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# LATE TESTIMONY

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## **HB1430**

Submitted on: 2/11/2013

Testimony for HUS on Feb 12, 2013 09:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wayne Takara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1430 for the deaf services. We need more funds for interpreter services. I am a federal deaf employee at the Department of Veterans Affairs. We requested for the interpreter for my meeting. Please don't cut interpreter funds. We need to build our CDC deaf community. I am appreciate to support your bills for our deaf community.

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Pinky Aiello	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I don't want to postpone again postpone become I get old later and later. please soon support for Deaf Community. Thank you Pinky Aiello

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Aloha Representative Mele Carroll, Chair, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair, and committee members of House Committee on Human Services:

I strongly support House Bill 1430, Relating to Human Services that establishes and operates a Comprehensive Services Center.

My name is Lokene Lindsey and I am a senior at Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind. I am aware of the importance of my education and I have always tried my best to learn all I can, however to be as successful as possible I need the services of a sign language interpreter to help me understand the words of people who do not sign. There are a lot of important things that I would like to contribute to our community, but without an interpreter my words will not be understood by people who do not know my language.

I know that I will need a variety of services as I begin college life and start on my career path, and that's why I support the Comprehensive Services Center along with interpreter referral service and independent living services. I would like for all deaf people to have the opportunity to access needed services and not experience negative consequences due to a lack of services.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. I urge you to pass HB1430 on behalf of the students at Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Sincerely,

Lokene Lindsey  
91-995 Piliokahe Place, Ewa Beach, HI 96706

# LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha, Representative Mele Carroll, Chair, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair, and committee members of House Committee on Human Services:

Hello my name is Susan Nishino and I am a deaf senior citizen. I am the sole caretaker of my 79-year-old husband who is also deaf. Several years ago I was in a car accident and taken to Queen's Hospital emergency room. I am so grateful that the hospital contacted the interpreter referral agency and a sign language interpreter came to the emergency room and helped me understand what the doctor and nurses needed to tell me. I urge you to support the Comprehensive Service Center, interpreter referral service, and independent living service.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. In behalf of deaf senior citizens, I thank you for your support of the Comprehensive Services Center, the interpreter referral services, and independent living services.

Sincerely,

Susan Nishino

1348 Hoolaulea Street, Pearl City, HI 96782

# LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha Representative Mele Carroll, Chair, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair, and committee members of House Committee on Human Services:

My name is Cathie Collier and I am a teacher at Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind (HSDB).

I strongly support HB1430, Relating to Human Services that establishes and operates a Comprehensive Services Center for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind individuals

Every year I have had the privilege of teaching the Personal Transition Planning course, working with our senior class students and preparing them as they transition to adult life.

I have found that most of these students do not have parents/family that fully understand them or have the ability to communicate with their deaf child on issues which are essential for a healthy independent life. This is why I wholeheartedly support HB1430 the Comprehensive Services Center (CSC) for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind individuals. Having several service organizations in a central location would make receiving assistance very effective. There would not be any barriers or other unnecessary bureaucracy that deaf people are faced with when multiple service organizations are in different locations. Having a centralize location, promotes further collaboration among multiple organizations that supports the deaf person's best interests, and will expedite the inter-agency communication among the organizations.

In addition, please allocate monies for Interpreter Referral Services and Independent Living Skills in the CSC bill.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. I urge you to pass HB1430 for the Comprehensive Services Center.

Sincerely,

Cathie Collier

99-943 Halawa Heights Rd., Aiea, HI 96701

# LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha Representative Mele Carroll, Chair, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair, and committee members of House Committee on Human Services:

Hello my name is Ralph Collier and I am a deaf father of 4 hearing children. I am an alumnus of Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind (HSDB), and the assistant chairperson for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind Committee. In 2014 HSDB will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we are planning a large celebration with many alumni returning to Hawaii to participate in this event. Our committees are looking forward to offering the alumni the opportunity to visit Hawaii's many attractions. However upon hearing that funding for the interpreter referral services will soon run out, I am very concerned that our deaf alumni and their families may be let down by our possibly deficient interpreter referral services and miss out on enjoying our historic places.

I strongly support in intent of House Bill 1430, Relating to Human Services, that establishes and operates a comprehensive service center for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind. Please add two important service providers, Interpreter Referral Services and Independent Living Skills, with moneys in addition.

Thank you for allowing me to testify. In behalf of deaf parents and HSDB alumni, I urge you to pass HB1430 in support of the Comprehensive Services Center, the interpreter referral services, and independent living services.

Sincerely,

Ralph Collier

99-943 Halawa Heights Rd., Aiea, HI 96701

# LATE TESTIMONY

Aloha Representative Belatti, Chair of House Committee on Health, Representative Mela Carroll, Chair of Human Services, and committee members of Health and Human Services:

Hello my name is Albert Marsh and I am deaf and currently stationed on Oahu. I would like to share my experience as a deaf person who has had the opportunity to travel to different countries. I was previously stationed in Germany where I have seen the German version of comprehensive service center for deaf and hard of hearing. At their center, there are several service organizations in a central location where deaf people go to receive assistance effectively without any barriers or other unnecessary bureaucracy with multiple service organizations in different locations. With one central location, it promotes for further collaboration among multiple organizations that has the deaf person's best interests and will expedite the inter-agency communication among the organizations. I urge you to support the Comprehensive Services Center, interpreter referral service, and independent living service for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me to testify, and I hope you will support the Comprehensive Services Center, the interpreter referral services, and independent living services.

Sincerely,  
Albert Marsh  
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Kapolei, HI 96707

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Sharlyn Chong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We really NEED interpreter for my doctor, p/t hawaii, emergency children's IEP, parent/conference, job meeting, children's doctor. Hope keep running stay interpreter for forever.... PLEASE DON'T CLOSE BUSINESS OF INTERPRETER (HIS)....

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