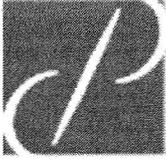


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To: Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Human Services

From: Jeanne Ohta, Executive Director

Re: HB1435 Relating to the Hawaii State Giving Campaign  
Hearing: February 2, 2009, 8:15 a.m., Room 329

Position: Support

Good morning Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Brower, and members of the committee. I am testifying today in support of HB1435 Relating to the Hawaii State Giving Campaign.

This proposal would allow State of Hawaii employees to make contributions to non-profit organizations who have applied to become part of the Hawaii State Giving Campaign.

This proposal provides the opportunity for organizations who serve a variety of sectors to participate and receive contributions from employees of the State. It also allows employees to donate directly to organizations that are important to them, who play a role in their immediate community, or who have served their families.

Please pass HB1435. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony in Support  
of HB 1435  
Relating to the Hawaii State Giving Campaign

Submitted by Lulani Arquette, Executive Director  
Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association

Committee on Human Services  
Monday, February 2, 2009  
8:15am  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

Aloha Chairman Mizuno and Committee Members:

The Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association (NaHHA) fully supports HB 1435 relating to the Hawaii State Giving Campaign. It is fair and just to give state workers a broad choice of options when making their donations to charities. There are many Hawaii nonprofits that could benefit from donor gifts from state employees in this challenging economy. Most of them are not included in the state workers current charity choice.

We are making it a priority in 2009 to help give workers in the tourism industry a broader choice when donating their hard earned wages. They too, are interested in having options to support a variety of nonprofits.

NaHHA urges you to support and pass HB 1435.

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TESTIMONY TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
For Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009  
8:15 a.m., Conference Room 329

BY

MARIE C. LADERTA, DIRECTOR

**House Bill No. 1435**  
**Relating to the Hawaii State Giving Campaign**

TO CHAIRPERSON JOHN MIZUNO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of H.B. No. 1435 is to establish the Hawaii State Giving Campaign as the only authorized solicitation of employees in the State workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) acknowledges that this measure has merit; however, because it has budget implications we must **OPPOSE** its enactment this year.

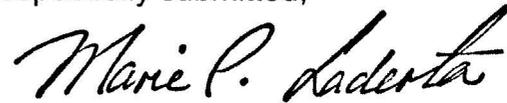
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Therefore, we respectfully request that this measure be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARIE C. LADERTA  
Director



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Emailed 7:29am  
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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Monday, February 2, 2009

**H.B. 1435**

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee, my name is Linda Chu Takayama, and I am the Chair of the Hawaii Foodbank. The Foodbank serves 131,862 different individuals every year, distributing nearly 9 million pounds through 250 charitable agencies, including feeding programs for children and the elderly, homeless and abuse shelters, rehabilitation centers and soup kitchens.

Nineteen years ago we began conducting an annual community food drive to supplement the food we were able to salvage from grocery stores and manufacturers. State departments were among the first to step up to participate in helping to feed the needy in our community. They continue to be our largest and most enthusiastic coalition and represent about 20% of our food drive goal.

The food collected from the state departments during the food drive are of the best quality we have in our warehouse. We distribute it through our member agencies throughout the year. The monies collected are used to buy food in bulk and fund operations.

Except for a modest amount from the Office of Community Services, which we use to pay for shipping food to the neighbor island foodbanks, the Hawaii Foodbank does not request nor receive any other state funds.

This organization is a prime example of the community coming together to take care of its own. We are almost entirely supported by the individuals and businesses in the community. Programs (food collection and distribution) account for 95% of all our spending. Administration and fundraising expenses account for only 5%.

This bill would ban our annual food drive efforts in state agencies. Our operations would be severely impacted if we were unable to count on our long-standing partnership with the state. We respectfully request that this bill be held.

Thank you for your consideration

Linda Chu Takayama  
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TO: Representative John Mizuno, Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Human Services

FROM: Marilyn Lee

Testimony in favor of HB885

The financial crisis which has affected our state and nation has myriad causes. However, in the United States, the habit of saving for the future has decreased rapidly over the years. Many Americans cannot continue to maintain their standard of living if job loss or illness strikes. Many have no savings.

The purpose of this bill is to encourage savings by starting each child out at birth with a savings account, using monies that are surplus in the State budget.

Although at this time we have no surplus, times will get better. An undetermined amount of the State surplus each two years can be used to begin an account for each child born in the State over the two years of the budget. The amount of money may be small but the message is mighty. Doing this, we will be following the steps of the State of Maine and the United Kingdom.

A constitutional amendment will be needed to achieve this goal. Passage of the bill will be a symbolic gesture which encourages each person to become a lifelong saver.

I urge the Committee's support.

LATE  
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9:30am



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TESTIMONY  
IN SUPPORT OF  
HB 1435, Hawaii State Giving Campaign

Monday, February 2, 2009, 8:15 a.m., Conference Room 329

To: Rep. John Mizuno, Chair  
Rep. Tom Brower, Vice Chair and  
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The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports HB 1435, Hawaii State Giving Campaign. It's a bill for and about our people....citizens taking care of their own.

The Honolulu Advertiser, in their January 30, 2009 edition noted that 44% of Hawaii's non-profits have reduced their service hours. 48% of these agencies have imposed a hiring freeze. 31% have laid off direct service staff. 48% have laid off administrative staff. 73% of Hawaii's nonprofits are preparing for cuts in their next budget. .

With the poor economy, this is an EXCELLENT way for state government to facilitate the gifts of state workers to support Hawaii nonprofits.

We urge your support.

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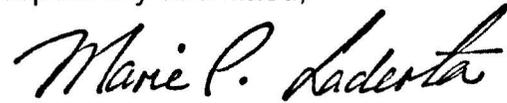
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