

April 27, 2009

Economic Development and Technology Committee

Support for HCR 100

Honorable Chair: Senator Fukunaga, Honorable Vice-Chair Senator Rosalyn Baker and Honorable Committee members:

My name is Hakim Ouansafi and I am the President & Chairman of the Muslim Association of Hawaii. On behalf of our board of directors, Committees and subcommittees members (signatures enclosed) and our entire congregation of over 4000 Muslims in Hawaii, please accept this testimony as our Strong support for (Islam Day) HCR 100.

Recognizing Islam Day in Hawaii to join the list of the other faiths that have already been recognized, will continue to show how Hawaii and her people lead by example in bridging the gap and provide a great environment for all people to live and work side by side as one people, brothers and sisters of our parents Adam and Eve

Many of you have reached out in the past to our community and for that we are very greatful. And we respectfully request that you support and pass HCR 100.

Islam teaches that God is one with no partner and that Prophet Muhammad, like earlier Prophets, was no more than a messenger of God. It also teaches its followers to worship God through prayer, alms giving, fasting and performing the pilgrimage to Mecca in addition to high moral character and excellence in conduct toward humans and animals.

The Islamic civilization has in the past proved capable of, for the times, astonishing feats of toleration and acceptance. Under the Muslims, medieval Spain became a haven for diverse religions and sects. Following the Christian reconquest, the Inquisition eliminated all dissent. The idea that Islam or Islamic civilization is inherently less capable of tolerance and compassion than any other is hard to square with the facts.

In a 2008 book, God's Crucible: Islam and the Making of Europe, one of America's greatest historians, David L. Lewis, states that Muslims 'accomplished the greatest

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revolution in power, religion, culture, and wealth in history' – all of which created the European civilization. There would be no Europe without Islam.

The Islamic civilization has made an enormous but largely neglected contribution to the way people live in the West. Hundreds of innovations - from kiosks and chess through to windmills and cryptography - that are often popularly associated with the western world but originate from Muslim scholarship and science.

There are many examples that demonstrate that Muslims share the core values upon which Europe and the West are founded. The criticism that Islam is irrational is "potentially dangerous in its double reductionism in the historical approach, and in the definition of European identity."

Your kind approval of HCR 100 will continue the Hawaiian tradition of embracing all people and will help to bridge the gap of understanding that Islam and Muslims are not the 'enemy within.' As confirmed by its theological, historical and contemporary context.

We very much appreciate your time and kind support.

Mahalo and Best regards

Hakim Ouansafi

President & Chairman.

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please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. MAHALO and feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (808) 391-3018.

Nighat Quadri

Please accept this email as my strong support for HCR 100 which you will be hearing today, Tuesday, April 28th 2009 at 2:00PM. I believe that this is a great opportunity for those in our community to gain knowledge of other faiths and to apply this knowledge to everyday life to overcome boundaries and stereotypes. Thank you very much for your consideration and should you need additional information, please feel free to reach me at (808) 356-5316.

Thank you again, Cherisa Yaplee

Cherisa Yaplee

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### Aloha Chair Senator Fukunaga,

Please accept this e-mail as evidence of my strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing today, April 28th at 2:00 PM. Thank you for your consideration of this bill and we greatly appreciate your support. If you should like to contact me please see my contact information below. Again, thank you for your support.

Mahalo ~ Michele

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My e-mail has changed to <a href="michele.ouansafi@aecom.com">michele.ouansafi@aecom.com</a>. Please update your address books accordingly.

Please accept this e mail as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2:00 pm.

Mahalo

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Honolulu, HI 96822

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Aloha Senator Fukunaga,

I serve as chairman of the University of Hawaii Federal Credit Union and president of the Mililani Town Association. I am writing you to express my strongest support for the HCR 100 (Islam Day). This proclamation is in line with Hawaii's cultural fabric and reflects the diversity of our State. I will attempt to be present this afternoon at 2 p.m. Feel free to contact me at 292-9970 if you need any additional information.

Mahalo Farouk Wang 94-309 Kiilani Place Mililani, HI 96789 Dear Chair Senator Fukanaga, I'm sending this email to support HCR100 that will be heard today at 2pm HST. Accept my appreciation for your help and understanding.

Yours Mohamed Elmallah 808 384 5049 I strongly support HRC 100. I'm sure that most Hawaii residents and visitors will see this as another fine example of Hawaii's progressive views that are consistent with our world famous Aloha spirit of promoting better understanding and harmony.

Khaled S. Mujtabaa Attorney at Law 1109 Bethel Street, Suite 201 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Tel: (808) 524-0511 Dear Chair Senator Fukanaga, please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. MAHALO and feel free to reach me if you need additional information at my cell (808) 366-9800".

Mohamed Aboyoussef, MD Rheumatology Straub Clinic & Hospitals 888 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Tel: (808) 522-4522

Fax: (808) 522-3408

Mohamed.Aboyoussef@straub.net

Please accept my strong heartfelt strong support for HCR 100 Islam day which you will be hearing

on April 28th.We as Muslims appreciate the effort that the State of Hawaii is taking inorder to

recognise this day. Feel free to contact me if any additional information is required at 808 949 1910 (home) or at 808 393 8567 (cell).

May god bless you to be successful in this effort.

Thank you. Abdul Kariapper Aloha honorable committee members,

This is in support of HCR 100 (Islam day) that will be heard today. It is about time that we celebrate our diverse community and I commend you for taking the first step.

MAHALO

omorrow Tuesday.

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Robert D. Albertini

C. Staff

This is to confirm that i and my whole family fully support the above bill and which will be before on April 28th. at 2.00 pm.

We will really appreciate your support and having this bill approved.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please call me at 808-277-3115.

Once again thanks for all your support.

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Sayad Hussain & Family

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MAHALO

Sayad Hussain & Family

Please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. MAHALO

Best Regards Asad

This email is to express our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing on April 28 at 2 pm. MAHALO for your support for the successful passage of this important bill. Please feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (808) 352-2881. God bless!

Aloha,

Ahmad

Ahmad Yu

As a moslem living and working in hawaii with a family, please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. MAHALO and feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (206) 424 8612.

Sincerely

Winahyu Hadi.

Please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing on April 28 at 2pm.

MAHALO

Jamal Khan

Please accept this email as my strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing on April 28 at 2pm. It is an honor for the great State of Hawaii to lead the nation in passing such a resolution.

MAHALO and please feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (808) 224-1280.

Enjy El-Kadi 1037 Kalapaki St. Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

I strongly support HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. I am honored to be a citizen of this great state!

Please let me know if you need more information.

Mahalo,

Faten El-Telbany Honolulu, Hawaii

Please accept this email as my strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm.

Mahalo

Syed Nabeel 911030 Puahala Street, #24A, Ewa Beach, HI, 96706 Cell# 356 9751

Please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm.

Feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (808) 5422497

Mahola, Sulaiman Mappiasse Ph.D Student from Indonesia

# To Senator Fukunaga:

I would strongly encourage you and members of your committee to support HCR 100 The Islam Day Resolution.

Thanks,

Jamal Siddiqui

Dear Chair Senator Fukanaga, Please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm.

MAHALO

Rafat

Dear Senator

I support Islam Day.

Please help Reintegrate Muslim Community with the rest of the nation after long eight difficult years.

Mahalao

Khalid Memon Resident of Hawaii Kai Hopnolulu

Please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. MAHALO and feel free to reach us if you need additional information at (808) 371-0011.

Jad and Bahia Saramah 92-6019 Nemo St. Kapolei, Hi 96707 Dear Carol Fukanaga,

My name is Uzma Hussain and I am currently 16 years old and attending James Campbell High School. My religion is my number one prioroty and it concerns all aspects of my life. I have always hoped for a day that us Muslims can call our own and I would really appreciate it if you take this proposal into consideration. I would be really proud and jubilent to have a day designated to us Muslims, and therefore we hope and appreciate you taking the time to consider this proposal. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at 689-1525.

Sincerely, Uzma Hussain

Our State of Hawaii is truly great when it comes to leading the rest of the Union with the spirit of Aloha. Passing HCR 100 will be one of those example of great leadership.

I strongly support HCR 100. I would have come personally to testify before your Honorable Committee had it not been a heavy load of teaching.

Please accept this email as my strong support for HCR 100.

Aloha.

Karim

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Dear Senator Fukanaga,

Please accept this email as my support for HCR 100 (Islam day) that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. Thank you very much for your time.

Aladdin El-Kadi 1037 Kalapaki St. Honolulu, HI 96825 (808) 349-7319

## DEAR SENATOR FUKUNAGA,

Just want to extend my full support for the passing of HCR 100. The content of the text speaks for itself. Please feel free to contact me at (808)623-0670 for further information.

Sincerely Warren Kundis

Please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. MAHALO and feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (808) 343-4491 or through my email (nasserm@hawaii.edu)

~Aloha, NASSER MARGHALANI

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MAHALO and please feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (808) 223-3598.

Aly I. El-Kadi and family 1037 Kalapaki St. Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

## Dear Senator Fukunaga:

I would very much like your support on the above Bill, declaring Sept 24 as Islam Day in Hawaii to recognize the growing number of Muslims who are residents of Hawaii. Of issue is the larger perspective of increasing awareness of Islam, co-existing harmoniously with all the other religions that our residents practice.

Best Wishes and many thanks,

G. Salim Mohammed, Upper Nuuanu 145 Waokanaka Pl Honolulu, HI 96817 Dear Chair Senator Fukanaga, please accept this email as our strong support for HCR 100 that you will be hearing April 28 at 2pm. MAHALO and feel free to reach me if you need additional information at (808) 230-1514.

Dr.Ismail Elshikh,Ph.D. www.shikh.com

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