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HB NO.457 RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Honorable Committee Members,

The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) **SUPPORTS THIS BILL**

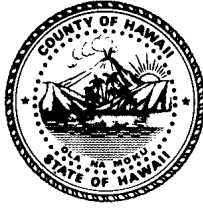
We support the intent of the legislature to place reasonable limits on collaboration with the federal government in instances where individual rights enshrined in the state constitution and statute are implicated.

The federal courts have recognized the questionable constitutionality of civil immigration detainers. These are not criminal charges. They are for individuals *suspected of violating civil immigration law*, which is not a crime. To the individuals who are impacted, they are in custody and their lives in the United States are in jeopardy; the differentiation of federal and state law is an abstraction.

We see the due process expansion created in Section 2 as a corollary to the well-established Miranda warning that law enforcement is required to administer to protect an individual's civil liberties. We believe it necessary to add further legislative intent to the bill to support law enforcement in the implementation of this expansion of due process.

The language found in HRS 802E-2 was carefully crafted to apply due process to individuals who may enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or admission of guilt to violations or crimes. It should be referenced in the creation of forthcoming specific language for law enforcement.

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25 Aupuni Street • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

DATE: February 27, 2025

TO: House Committee on Economic Development and Technology

FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member
Council District 2

SUBJECT: HB 457

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support** of HB457. The purpose of this bill is to require state and county law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody before any interview with U.S. ICE on certain matters regarding civil immigration violations.

This bill would ensure that prior to any interview between ICE and an individual, the individual shall be provided a written consent form in their native language that explains the purpose of the ICE interview, that the interview is voluntary, and that they may decline to be interviewed or may choose to be interviewed only with their attorney present.

Additionally, upon receiving an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, state and county law enforcement agencies shall provide a copy of the request to the individual and notify the individual as to whether state and local law enforcement intends to comply with ICE. State and county law enforcement will also notify the individual's attorney or the individuals designee within 2 business days.

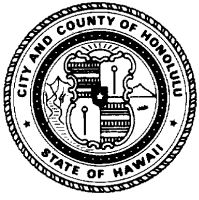
While the state has very little control over what and how federal immigration agents conduct their work, it can set standards for how its residents' civil rights and due process are treated, while in state/county custody. This bill recognizes that each resident of our state deserves to meaningfully understand their rights and to make the best decision they are able to with a full grasp of the facts at hand.

I urge you to support this bill. Requiring state and county law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody prior to any interview with ICE of certain matters regarding civil immigration violations is fair, just, and supported by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

Mahalo,

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Jenn Kagiwada



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January 29, 2025

House Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

RE: HB457 - Relating To Civil Rights Protections

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members,

I write in support of House Bill 457 (HB457), which establishes procedures and protocols to maintain victim and witness trust in our local law enforcement. Through my current role at the City and as a former deputy prosecuting attorney, I see the need for continued cooperation and collaboration between law enforcement agencies to keep our community safe, and I applaud the sacrifice and service of men and women that serve at the local, state, and federal levels. I also see a need for our community to understand the different and unique role of local law enforcement.

As a former deputy prosecuting attorney, I believe our legal system works best with the active and willing participation of victims and witnesses. Understanding that our local law enforcement's primary responsibility under our City Charter is to enforce local and state laws, we must continue to remove any barriers that hinder their ability to do their job. To ensure that victims and witnesses understand this role, and to encourage willing engagement with our local law enforcement when in custody, HB457 would allow us to better convey the difference between the work of our local police and federal law enforcement so that those in police custody and our community do not start to blur the lines between the roles and as a result fail to come forward with vital information that is needed to keep our community safe. These safeguards should be implemented without politicization, for our local police are already tasked with a wide array of responsibilities, and I would not want them to be put into the position of also having to become experts on the legal framework around federal immigration policy. By providing clarity on the instructions given by way of statute, we can remove the burden from our local police by giving them prescriptive language they can incorporate into standard operating procedures. HB457 does not hinder cross-agency collaboration; rather, it provides an opportunity to educate the community on the different roles and responsibilities of law enforcement.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Matt Weyer
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Honolulu City Council



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Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawai'i
Regular Session of 2025
House Committee on Economic Development

Testimony by IATSE 665
January 29th, 2025

HB 457 – Relating to Civil Rights Protections

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the House Committee on Economic Development,

My name is Tuia'ana Scanlan, president of IATSE 665 and IATSE International Trustee. Our union represents technicians and artisans in the Live Event, Tradeshow, and Film/TV sectors of Hawai'i's Entertainment industry. **Local 665 strongly supports HB 457 - Relating to Civil Rights Protections.**

The residents of Hawai'i and our immigrant communities have long been a cornerstone of our economy, our culture, and our way of life. If we do not act, the current presidential administration will wreak havoc on our communities. Neighbors, businesses, and even school children will be directly impacted. In light of the current federal administration's priorities, it is imperative that Hawai'i enacts bold legislation for the protection of its residents. The economic and cultural impact of our diverse community cannot be understated. Hawai'i has historically been at the forefront of the civil rights movement. Now more than ever, the working families of Hawai'i need support. We thank the architects of this bill for their courage and foresight. **Local 665 strongly supports HB 457.** We urge your committee to pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

In Solidarity,

Tuia'ana Scanlan (he/him)

President, IATSE Local 665

IATSE International Trustee



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January 28, 2025

House Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of HB22, HB73, HB438 and HB457 for hearings on January 29, 2025

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

UNITE HERE Local 5 represents 10,000 working people in the hotel, food service and health care industries across Hawaii.

The United States is founded on the ideas of freedom. Migration is freedom. The ability to move freely to pursue a better life is freedom. The ability to safely leave a place and safely arrive in a new place is freedom of movement. When that freedom is threatened, we must act on our values and protect those people from policies designed to restrict human freedoms.

Hawaii, as a melting pot of immigrants and their descendants, is a beneficiary of that freedom to migrate. Many of our union members are immigrants or children of immigrants, they are the working-class families, friends and neighbors that make up the fabric of our Hawaii communities.

We support HB22 as it clarifies how Hawaii will treat non-judicial warrants. As noted in the preamble, there are legitimate concerns about the constitutionality of civil immigration detainers, as opposed to criminal warrants issued by a judge with probable cause. HB22 also provides reasonable and thoughtful exceptions in certain scenarios.

We support HB73 as it protects our already limited state and county public lands from being developed into detention centers. We have far more pressing economic development needs in Hawaii, such as affordable housing.

We support HB438 as it provides due process and legal representation for individuals facing proceedings in immigration court. Due process is a foundation of our court systems. If an individual has a viable claim for their immigration status, but is denied it for lack of representation, then that is a failure of our democratic system. HB438 provides eligibility requirements ensuring those with insufficient financial means are given fair trial at court.

We support HB457 as it provides transparency, public access and public participation in immigration matters between federal agencies and Hawaii state law enforcement. HB457 also provides that people in custody of law enforcement are informed of their rights. Public access to information and informing people of their rights are basic democratic principles we support.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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The Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawaii
The House of Representatives
Committee Economic Development and Technology

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

January 29, 2025

H.B. 457 — RELATING TO DUE PROCESS PROTECTION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the intent of H.B. 457, which requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

We recognize that our union membership stems from a broad array of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Furthermore, we recognize that immigrants have played a vital role in Hawaii's labor movement, even dating back to our state's plantation era. The education of an individual's rights is core value that labor union's stand for, particularly in the workplace. Given the drastic and extreme shift in our federal government policy on immigration, we appreciate the intent of this measure which requires local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights prior to any interview with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 457.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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Testimony of Liza Ryan-Gill

In SUPPORT of HB457

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Hawai‘i Coalition for Immigrant Rights (HCIR) in **strong support** of HB457. This bill is critical to ensuring that individuals in the custody of Hawai‘i law enforcement agencies are informed of their rights prior to any interview with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding civil immigration violations.

