

**EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS** 

HONOLULU, HAWAII

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

March 2, 2015

Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. No. 1022

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Senate Committee Members -

Please accept our testimony in support of S.B. No. 1022 that proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the one-year residency requirement for state officers seeking appointments to state government positions.

We faced an unfortunate situation with one of our appointees who could not serve as a Department Director based upon this constitutional provision. We support bringing former Hawai'i residents back to our State to serve in appointed positions that will benefit Hawai'i's people. We believe that future Governors should have the ability to recruit the "best and brightest" to serve in our State's administration and share their talents in public service to Hawai'i's people.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony.