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HCR 150, RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LATE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIRECTOR LORETTA JEAN DELIANA ANTONE FUDDY, ACSW, MPH, FOR PROMOTING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H. Director of Health

April 2, 2014

- 1 **Department's Position:** Support.
- 2 Fiscal Implications: N/A
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the posthumous recognition of
- 4 Director Fuddy.
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- 6 Director Fuddy established a strong relationship between DOH and the Hawaii State Legislature as true
- 7 partners in promoting lifelong health and wellness for Hawaii's residents. Her close work with key
- 8 committees and with past and present Chairs of the House Committee on Health in particular, were
- 9 critical in rebuilding Hawaii's public health and healthcare infrastructure to regain the title of healthiest
- 10 state in the United States in 2013.
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- 12 DOH expresses profound appreciation to the sponsors and supporters of House Concurrent Resolution
- 13 150. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES The Twenty-Seventh Legislature Regular Session of 2014

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair The Honorable Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING:Wednesday, April 2, 2014TIME OF HEARING:8:30 AMPLACE OF HEARING:Conference Room 329

<u>TESTIMONY ON HCR150 / HR108:</u> <u>RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LATE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</u> <u>DIRECTOR LORETTA JEAN DELIANA ANTONE FUDDY, ACSW, MPH, FOR PROMOTING</u> <u>THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII</u>

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports HCR150 / HR108 in honoring the late Director of Health, Loretta Jean Deliana Antone Fuddy. Former Director Fuddy dedicated her life to serving the people of Hawaii with over 30 years of work experience in government and private sectors. She was also awarded many different honors, both locally and nationally, for her devotion to supporting children and the homeless. Loretta Fuddy exemplified the meaning of service. The care and selflessness demonstrated by the former Director of Health, Loretta Jean Deliana Antone Fuddy, makes her truly deserving of being honored.

We request that the committee pass this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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From: Sent: To: Subject: Jacob Velez <jacobv001@yahoo.com> Tuesday, April 01, 2014 2:56 PM HLTtestimony; Rep. Della Belatti; Rep. Daynette Morikawa Testimony on HCR150/HR108 -- RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LATE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIRECTOR LORETTA JEAN DELIANA ANTONE FUDDY...

My name is Jacob Velez, and I am testifying in OPPOSITION to these resolutions.

I am disturbed and offended that the introducer, Representative Ryan Yamane, House Leadership, and the Chair of this Committee would have the gall to subject the friends, co- workers, and family of the Late Director Loretta Fuddy to such a spectacle – that they would have to justify to you in a public hearing that her life was worthy of recognition by the Hawaii House of Representatives and the Hawaii State Legislature.

This is unprecedented. Never before has this House ever given a standing committee referral for what amounts to a "Condolence Resolution".

Very rarely would the House of Representatives introduce a Condolence Resolution. Usually these are reserved for special dignitaries such as a sitting legislator. Joint Condolence Resolutions were adopted upon the passing of U.S. Senators Spark Matsunaga, and Daniel Inouye, as well as U.S. Representative Patsy Mink, and the Mayor of Hawaii County Bernard Akana.

It truly is a break in protocol to have a Condolence Resolution go through the standing committee process because it places the friends and family of the deceased in the awkward position of having to defend the worthiness of the deceased to elected officials.

Who gives you the authority to judge whether someone is worthy enough to receive recognition?

If the House of Representatives wants to recognize Director Fuddy, then it should be done on the Floor of the House. To subject the friends, co- workers, and family of Director Fuddy in this manner is outrageous, cruel, and in very BAD TASTE.

For these reasons, I urge this Committee to recommit this measure and apologize to the friends, co-workers, and family of Director Fuddy for putting them through this farce.