As a coalition representing over 30 immigrant-serving and immigrant-led organizations, HCIR is deeply committed to promoting policies that safeguard immigrant communities and uphold the civil rights and dignity of all individuals in Hawai‘i. HB457 directly aligns with Hawai‘i’s constitutional values and principles, which affirm that no person shall be denied equal protection of the laws or civil rights based on race or ancestry, as stated in Article I, Section 5 of the State Constitution.

Promoting Transparency and Protecting Civil Rights

HB457 introduces vital safeguards to protect individuals’ civil rights by requiring that they be informed of their rights before engaging with ICE. The bill mandates the use of written consent forms in individuals’ native languages, ensuring clarity about the voluntary nature of ICE interviews and their right to have an attorney present.

This transparency is essential for building trust between law enforcement and communities. When individuals understand their rights and are treated with respect, it fosters cooperation and strengthens community policing efforts. Conversely, ICE interactions without proper notification can erode trust, discourage reporting of crimes, and jeopardize public safety.

Building Trust Through Community Accountability

HB457 also requires public records of communications with ICE and mandates two annual community forums to provide transparency and accountability regarding ICE’s access to individuals in custody. These forums will empower communities to engage in dialogue, hold agencies accountable, and provide critical feedback on practices affecting immigrant populations.

Upholding Hawai‘i’s Values and Constitution

Hawai‘i’s immigrant community is an integral part of our state, making up 18% of the population and contributing significantly to industries like agriculture, healthcare, and tourism. Undocumented immigrants alone contributed \$157.2 million in state and local taxes in 2022.



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These contributions highlight the need for policies that protect, not marginalize, immigrant communities.

By requiring clear notification of rights and transparency in ICE interactions, HB457 ensures that our state's actions remain pono—fair, just, and aligned with the values of aloha and inclusion. This bill affirms that Hawai'i prioritizes the dignity of all its residents and respects the constitutional protections that define our state.

On behalf of the Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass this measure and demonstrate our state's unwavering commitment to equity, justice, and the protection of all communities.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Liza Ryan-Gill
Executive Director
Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights

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Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa H. Gibson	Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Indivisible Hawaii strongly supports HB457.



Statement Before The
Wednesday, January 29, 2025
10:00 AM
Conference Room 423 & Videoconference

in consideration of
HB457

RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS.

Chair ILAGAN, Vice Chair HUSSEY, and Members of the
House Economic Development & Technology Committee

The Legal Clinic (TLC) supports HB457, which requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

TLC is a Hawai'i nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. TLC is a direct legal services provider, representing those in Hawai'i who meet income eligibility guidelines without regard to immigration status, national origin, ethnic background, race, religion, ideology, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability. TLC works alongside immigrants so they can attain authorization to work and live with dignity, reunite with their families after years of separation and escape horrific violence to find refuge in the United States. TLC recognizes that every person needs and deserves to feel a sense of trust, welcome, and belonging.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Hawai'i is the most diverse state in the nation. See <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/567625-hawaii-california-and-nevada-are-most-diverse-states-in-the-us-census/> (retrieved 1/14/2025). In 2023, Hawai'i had about 256,000 immigrants, which is approx. 18% of the State population. See <https://usafacts.org/answers/how-many-immigrants-are-in-the-us/state/hawaii/> and <https://data.census.gov/profile/Hawaii?g=040XX00US15#populations-and-people> (retrieved 1/14/2025). The top countries of origin for immigrants were the Philippines (45 percent of immigrants), China (9 percent), Japan (8 percent), Korea (6 percent), and the Pacific Island Nations (4 percent). See https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants_in_hawaii.pdf (retrieved 1/14/2025).

There are between 41,000 -50,500 undocumented immigrants in Hawai'i. See <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/12/data-dive-hawaii%CA%BBi-deportation-cases-hit-quarter-century-high/> (retrieved 1/14/2025). Hawai'i is the only state where undocumented women

(55%) outnumber men. See <https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/Narratives/Overview/a0ac94c0-8538-417e-85c9-da6ac5c06603> (retrieved 1/14/2025).

Hawai'i has strong State constitutional civil rights protections. Article I, Section 5 of the State Constitution affirmatively states that:

No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor be denied the equal protection of the laws, nor be denied the enjoyment of the person's civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex or ancestry. [Ren and am Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

However, once someone has been taken into State and/or local law enforcement custody, it is unclear how, or if, ICE is making contact with the individual.

The purpose of this HB457 is to require state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawaii law enforcement agency custody before any interview with U.S. ICE on certain matters regarding civil immigration violations. Prior to any interview between ICE and an individual, the individual shall be provided a written consent form in their native language that explains the purpose of the ICE interview, that the interview is voluntary, and that they may decline to be interviewed or may choose to be interviewed only with his or her attorney present.

Upon receiving an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, state and local law enforcement agencies shall provide a copy of the request to the individual and notify the individual as to whether state and local law enforcement intends to comply with ICE. State and local law enforcement will also notify the individual's attorney or the individuals designee within 2 business days.

Communications with ICE will be public records and state and local law enforcement agencies will hold two community forums per annum to provide information to the public about ICE's access to individuals and to receive and consider public comment.

The immigration court data show that FY2024 saw a spike in Hawai'i cases – total 915 – with a majority of them being deportation cases. See <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/12/data-dive-hawai%CA%BBi-deportation-cases-hit-quarter-century-high/> (retrieved 1/14/2025).

With the Trump Administration promising to deport immigrants at unprecedented levels, TLC is expecting a greater surge in ICE activities, leading to increased concerns about ICE interactions with individuals in the custody of state and local law enforcement agencies.

Hawaii's immigrant population is an integral part of Hawaii's community and are our neighbors, co-workers, and 'ohana. Targeting a significant portion of Hawaii's community in terms of both size and positive economic contributions without providing for fair and just due process

warnings, under Article I, Section 5 of the State Constitution, and alerting the public at large as to actions being taken against our community members are not pono. Community policing to establish trust and collaboration between law enforcement and communities to prevent crime and improve community safety will be jeopardized.

Thus, HB457, requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody prior to an any interview with ICE of certain matters regarding civil immigration violations, is fair, just, and mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

HB457 will ensure that people are afforded the necessary protections under the law, families and communities are preserved, and our human rights and dignity are respected.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB457, and TLC respectfully urges the Committee members to pass HB457 out of your Committee. If you have questions of me, please contact me at sma@tlchawaii.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma

Sandy Ma
Community & Policy Advocate
The Legal Clinic



Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Chair Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair Ikaika Hussey

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
HB457-RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

TESTIMONY

Judith Wong, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports BILL NUMBER HB457, relating to civil rights protections. The League supports due process for all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal and the right to humane treatment. The League supports an individual's right to be informed of their legal rights.

HB457 codifies the very reasonable expectation that an individual in custody of a state law enforcement agency who is facing an interview with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding immigration violations should be informed of their rights in a language they understand. This is reasonable and humane. Therefore, the League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB457.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: House Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Re: HB 457 Relating to Civil Rights Protections
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 423 & Via Videoconference
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10:00 AM

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members,

On behalf of HCANSpeaks!, I am writing in support of HB 457, Relating to Civil Rights Protections. This bill requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

This bill would require that before any interview with ICE, individuals are given a written consent form in their native language. The form would explain the purpose of the interview, clarify that it is voluntary, and inform the individual that they can choose not to participate or can have their attorney present during the interview. When state or local law enforcement receives an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, they must provide a copy to the individual and inform them whether they plan to comply with ICE. They must also notify the individual's attorney or designated representative within two business days.

This bill acknowledges that every resident should have a clear understanding of their rights and be able to make informed decisions based on all the facts. Although the state has limited influence over how federal immigration agents operate, it can establish important standards for how the civil rights and due process of its residents are handled while in state or local custody. Upholding civil rights protections of residents when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody prior to any interview with ICE is fair, just, and mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

I urge you to support this bill. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB 457.**

Sincerely,
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January 27, 2025

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Re: H.B. 457, Civil Rights Protections, SUPPORT
Hearing: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10 a.m. Conf. Rm. 423

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee:

Background

It can happen here. And it did.

A detention camp. An Internment Camp. A concentration camp. **Honouliuli Internment Camp, Sand Island Detention Camp, U.S. Immigration Station, Waiakea Prison Camp, Kilauea Military Camp, Maui County Jail, Haiku Military Camp, Lana‘i City Jail, Kaunakakai County Jail, Kaunakakai County Courthouse, Wailua County Jail, Kalaheo Stockade, Waimea Jail, Lihue Plantation Gymnasium.**

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/students/internment-camps-hawai%E2%80%98i>

After the Empire of Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, FDR ordered the internment of the Japanese Americans, regardless of their citizenship two months later. Executive Order 9066. The War Relocation Authority (WRA) was established on March 18th to organize their removal. **“These prisoners were never even charged with a crime, let alone convicted. Two-thirds of them were U.S. citizens, born in the U.S.—the remainder could not have become citizens because at that time people of Asian origin were prohibited from naturalization.”** <https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/untold-story/resources> [Emphasis added]. See also Michi Weglyn’s landmark **Years of Infamy, The Untold Story of America’s Concentration Camps**, and the NBC-produced documentary **“Guilty by Reason of Race.”**

- ❖ Fueled by suspicions of disloyalty with military personnel and **local authorities collaborating on arrests**, the U.S. government interned **2,270 people of Japanese ancestry in Hawai‘i**. The “internees” were at first confined to the local internment camps, with most being sent to O‘ahu’s U.S. Immigration station before being transferred to internment camps on the mainland.
- ❖ Thus, **more than 2,000 of the 120,000 or so Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned during the war came from Hawai‘i**. “Surrounded by barbed wire and armed sentries, they were held for the duration of the war - allegedly to prevent any attack on U.S. strategic installations, although not a single incident of a Japanese American attempting to aid the enemy was ever documented.”

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/sites/default/files/Participation%20in%20Democracy.pdf>

What was it like?

- As the round-up proceeded, the [Dorothea Lange] photographs show people ripped from their lives on short notice, forced to sell property at great losses, to give up homes &

furnishings, leave jobs and schools; lined up, registered, tagged like packages; waiting, waiting, often guarded by armed soldiers; allowed to bring only what they could carry.

- The greatest injury was often the humiliation. . . At the **Tanforan** assembly center in San Bruno, a former racetrack, the internees lived in horse stables. They are surrounded by prison regulations: no cameras, no books or magazines in Japanese, meals in large mess halls with food often ladled out from garbage cans, collective toilets, whole families sleeping in one “room” barely partitioned off from adjoining families, singles sleeping in huge wards with long rows of cots.
- The snow-covered Sierras looking down from the east did nothing to cool the 100-degree-plus heat, and there were neither trees nor hills to break the fierce winds, whether icy or hot. Lange was awed by the hostile environment: “meanest dust storms ... and not a blade of grass. And the springs are so cruel; when those people arrived there they couldn’t keep the tarpaper on the shacks.” . . . Unlike the other camps, **Manzanar** needed no high barbed fence or guards—as with Alcatraz, geography formed the prison walls.

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org>

“Resistance to the incarceration at Manzanar soon led to a prison uprising that the Army put down by shooting 11 prisoners, killing two. Afterward, internees were forced to complete a questionnaire to identify and segregate those who were disloyal to America.” A **Racist Purge Almost Destroyed My Family. Another One Is Coming. Timothy Soseki Kudo**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/18/opinion/immigration-trump-ww2-japanese-internment.html>
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Now

America is now poised to allow a new version of the same profound injustice that nearly destroyed the Japanese in America. Donald Trump has vowed that he will move immediately to begin **rounding up as many as 20 million immigrants — including U.S. citizens born here and granted birthright citizenship — and deport them**. “If he achieves his goal, approximately **one in 16 people living in America could be imprisoned and deported** over the next four years. The time between President Roosevelt’s executive order and the first arrival to the Manzanar War Relocation Center was 30 days.”

Conclusion

With this history embedded in our minds of the simply horrific violations of law, especially the principles now enunciated in our Hawai’i State Constitution¹, our law firm² **supports H.B. 457, Civil Rights Protections**, provided any **amendments recommended by The Legal Clinic** are incorporated in the next draft of this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Elizabeth Jubin Fujiwara

1 See, e.g., **State of Hawai’i v. Christopher L. Wilson**, 154 Hawai’i 8, 543 P.3d 440 (2024.) Justice Eddison emphasized that State constitutions provide a “double security” for the people’s liberty. The Federalist No. 51, at 321 (James Madison) . . . Per the Constitution’s design, the Hawai’i Constitution supplies an *additional* guarantee of individual rights. See, e.g., **State v. Tanaka**, 67 Haw. 658, 661, 701 P.2d 1274, 1276 (1985) (“We have not hesitated in the past to extend the protections of the Hawai’i *Bill of Rights* beyond those of textually parallel provisions in the Federal *Bill of Rights* when logic and a sound regard for the purposes of those protections have so warranted.”).

2 My law firm has fought for civil rights and specialized in employment law as plaintiffs’ attorneys since 1986.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:33:08 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Testimony in support submitted by Amy Agbayani and Pat McManaman, co-chairs

Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights

Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights supports HB 457. Hawa'i has strong State Constitution civil rights protection. This bill requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawaii law enforcement custody before any interview with US ICE on certain matters regarding immigration violation. This bill will ensure that people are afforded the necessary protections under the law are preserved and these immigrants are treated fairly.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:02:02 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin Haleyalpiy	COFACAN	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB457. As people are Mirandaized during normal arrests, making a person aware of their rights protects both the arresting party and the person being arrested. Even with a federal case and the questions of how much jurisdiction state/county police officers have over the matter, while a person is in the custody of the county/state it is even more pertinent that these rights and freedoms are upheld. This type of justice should be consistent within local communities. Hawai'i officers are already sworn by oath to uphold both the state and national constitution. Regardless of status, the same rights are afforded to everyone.

Thank you for your support and consideration,**Austin Haleyalpiy****President/Re-Founder, COFACAN**



OAHU FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Honolulu, Hawaii

January 27, 2025

Testimony in Support of HB457: Relating to Civil Rights Protections

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Melodie Aduja, and I am testifying on behalf of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii in strong support of HB457, which aims to ensure due process protections for individuals in law enforcement custody regarding immigration violations. This bill requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify individuals of their rights when in custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

Key Points of Support:

1. **Due Process Protections:** HB457 ensures that individuals are informed of their rights when in law enforcement custody, which is crucial for upholding due process and fair treatment. This bill will help prevent potential abuses and ensure that individuals are aware of their legal protections.
2. **Transparency and Accountability:** By requiring law enforcement agencies to notify individuals of their rights, this bill promotes transparency and accountability within the law enforcement system. It ensures that individuals are not subjected to coercive or uninformed interviews with ICE.
3. **Community Trust:** HB457 will help build trust between law enforcement agencies and immigrant communities. When individuals know their rights are protected, they are more likely to cooperate with law enforcement and feel secure in their interactions with authorities.
4. **Legal Representation:** Ensuring that individuals are informed of their rights includes the right to legal representation. This bill will help individuals access legal counsel and navigate the complexities of immigration proceedings more effectively.

