's shutdown. During that time players wore masks, socially distanced, and families sat in the outfield masked and by social units. There were zero Covid cases in Kainalu Little League. My boys continue to have weekly baseball practices at Aikahi Park with small groups and no issues. As a parent and a coach I want my kids to be able to play and compete with others--not for scholarships (they are in elementary) but for the life lessons and the socialization that occurs with sports. I think we need to look at other states and see what best practices can be borrowed and implemented so that we can get kids and young adults back on the field, court, gym, etc. I travel for work to the neighbor islands and grew up on the Big Island. I see that here locally the other islands have figured out how to be safe and let kids play at the same time. If no action is taken you are going to more rogue people just not follow rules. At the high school level we will see a drain of kids from this state in the fall. Do the right thing guided by science

but to have an arbitrary number associated with Tier 4 requirement in order to play organized sports is defeating. The kids suffer not being able to laugh, play, socialize, and compete in their respective sports. Mahalo for your consideration. Jesse Markham

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization United States Tennis Association Hawaii Pacific Inc.

Written Testimony
The United States Tennis Association Hawaii Pacific Inc. supports the Safe Sports Hawaii Resolution 21-18 CDI. We feel that the safe protocols established by this group will allow for the return of organized sports and recreational activities with safety and health has a number one priority. During this prolonged period of Covid 19, sports and recreational activities are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. In addition, with the stay at home and work at home orders, it is important for our residents to socialize in a safe and healthy manner. We are in 100 % support of Resolution 21-18 CDI.
Thank you. Ron Romano

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Representing Self
Organization

Dear Honolulu City & County Counsel Members,

I am writing in support of Resolution 21-18 CD1. I feel strongly that an earlier return to organized sports is needed here on our island and an action plan should be immediately developed to do so.

Written
Testimony

As a parent of 3 children that are heavily involved with both indoor and outdoor recreations sports I have seen a decline in their morale and health. As their parents my husband and I have encouraged and involved ourselves in alternative activities, but we are finding it's increasingly hard to keep them encouraged. They need their coaches and friends (teammates)!

I ask that we work to find an earlier and safe way for the health and development of our community.

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Written Testimony

I am not asking for or expecting that school sports in Hawaii should open up completely this school year, but I am asking that there be honest research and genuine consideration put into answering the question, "What safety protocols can we implement to allow sports to return for the sake of our youths' physical, social, and mental health and well-being in a way that is acceptable to State and Federal health requirements." Simply saying, "No sports" is clearly a lazy position to take since Hawaii is only one of a handful of states not playing school sports, and we are not hearing of any student contracting and dying of Covid-19 from a school sporting event across the nation. Simply saying "No sports" or "No school" for that matter is a sign that lawmakers are more afraid of being held responsible for those one or two incidents that may arise, than they are about stunting the development of an entire population of youth, the latter being much harder to attribute to policy but much more damaging to the community if we are to be honest with ourselves. Clearly, this seems like it may be worth kids' well-being to study how effectively other states do this, and see if it is something that we can do here. I think that we have been too lazy about trying to help kids play sports safely, and much more should and safely can be done to help them have the quality of life they deserve.

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Written Testimony

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I am in support of the high school athletic programs playing as scheduled...it is so unfair to penalize our kids more than they already have sacrificed...high school seniors in particular have practiced for years and years to win a college scholarship to allow them to have their college paid for...to not allow them to compete and show their abilities is criminalhow can Texas...Louisiana ...Florida ...Georgia and many more states allow their kids the opportunity but we cannot here in Hawaii???....

Written
Testimony

the things our children learn in athletics provide our children with the skills and fundamentals they need for success not only on the field but in life....those being sacrificing for each otherteam work...never quittingfighting through any adversity....we here in Hawaii have had 10 months to figure out how to do it safely...not rocket science here....copy what other states have implemented...Mahalo for your time....Coach June Jones

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Representing Self
Organization

I am a Student Athlete Mom, a Senior Mom, a Basketball Mom, a Mom... like many other moms who wants what's only best for our kids. I am pleading and hoping for a safe and doable solution that will allow our kids to play. I am in support of the safe reopening of High School organized sports and competition in Hawaii.

Written
Testimony

My Son lives and breathes basketball. He's been training, practicing, and playing competitively since the 2nd grade. And this year, 2021, was suppose to be "The Year". It was suppose to be his year to wrap up his High School basketball career and say, "HE DID IT". He did it, despite of all the challenges. He did it, throughout the pain. He did it with the support of his coaches, teammates, and family. And he did it, because he believed in himself.

Basketball is his 1st love, his joy, his hope and his Reason. When they took his last season away, they also took away his motivation. They took away his spark. And they took away his last chance to share his light and love for the game. My son has pushed through so many challenges, both physically and mentally. He suffers with depression. With the love and support from family, friends, and coaches, he has learned to use tools to manage, find light, and cope. Please, do not take away his way to cope... Not his Senior year. Organized sports and competition has given him confidence, strength, opportunities, and a reason.

I am a supportive basketball mom. I am a mom who will drop anything and everything to watch my son compete and see him shine. But I am also mom who will give up watching my son's game to give him a chance to play. We need to do this for our kids. We can limit or have

no spectators and we can enforce strict safety protocols.
The work can be done. Our kids deserve it.

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Written Testimony

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To whom it may concern,

Written
Testimony

My name is Damien Silva and I strongly support the Safe Sports Hawaii Resolution. I am a Hawaii Public School Teacher, Softball/Baseball Coach and a proud parent of 4 keiki that participate in athletics which range from football to baseball. The dire need for athletics is at a tipping point. A point at which I made the decision last week Friday to have my child transfer to the mainland and live with relatives. A sacrifice as a parent that needed to be made so that he could get an opportunity to play the game that he loves. A game in which that he may be able further his education and get the financial assistance that he desperately needs to attend college. However for the great majority of our keiki that is an option that they will never have the opportunity to entertain. I feel for these kids and their Ohana as youth sports has come to a screeching halt due to COVID-19. However, all hope perhaps is not lost. Here on the Big Island, we have been afforded the opportunity to have our reiki play thanks to the Big Island Woodbat League led by Coach Kaha Wong (Kolten Wong's Father). Indeed there were many concessions that were made to afford our kids to play. Concessions such as no spectators, games subject to cancellations and enhanced sanitation/screening were just a few of the sacrifices our community in Hilo made for our keiki. We have the safest COVID-19 numbers in the nation. I believe we can safely roll out organized sports safely. We have a blue print here to follow already being done by Hawaii County and the Big Island Woodbat League. Please bring youth sports back immediately here in our state. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Damien Silva

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Written
Testimony

I am writing you today to express my support of Resolution 21-18 CD1. As a parent of a child who loves sports, I can share with you that my son has been devastated both mentally and physically by the complete shut down of athletics since the pandemic. Sports are so much more than physical activity, and having been deprived of these activities for almost a year is having a detrimental effect on our youth. All experts agree, playing sports does not increase the risk of spreading covid-19. There are safe and secure ways to reinstate sports on our island, many states on the mainland have successfully restarted their sports programs. We actually traveled to AZ recently so my son could play a soccer game. Spectators were limited, physical distancing enforced, all had to wear masks and social gatherings of any kind were prohibited. It is doable. Thank you for your consideration.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony The reopening of youth sports is imperative to their social and emotional development and physical health. Data shows that Covid-19 transmission rates are low among children and with safe practices in place can be mitigated. Our children are ready, understand the magnitude of this virus and are willing to follow the protocols necessary. At this point in time, the benefits outweigh the risks.
Mahalo for your time,
Maren Cantrell

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