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April 3, 2017

TESTIMONY OF MASON K. CHOCK COUNCILMEMBER, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL ON HCR NO. 153 / HR 99, RECOGNIZING APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 22, 2018, AS VOLUNTEER WEEK IN THE STATE OF HAWAI'I House Committee on Finance Tuesday, April 4, 2017 10:30 a.m.

Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HCR No. 153 / HR 99, Recognizing April 15 Through April 22, 2018, As Volunteer Week In The State Of Hawai'i. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I wholeheartedly support this measure to designate April 15 through April 22, 2018 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawai'i in recognition of the vital role Hawai'i's volunteer forces play in the lives of our people and in our communities. This designation will provide opportunities for groups such as Kanu Hawai'i, a local non-profit organization, as they continue their work towards developing relationships between volunteers and local businesses, local non-profit organizations, and community organizations.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the House Committee on Finance to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MASON K. CHOCK Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair House Committee on Finance

From: Kanu Hawaii

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 10:30 A.M.

Subject: Support for HCR 153 and HR 99, Related the Volunteer Week in Hawaii 2018

Kanu Hawaii greatly appreciates your time and consideration of these Resolutions to help build up our local support for community volunteerism and to better express and share aloha for on another across our communities.

As stated in the content of the resolution, establishing Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii, along side National Volunteer Week which has been proclaimed every year since its inception in 1974, will help encourage volunteerism and the spirit of giving during National Volunteer Week and will create a greater call to action that encourages residents to spread the philanthropic spirit.

Kanu Hawaii, a local non-profit organization, with more than 15,000 registered members, seeks to annualize attention to this week of service for the purpose of growing connections between volunteers and local businesses, local nonprofit organizations, and community organizations.

As this resolution has no funding requirements, is not partisan in nature nor asks for a change to any law or regulation, we hope that you will be able to support such a request. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

With aloha,

Keone Kealoha, Executive Director, Kanu Hawaii

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| Leimomi Khan | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Please support HCR 153, Recognizing April 15 through April 22, 2018 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii. Doing so will enable the many nonprofit organizations in Hawaii who rely on volunteers to publicize the merits of their programs and the positive difference that volunteers make, thus encouraging more citizens to volunteer.

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Dear Representatives Sylvia Luke, Chair, Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair, and House Committee on Finance:

I am a long-time volunteer with Kanu Hawaii writing to ask for your support of HCR 153 and HR 99.

Kanu Hawaii greatly appreciates your time and consideration of these Resolutions to help build up our local support for community volunteerism and to better express and share aloha for on another across our communities.

As stated in the content of the resolution, establishing Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii, along side National Volunteer Week which has been proclaimed every year since its inception in 1974, will help encourage volunteerism and the spirit of giving during National Volunteer Week and will create a greater call to action that encourages residents to spread the philanthropic spirit.

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Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Joan Pan



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| Paul P Richards | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submitting my testimony in support of HCR 153 recognizing the strength and power of volunteerism in Hawaii and through organizations such KANU.

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