In conclusion, the Oahu Filipino Community Council strongly supports HB457 and urges the committee to pass this important legislation. By ensuring due process protections for individuals in law enforcement custody, we can uphold the principles of justice and fairness for all residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this critical bill.

Sincerely,

Melodie Aduja
Chair, Social Action Committee
Oahu Filipino Community Council

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:36:39 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melody Calisay	Filipino Chamber of Commerce	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawai‘i supports HB457



Re: Urgent Support for HB 457, Relating to Civil Rights Protections

To: Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair Rep. Daniel Holt Rep. Chris Todd Rep. Adrian K. Tam Rep. Lauren Matsumoto Rep. Shirley Ann Templo

Hrg: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10:00, Conference Room 423

Esteemed Senators Ilagan, Hussey, Holt, Todd, Tam, Matsumoto, and Templo,

As the founding director of Maui Roots Reborn, I've witnessed firsthand the resilience and vulnerability of our migrant and immigrant communities. Born as a response to the 2023 Maui wildfires, our organization, comprised entirely of bilingual and bicultural migrants and children of immigrants, has become a lifeline for our community. We are trusted, we understand the cultural nuances, and we share the lived experiences of those we serve.

We have dedicated ourselves to earning the trust of our community and helping them rebuild their faith in institutions and organizations, especially after the trauma of the wildfires. This has been a long and careful process, requiring sensitivity, understanding, and a genuine commitment to their well-being. We've worked tirelessly to bridge the gap where trust did not previously exist, fostering relationships and open communication. Most recently, we have focused on building a sense of safety and trust between our immigrant community and the police department, assuring them that they can rely on law enforcement for protection and assistance

This is why, in the face of the current Presidential administration's proposed Department of Homeland Security policies and the looming threat of ICE agents arriving in Hawai'i to tear apart our communities, we must pass House Bill 457. Our immigrant families, already traumatized by the 2023 wildfires, now face the terrifying prospect of detention and deportation. This bill ensures that individuals in law enforcement custody are informed of their rights before being interviewed by ICE regarding immigration violations.

The Trump era's "zero tolerance" policy provides a chilling example of what can happen when due process is disregarded. Families were torn apart, individuals were detained indefinitely without charge, and basic rights were routinely ignored. This shameful chapter in our nation's history must never be repeated. Failing to notify individuals of their rights violates the Fifth



Amendment's due process clause, the Immigration and Nationality Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Furthermore, it sets a dangerous precedent that erodes the civil liberties of all citizens, regardless of immigration status. Immigrants are valuable members of our communities who make our islands stronger. They play a vital role in Hawaii's economy by paying taxes, driving innovation and progress, starting essential businesses, and filling critical roles across industries. They also add to the cultural melting pot that makes Hawai'i one of the most diverse states in our nation.

Roots Reborn urges Hawai'i to lead the way in ensuring that members of our immigrant community are protected in our state and our nation. We encourage you to act in the passage of this bill, affirming our collective commitment to a resilient and healthy future for all Hawai'i residents, regardless of immigration status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Mendoza Jachowski', is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Veronica Mendoza Jachowski
Executive Director
Roots Reborn

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:02:58 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jamie Detwiler	Hawaiian Islands Republican Women	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Submitted in strong opposition to HB457.

The premise of HB457 is incorrect because "illegal" aliens do not have due process and civil rights protections. They are in our country illegally.

Premise of HB457: The legislature further finds it is essential to ensure that immigrants and migrants in the custody of state and local law enforcement are provided appropriate due process and civil rights protections.

Please vote NO on HB457 to protect the citizens of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Jamie Detwiler

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:32:46 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alika Valdez	Hawai'i Democratic Party	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.



Randy Perreira
President

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The Thirty-Second Legislature
House of Representatives
Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

January 29, 2025

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB457 - RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 74 affiliate labor organizations representing over 68,000 union members across Hawaii in industries including healthcare, construction, hospitality, entertainment, transportation, and government. The AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for the rights of working families, promoting fair wages, ensuring safe working conditions, and supporting policies that strengthen Hawaii's workforce.

We are in support of HB457, which requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify individuals in their custody of their rights before any interview with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding civil immigration violations. In these uncertain times, recent federal immigration policies have heightened concerns and created confusion among immigrant communities. This bill is an important step toward ensuring that individuals are informed of their rights, including the voluntary nature of ICE interviews and their ability to have legal representation present.

Immigrants contribute significantly to Hawaii's workforce and are vital to many industries that sustain our economy. Providing clear guidelines for law enforcement interactions with ICE fosters trust and cooperation, which are essential to maintaining public safety and a stable workforce.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Randy Perreira
President



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB457: RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

TO: House Committee on Economic Development & Technology
FROM: Tina Andrade, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: **Wednesday, 1/29/25, 10:00 am; Room 423 & Videoconference**

Chair Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair Ikaika Hussey and Members, Committee on Economic Development & Technology:

Catholic Charities Hawai'i **Supports HB 457, Relating to Civil Rights Protections**, to require state and local law enforcement agencies inform individuals of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

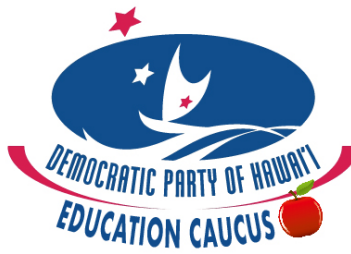
Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i. We service over 113,000 people each year throughout the state. We are a Department of Justice (DOJ) Recognized Organization and our General Immigration Service Program provides legal immigration services with staff who are accredited through the DOJ.ⁱ

While the state has very little control over what and how federal immigration agents conduct their work, it can set standards for how its residents' civil rights and due process are treated, while in state/local custody.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i urges your support for this bill, which recognizes that every resident of our state deserves to meaningfully understand their rights and to make the best decision they are able with a full grasp of the facts at hand.

If you have any questions, please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson, at (808) 527-4813.

ⁱ <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/942306/dl#HAWAII>



HOUSE BILL 457, RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

JANUARY 29, 2025 · ECD HEARING

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus supports HB 457, relating to civil rights protections, which requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

Hawai'i understands the value of immigration and cultural diversity. Our island home—like the United States—is defined by immigration and a legacy of migrant labor that has bestowed upon us a rich social tapestry, multifaceted economy, and an everlasting respect for the principles of democracy and pluralism. As Barack Obama once said, “What makes someone American isn’t just blood or birth, but allegiance to our founding principles and faith in the idea that anyone—from anywhere—can write the next chapter of our story.”

Today, however, we are witnessing a cruel campaign of mass deportation being implemented throughout the country—including in our state—which is undermining the roots of communities in which migrants are celebrated members. Recently, the Trump administration has removed restrictions that prevented Immigration and Customs Enforcement from conducting raids at so-called sensitive locations, including schools (as well as houses of worship and hospitals).

We cannot sit idly by while Donald Trump enacts a campaign of fear against our immigrant neighbors. These actions will not prop up the American economy. On the contrary, immigrant labor is essential to the preservation of our society's financial well-being. Immigrants boost overall economic growth by expanding the labor force and increasing consumer spending. The foreign born also start new businesses at higher rates than U.S.-born individuals. Immigrants were involved in the development of 30 percent of patents in strategic industries in recent years and more than 40 percent of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants.

Higher-than-expected immigration is driving job growth and productivity and was projected to continue doing so in the coming years: The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that a greater level of immigration expected between 2024 and 2034 *could have* boosted gross domestic product (GDP) by \$8.9 trillion. Yet, these gains will be jeopardized by the Trump Administration's inhumane mass deportation actions, which harken back to the race-based policies of the 19th and early 20th Centuries and draw frightening parallels to the policies put in place by violent authoritarian governments throughout history, including the Nazi regime.

Immigrants exist in our neighborhoods, our schools, our workplaces, and all other spaces in our state. They empower our society to thrive, despite the social and political violence with which they are forced to endure. As a state, we have a responsibility to protect their well-being. If we fail, history will remember our complicity in the annihilation of human rights and civil liberties, and our unwillingness to do what is right to preserve the most fundamental tenets of our democracy.

Contact: educationcaucusdph@gmail.com

Testimony in Support of H.B. 457- Relating to Civil Rights Protections

January 28, 2025

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of H.B. 457, which seeks to enhance civil rights protections by ensuring due process for individuals in the custody of Hawaii's law enforcement agencies when engaging with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Equity and Justice

H.B. 457 creates critical safeguards that ensure individuals in custody are informed of their rights and treated with dignity. By requiring law enforcement agencies to notify individuals of their rights before any interview with ICE, this bill strengthens due process and helps prevent coercion or exploitation of vulnerable individuals. Furthermore, by mandating multilingual consent forms and the right to legal representation, it acknowledges and addresses the unique challenges faced by non-native English speakers in navigating complex legal systems.

Transparency and Accountability

The provisions requiring public access to records on ICE interactions and mandatory community forums establish an essential layer of transparency. These measures foster accountability and ensure that the public remains informed about how local law enforcement interacts with federal immigration authorities. This openness builds trust between communities and public institutions, which is vital in maintaining safety and cohesion in our neighborhoods.

Protecting Vulnerable Communities

Immigrants and migrants, regardless of their status, play a vital role in shaping and sustaining the communities and economy of Hawai'i. Without adequate protections, these individuals are at risk of having their rights violated or being separated from their families. H.B. 457 provides clarity and consistency in law enforcement practices, reducing the fear and uncertainty that can lead to distrust in the system. By doing so, this bill helps ensure that vulnerable individuals are treated fairly and that their civil rights are not unjustly infringed upon.

Conclusion

By implementing these protections, we not only uphold the principles enshrined in our state constitution but also reinforce the trust and cooperation necessary to create a thriving, equitable community.

We urge you to pass this bill and continue to honor Hawaii's proud legacy of civil rights and compassion for all its residents.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A.L.O.H.A. Latinos

Victoria Magaña Ledesma

Armando Rodriguez

Maria Alejandra Cisneros Zavala

Jennifer Balderas

Marlen Villatoro

Karina Rodriguez

Jazmin Allison

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Anna Marie Smith

Claudia Hartz



HAWAII WORKERS CENTER

LATE *Testimony submitted late may not be considered by the Committee for decision making purposes.

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January 28, 2025

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Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

RE: SUPPORT for H.B 457 Relating to Civil Rights Protections

Dear Chair Rep. Ilagan, Vice-Chair Rep. Hussey, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology:

The Hawaii Workers Center (HWC) envisions a Hawaii in which all workers are empowered to exercise their right to organize for their social, economic and political well-being.

It is a resource of information, education, training and organizing for Hawaii's workers.

The HWC stands in **support of H.B. 457** which requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

Our base of workers include immigrant and migrant low-wage workers who often do not have direct access to much needed legal resources. This bill is a small but monumental step in ensuring that the rights of those with the least among us are not trampled by those with the most power.

Thank you for your consideration in support of H.B. 457.

Sincerely,

Sergio Alcubilla
Executive Director

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 5:23:16 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE any Bill in which the State would attempt to defy the deportation efforts of the federal government to enforce our immigration laws. We need to take care of legal citizens and residents in Hawaii first, not illegal aliens who are criminals by definition. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 12:30:11 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judi Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against this bill.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 4:02:19 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 6:19:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise L Martinez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. Immigrants are a vital part of our community here in Hawaii and a rich part of our past. Hawaii would not be Hawai'i without immigrants.

Testimony in Support of HB457

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Committee: Economic Development and Technology

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB457, which seeks to reinforce due process protections for immigrants and migrants in the custody of state and local law enforcement agencies. This bill is a necessary step in ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, are granted their fundamental civil rights while in custody.

Hawaii has a proud history of upholding civil rights, as reflected in Article I, Section 5 of the Hawaii State Constitution, which guarantees equal protection under the law. Given that over 254,000 immigrants, including 50,500 undocumented individuals, call Hawaii home, it is imperative that our state takes proactive measures to ensure that immigration enforcement actions respect due process and fairness.

I urge the committee to pass HB457 and reaffirm our state's leadership in civil rights protections.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown
Waialua, HI

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 9:11:07 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to support this bill. HB457, requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody prior to any interview with ICE of certain matters regarding civil immigration violations is fair, just, and mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

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HB-457

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 9:19:07 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Caringer, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB457**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair

Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

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Thank you for your support and consideration,

Ellen R. Caringer, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist

Licensed Hawaii

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 9:35:45 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Takayuki Harada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Thank you for your support and consideration,

Takayuki Harada

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB457

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

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Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

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Thank you for your support and consideration,

Hugh Jones
Kailua Hawaii

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 10:56:49 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support. I am native born, from one immigrant parent and one parent whose parents were immigrants. I do not support the ill advised actions of Felon Donald Trump. Please move this bill forward.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 12:06:01 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a granddaughter of a Mexican immigrant who came to the US for a better life and he achieved it by becoming an entrepreneur and providing jobs for Americans, I support any measures to protect hard working immigrants in Hawaii.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 12:56:48 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy D Moser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: In STRONG SUPPORT of HB457. Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, This measure provides due process and notifies an individual of their rights when in custody. These are necessary protections each of us in Hawaii need and deserve. Please vote YES on this measure.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 2:13:10 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DORIEN MCCLELLAN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. They have become part of the fabric of these islands, supporting commerce, health care, and Hawaii's families.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 2:48:22 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB457**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY****Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair****Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair****Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025****Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,**

I am writing in support of HB457. The purpose of this bill is to require state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawaii law enforcement agency custody before any interview with U.S. ICE on certain matters regarding civil immigration violations.

This bill would ensure that prior to any interview between ICE and an individual, the individual shall be provided a written consent form in their native language that explains the purpose of the ICE interview, that the interview is voluntary, and that they may decline to be interviewed or may choose to be interviewed only with his or her attorney present.

Additionally, upon receiving an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, state and local law enforcement agencies shall provide a copy of the request to the individual and notify the individual as to whether state and local law enforcement intends to comply with ICE. State and local law enforcement will also notify the individual's attorney or the individuals designee within 2 business days.

While the state has very little control over what and how federal immigration agents conduct their work, it is able to set standards for how its residents' civil rights and due process are treated, while in state/local custody. This bill recognizes that each resident of our state deserves to meaningfully understand their rights and to make the best decision they are able with a full grasp of the facts at hand.

I urge you to support this bill. HB457, requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody prior to any interview with ICE of certain matters regarding civil immigration violations is fair, just, and mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

Thank you for your support and consideration, Gail Morrison

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 3:54:59 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chelsea pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB457,

Aloha Chairperson and members of the Committee, This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure.

Thank you

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 5:14:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Immigrants are an important part of our Communities. They must be informed of their legal rights. The immigrant population need to be treated with Humanity and Respect.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:08:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JOAN JACKSON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote to support due process protections in Hawaii.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:31:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juvana Soliven	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:32:02 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Harvey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 8:22:37 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beppie Shapiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It's so important to provide information on their rights to immigrants of any status who may be or will be interviewed, detained, or have their status questioned by any federal agent or officer. This is one of the few ways we can help the many immigrants who are integrated members of our community in many different roles. I am in full support of HB457.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:34:14 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:41:13 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judy McCluskey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB457 has my enthusiastic support.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:09:03 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Bellamy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our immigrants in Hawai‘i who contribute to our economy and local communities.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:07:54 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

North Hawaii Community Action Network supports HB 457

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:42:32 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
dana edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protet immigrants in Hawaii! Please support this!

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:44:38 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. They provide needed services, pay taxes and are members of our ohana. The current administrations policies are cruel and unnecessary.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 1:05:15 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
roberta cestare	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB457 requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawaii law enforcement agency custody before any interview with ICE on certain matters regarding civil immigration violations.

This bill clearly lays out the parameters for interviews conducted by ICE and the notification necessary for the individual and their legal counsel or designee within two business days.

The state is able to set standards for how its residents' civil rights and due process are handled while in state/local custody. Every resident of Hawaii needs to be aware of their rights prior to an interview with ICE as mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:25:15 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea L W Fruggiero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Fully support this bill, in the language of the individual so there is NO issue with interpretation.
Vote yes to support this bill.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:31:31 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:42:37 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beth McDermott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in strong support of HB 457 to ensure that while in state custody under the jurisdiction of our Hawaii police that immigrants be fully informed of their rights, prior to being further interrogated by ICE officials. Please vote in favor of this bill. Thank you

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:58:32 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Morgan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i. I am vey concerned about the federal government's abominal, unethical deportation of many friends, acquaintances, students, and business owners in my district, Ka'u. Please pass this bill to protect them.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:59:34 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Iris Mendoza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB457**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY****Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair****Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair****Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Iris, and I am writing in strong support of HB457. This bill ensures that individuals in the custody of state or local law enforcement are informed of their rights prior to any interview with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding civil immigration violations.

Under this measure, individuals would be provided a written consent form in their native language before an ICE interview. The form would clearly explain the purpose of the interview, that participation is voluntary, and that they have the right to decline or request the presence of an attorney. Additionally, when state or local law enforcement receives an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, the individual would be given a copy of the request and informed of the agency's intent to comply. Notification would also be sent to the individual's attorney or designee within two business days.

While the state may not have jurisdiction over how federal immigration officials conduct their operations, it has a duty to uphold the civil rights and due process of all its residents. This bill takes meaningful steps to ensure individuals in custody understand their rights and can make informed decisions with the facts provided to them.

I urge you to support HB457. It is a fair and just measure that aligns with the values and protections guaranteed by the Hawai'i State Constitution. Everyone deserves to have their rights respected and upheld, especially during such critical moments.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Iris Mendoza

Honolulu, Oahu

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:23:46 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Linde	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. It is essential at this time that we codify the ways which we can respect and support our immigrant friends and neighbors. Their rights are every bit as essential to the functioning and flourishing of our society as the rights of citizens and need to be respected by all levels of government and public agent. This is an important bill for the well-being of our communities.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:25:47 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
vivienne aronowitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB22. Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:47:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary M. McNamara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai‘i

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:12:26 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bailey Aughe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai‘i

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:12:53 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malcolm Mekarū	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:18:54 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB457 COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing in support of HB457. This bill is about making sure everyone in Hawai'i knows their rights when they're in state or local law enforcement custody, especially before any interviews with U.S. ICE regarding civil immigration matters. It's important to remember that these fundamental civil rights apply to *all* persons, regardless of their residency status.

Basically, this bill would require that before anyone talks to ICE, they get a written consent form in their own language. This form will explain why ICE wants to talk to them, that the interview is completely voluntary, and that they can say no or ask for their lawyer to be there. It just makes sure everyone knows what's going on.

Also, if state or local law enforcement gets an ICE request to hold, notify, or transfer someone, they'll give a copy of that request to the individual *and* let them know if they plan to go along with it. The person's lawyer or designated contact will also get notified within two business days.

We all know the state can't control exactly what federal immigration does, but we *can* absolutely set some ground rules for how people's rights are respected while they're in state or local custody. This bill is about recognizing that everyone in Hawai'i deserves to understand their rights so they can make the best possible decisions for themselves. This is a matter of basic human decency and legal principle.

I really hope you'll support this bill. HB457, requiring state and local law enforcement to notify people of their rights before any ICE interviews about civil immigration stuff, is fair, just, and, frankly, it's what our Hawai'i Constitution calls for.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Lum

‘Ewa Beach, Hawai‘i

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:18:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karissa Rowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:41:37 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew J Aughe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:12:47 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:24:01 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruben Juarez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

H.B. 457 is a critical step toward ensuring the protection of civil rights and due process for all individuals in Hawaii, particularly immigrants and migrants who contribute significantly to the state's cultural and economic fabric. This bill mandates clear communication of rights for individuals in custody, ensuring they are informed of their voluntary participation in interviews with immigration authorities and their right to legal counsel. These protections help maintain trust between communities and law enforcement while upholding Hawaii's long-standing commitment to civil rights and equality as enshrined in its constitution.

Moreover, this bill promotes transparency and accountability by requiring law enforcement agencies to disclose records of their interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and notify individuals and their representatives of any ICE requests. By balancing public safety with civil rights, the bill ensures that Hawaii continues to lead as a model for inclusive, fair, and just governance. It strengthens community trust and protects vulnerable populations, fostering a safer and more harmonious society.

Please PASS HB457

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:29:27 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Elyse Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i.

Malachi 3:5: The Lord will testify against those who set foreigners aside

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 1:46:33 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea Janas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:01:55 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:10:18 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB457 because while Hawaii has very little control over what and how federal immigration agents conduct their work, the state can set standards for how its residents are treated while in state/county custody. Notifying an individual of their rights is just and mandated by the Hawaii State Constitution.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:16:27 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:17:53 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharee Orr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Illegal aliens did not come across the border correctly. They should not be provided any help. Stop wasting time and our taxpayer dollars. Hawaii residents pay enough. Use of police to go warn illegals is wasting taxpayer money.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:34:15 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill whole heartedly

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:55:29 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Back in Kamehameha's day, you had to ask permission to stay. Bills like these are saying you don't need permission and anyone can stay, which puts a huge burden on already overtaxed citizens. The bill is not pono. Protect the civil rights of the people who are here legally, not uninvited foreigners who are not concerned about Hawaiian's civil rights and are trying to extract even more from stressed out and overburdened residents.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:56:19 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill. Any right minded law enforcement officer will not do something as ridiculous as this.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:02:13 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Anne Bell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

America 1st! This is unlawful.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:04:52 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emerson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why we protecting criminals ? Its not voluntary, its obligatory. We know crime has gone up. I wonder why... this is why Hawai'i culture is being lost. Dont interfere with the feds job because youre incompetent

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:05:17 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

As a concerned citizen in Hawai'i, I am writing in **support** of HB457. The purpose of this bill is to require state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawaii law enforcement agency custody before any interview with U.S. ICE on certain matters regarding civil immigration violations.

This bill would ensure that prior to any interview between ICE and an individual, the individual shall be provided a written consent form in their native language that explains the purpose of the ICE interview, that the interview is voluntary, and that they may decline to be interviewed or may choose to be interviewed only with his or her attorney present.

Additionally, upon receiving an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, state and local law enforcement agencies shall provide a copy of the request to the individual and notify the individual as to whether state and local law enforcement intends to comply with ICE. State and local law enforcement will also notify the individual's attorney or the individuals designee within 2 business days.

While the state has very little control over what and how federal immigration agents conduct their work, it is able to set standards for how its residents' civil rights and due process are treated, while in state/local custody. This bill recognizes that each resident of our state deserves to meaningfully understand their rights and to make the best decision they are able with a full grasp of the facts at hand.

I urge you to support this bill. HB457, requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody prior to any interview with ICE of certain matters regarding civil immigration violations is fair, just, and mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham

Makiki, HI

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:06:11 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyce Dodge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii, and by extension all of our Constitutional rights.

Mahalo,

Alyce Dodge

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:07:33 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:18:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:30:41 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB457 because when someone enters the country illegally, than they are subjected to consequences. I.C.E. has every right to interview people who are suspected of committing a crime. It is no different from when a citizen is either suspected of a crime or a person of interest, they are subjected to an interview by police.

Normally people who choose not to go in for questioning are often punished for it. Illegal immigrants shouldn't be given a free pass.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:37:30 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie West	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:38:11 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Vote No on this bill! Another waste of tax payers dollars! How is it that illegals in our country are given a choice to comply with our law enforcement? If you are in our country you should comply with all our laws or be deported.

Vote no!

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:40:33 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradle Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB457, a bill requiring notification to individuals that interviews with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are voluntary. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I believe it could have several unintended consequences that undermine public safety and the effectiveness of immigration enforcement.

Firstly, requiring local law enforcement to notify individuals that interviews with ICE are voluntary could hinder the ability of ICE agents to gather critical information. This could impede investigations and enforcement actions that are crucial for maintaining national security and public safety. Effective cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities is essential for addressing issues such as human trafficking, drug smuggling, and other serious crimes.

Moreover, HB457 could create confusion and inconsistency in the enforcement of immigration laws. Local law enforcement officers may face challenges in determining when and how to provide the required notification, leading to potential legal ambiguities and uneven application of the law. This lack of clarity could result in legal challenges and further complicate the enforcement process.

Additionally, the bill could undermine the authority of ICE and other federal agencies responsible for immigration enforcement. By mandating notifications about the voluntary nature of interviews, we risk eroding trust and cooperation between local and federal law enforcement. This could weaken our overall ability to address immigration-related issues effectively.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider HB457 and recognize the potential negative impacts it could have on public safety and immigration enforcement. It is crucial that we maintain strong partnerships between local law enforcement and federal agencies to ensure the safety and security of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bradley Lindsey

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:50:25 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. Once again, sadly, you legislature representatives of We The People are actively creating bills to allow these illegals to live here when they know they shouldn't be here. You are actively trying to to harbor them under the color of law creating these bills. I, as a citizen are here to remind you that you took an Oath to Protect the United States, now HONOR YOUR OATH! Deport these illegals aliens immediately. The new administration is watching every single state and the new Border Czar will not be happy about these bills you attempt to push thru these unlawful practices to harbor illegals. Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

Noela von Wiegandt

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:56:05 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justyce Torres	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in OPPOSE to HB457, any and all IILEGAL persons should not be given a heads up on their interview with US I.C.E .

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:57:20 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Ann Peralta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It shall not be voluntarily! But mandatory!

They are here illegally, and therefore mandatory to be interviewed.

How they got here, who was their ally. How many are here from their families.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:02:09 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB457. Please vote NO.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:11:01 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
karen Mountain	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Following the law is not voluntary. Law enforcement should be able to ask questions and receive open honest answers. People here illegally, need to leave.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:12:46 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Camlyn Pola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:19:31 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hunter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We already have a housing crisis here and keeping and helping people break the law is not the governments job or what our tax dollars are for. Do not get in the way of the federal goverment trying to deport criminals.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:26:38 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:27:40 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Buck Giles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB457

Paul Giles

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB457

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong support** of HB457. The purpose of this bill is to require state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawaii law enforcement agency custody before any interview with U.S. ICE on certain matters regarding civil immigration violations.

The consequences of what is said to federal immigration authorities can be serious enough as to lead to prolonged detention and eventual deportation.

In 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Padilla v. Kentucky* recognized this imperative as applied to legal advice from an attorney to an immigrant client in criminal proceedings. Specifically, a lawyer *must* advise a client of any possible adverse consequences of a guilty plea, including possible deportation.

HB457 is analogous to *Padilla* in that it requires a local law enforcement agency to inform someone in their custody, especially those without legal representation, of the possible consequences ensuing from an interview with the Federal Government.

I respectfully ask that you pass this due process strengthening bill out of committee and vote for it on the floor.

Sincerely,

Carl Bergquist, William S. Richardson School of Law, Class of 2019
Formerly resident of Mānoa, Oahu.
Ottawa Hills, Ohio 43606

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:29:32 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Jeremiah	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose House Bill 457, which requires law enforcement to notify individuals that interviews with ICE are voluntary. This bill is a distraction from our true priorities.

Hawaii has its own unique challenges, such as homelessness, addiction, and a backlog of cases in our state courts. We need to prioritize the needs of our own citizens before providing additional protections to non-citizens.

As I've said before, you can't fix anything until you fix yourself. Hawaii needs to be first. We need to focus on addressing our own problems before trying to solve federal immigration issues. Let's take care of our own community and put Hawaii first.

I urge you to oppose House Bill 457 and prioritize the needs of our own residents.

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB457

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Re: HB457

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support** of HB457. The purpose of this bill is to require state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawaii law enforcement agency custody before any interview with U.S. ICE on certain matters regarding civil immigration violations.

This bill would ensure that:

- prior to any interview between ICE and an individual, the individual shall be provided a written consent form in their native language that explains the purpose of the ICE interview, that the interview is voluntary, and that they may decline to be interviewed or may choose to be interviewed only with his or her attorney present.
- upon receiving an ICE hold, notification, or transfer request, state and local law enforcement agencies shall provide a copy of the request to the individual and notify the individual as to whether state and local law enforcement intends to comply with ICE.
- State and local law enforcement will also notify the individual's attorney or the individuals designee within 2 business days.

I urge you to support this bill. HB457, requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in Hawai'i law enforcement agency custody prior to any interview with ICE of certain matters regarding civil immigration violations is fair, just, and mandated by the Hawai'i State Constitution.

Thank you for your support and consideration,



Gail Breakey, RN, MPH

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:31:36 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J S	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed.

The Constitution and our laws are for LEGAL CITIZENS of this country.

Follow the laws.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:34:18 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stongly oppose

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:39:10 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ailie Souriolle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is illegal to be in this country without proper documents and vetting

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:41:19 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice Giles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We shouldn't be supporting illegal aliens. Our money should be focused on US citizens and residents of Hawai'i

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:41:48 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paula	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

An illegal immigrant should not have the chance to have a voluntary meeting with U.S Immigration and or Customs Enforcement, it should be mandatory.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:43:42 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:47:58 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:50:09 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:51:49 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
G L Hutchinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support protecting immigrants in Hawaii

thank you.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:00:23 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lolita Keni	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe that law enforcement should not be informing those, scheduled for interviews, that this is voluntary. The untreviws should be mandatory.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:00:45 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie A Carter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:07:16 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia J. Goto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:32:55 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill HB457

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:51:00 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:51:56 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayme Kealoha-Dacuycuy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose Hawaii government leaders & law enforcement to engage in allowing protection or notification to individuals that should NOT or have an opportunity to be here.

Protect Hawaii & our people first & foremost!!

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:34:53 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cristina Rothwell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Citizens are afforded rights. Unfortunately illegal immigrants should not fall into that category.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:52:20 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB457.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:54:11 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop protecting criminals and wasting our money on them!

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 12:27:06 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Ilagan and members of the Economic Development and Technology Committee. My wife and I are in strong support of HB457. We are asking for your support of this important legislation. Mahalo, Dan Gardner

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 1:25:40 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norma J Sizemore	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

When I was young my teachers taught me that if you commit a crime you would lose privileges! They also educated us on how the Law enforcement representative had to be respected. Why are you putting a law enforcer in a situation where they go against the LAW! Most law enforcers are in their careers because they want to ENFORCE the LAW! I don't want my tax payer money going to law enforcers to BREAK THE LAW of the land!

Illegals are here and have committed a CRIME. Giving them the right to withhold pertinent information to law enforcement should be a given. Our American laws do not protect ALL Criminals & especially those who have illegally come into our country!

Again HI has to throw themselves into Mainland politics instead of taking care of their own. We are in a unique situation that we can really do a good job for all our island people instead of taking on issues that don't need to impact us negatively!

HI needs to concentrate on HI, not mainland or world issues that have NO impact on HI., unless our politicians keep inserting us in those issues/situations. HI is like the kid in the classroom that needs to be noticed and keeps holding their hand up to get noticed! ENOUGH Already & do what's good for HI!

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 1:43:02 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Philip	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We want all illegals out. Hawaii does not need anymore problems. Problems that you democrats create

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 2:57:02 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. I do not want money spent on people who broke the law to be here. Another instance of you trying to circumvent the law instead of supporting legal citizens. You apparently didn't hear what "we the people" said November 5th. You need to stop and listen instead of running roughshod over the people you are supposed to represent.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:40:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:42:24 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill



HB 457, RELATING TO RELATING TO CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS

JANUARY 29, 2025 · ECD HEARING

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: Imua Alliance supports HB 457, relating to civil rights protections, which requires state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

Imua Alliance is a victim service provider for survivors of sex trafficking, including numerous migrant survivors. Over the past 15 years, we have provided comprehensive direct intervention (victim rescue) services to over 200 victims, successfully emancipating them from slavery and assisting in their restoration, while providing a range of targeted services to over 1,000 victims and individuals at risk of sexual exploitation. During the pandemic, demand for services to our organization skyrocketed by 330 percent, driven in part by a fivefold increase in direct crisis calls.

Many of the victims we have assisted have suffered from complex and overlapping trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety, dissociation, parasuicidal behavior, and substance abuse. Trafficking-related trauma and trauma-coerced attachment can even lead to a complete loss of identity and significant memory loss. Our survivor-clients require a tremendous amount of psychological, medical, and occupational support once outside of the commercial sex industry, as they painstakingly progress toward recovery.

Countless human trafficking survivors are migrants. Our state's migrant survivor population is difficult to estimate, but exceeds 500-1,000 people annually. These individuals are exploited in local storefront brothels (such as fake massage parlors and relaxation therapy establishments), on local farms, and in our fishing industry, where they are forced to endure inhumane conditions and are stripped of any documentation and identification materials they may have.

We should provide assistance and a path to citizenship for immigrants, not punishment and fear. According to a report published by the American Immigration Council in 2020, Hawai'i is home to over 266,000 immigrants, including 45,000 thousand undocumented immigrants. As a society, we treasure our immigrant heritage, from which we have developed a legacy of multicultural cooperation and an abiding respect for the limitless value of diversity.

President Donald Trump has signaled his intent to implement a draconian, arbitrary, and cruel system of enforcement when it comes to immigration. Already, immigration raids have been initiated throughout the country, including in our island home. On January 27th, Hawai'i News Now reported that the local office of Homeland Security Investigations posted photos on social media of officers from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Drug Enforcement Administration arresting immigrants on our shores. Trump officials have also begun issuing quotas to ICE officers to ramp up arrests, according to the Washington Post.

Advocates and, of course, immigrants themselves—both documented and undocumented—are justifiably concerned about these mass deportation actions. As the American Immigration Council stated in its “After Day One” factsheet: “The initial wave of executive actions scales up a “mass deportation” operation that everyone without legal status in the United States will be highly vulnerable to on the first day these practices go into effect. Indeed, by invoking the registration provision, the Trump administration is threatening to turn all immigrants into criminals by setting them up for the ‘crime’ of failing to register,” which they have no way to do.

From a historical perspective, we are all immigrants. We urge your committee to act with haste to defend the many immigrants who make our communities proud and call the Aloha State home.

Contact us at imuaalliance.org/contact.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 4:35:26 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Monohon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Do not allow Ali and constitutional rights that are not theirs. No advance warning or advice should be afforded people who are here illegally. Please direct your focus on Hawaii residents and citizens problems.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 5:18:53 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 6:11:08 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaori-Lei Hanohano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

‘O Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano ko‘u inoa. No Maui mai ‘au a ka no na‘e noho au ma Ka‘a‘awa O‘ahu. Mahalo ‘au i ku‘u mau kupuna i kūpa‘a no kākou āpau.

My name is Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano. I‘m from the island of Maui but currently live in Ka‘a‘awa O‘ahu. I thank my ancestors who were steadfast!

I support requiring the state and local law enforcement agencies to notify an individual of their rights when in law enforcement agency custody before any interview with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement on certain matters regarding immigration violations.

Mahalo for listening and for your time.

Na‘u no,

Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:04:26 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today in support of HB457, which helps protect our immigrant communities by helping protect their information from being unnecessarily shared with federal immigration authorities and by informing in-custody immigrants and migrants of their rights before meeting with federal immigration authorities. These are affirmative protections our state and local authorities can provide our residents and community members.

I request that you pass HB457 and I thank you for your time.

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:49:32 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Monisha Das Gupta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB 457. Our Hawaii State Constitution enshrines equal protection under the law; this bill will require local law enforcement agencies to notify a person of their rights before they are interviewed by agents authorized to enforce federal immigration law (Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Patrol).

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:50:35 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On page 3 of bill- This should NOT include the # 2 item stating "interview is voluntary". We have laws that all our own citizens are supposed to follow, not 'just only if they feel like it'. If new or long time illegal immigrants are supposed to go through a process, then they should be required to do so! Our tax dollars should not be spent encouraging people to break the law.

It is not fair to the thousands that have gone through the process legally.

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:27:26 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Garris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 6:38:41 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:51:49 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yumi Moore	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I oppose HB457, which weakens cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration agencies. Allowing law enforcement to merely inform individuals that interviews with ICE are voluntary sends the wrong message and encourages non-compliance with immigration laws. This bill undermines national security efforts and restricts law enforcement's ability to uphold federal immigration laws. I urge you to reject HB457.

mahalo,

Yumi Moore

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:24:09 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adrean	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is facing critical challenges, and we cannot afford policies that prioritize those who enter the U.S. illegally over our own citizens. These bills are not about fairness they're about straining resources that should be used to support American citizens and those who come to this country the right way, legally.

HB22: Limits law enforcement's ability to collaborate with immigration officials, making it harder to enforce the law.

HB73: Prohibits detention facilities on public land essentially removing a necessary tool for immigration enforcement.

HB438: Provides taxpayer-funded legal representation to individuals here illegally, diverting resources that could be used for American citizens.

HB457: Makes immigration interviews voluntary, undermining accountability and due process.

Hawaii is already struggling with a housing crisis, rising costs of living, and limited resources. These policies will only make it harder for citizens to access affordable housing, jobs, and social services.

We need to stand up for what is right: **Legal immigration or leave.**

Lets prioritize legal immigration and ensure our resources go to the people who contribute to this country fairly and lawfully.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:15:34 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill. Thank you.

Marcella Alohalani Boido, M.A.

Moili'ili

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:28:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB457.

If i recall correctly the amendments of the constitution apply to american citizens. As an illegal immigrant is not a citizen of the USA, therefore the amendments of the constitution do not apply. Any individual regardless whether government elected official or civilian that defies immigration law will be guilty of breaking the law as well.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:41:32 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy Maruoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose hb457!

HB-457

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:42:08 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bart Burford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO AID, ABET, OR SUPPORT ANYONE IN THIS COUNTRY
ILLEGALLY - NO!**