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Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

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Testimony to the House Committee on Veterans, Military, International Affairs & Culture and the Arts
Representative Matthew LoPresti, Chair
Representative Beth Fukumoto, Vice Chair
Friday March 23, 2018
Conference Room 429
HCR 129/HR 116 - Relating to Volunteer Week

Dear Chair LoPresti and Vice Chair Fukumoto, and Committee members:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like express **support of HCR 129/HR 116**, recognizing April 7-13, 2019 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii.

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state, and across all missions.

In these times of scarce funding, our resources - human and otherwise - need to be leveraged in creative ways. Volunteerism is a great way to mobilize toward common goals of community strengthening.

HANO joins with Kanu Hawaii, Hands In Helping Out (HIHO) and other community partners to:

- Broaden and strengthen relationships between individuals, businesses and community organizations through volunteerism, sharing best practices and building capacity for better corporate citizenship and ongoing volunteer programs along the way.
- To grow awareness through media exposure (television, radio, print, social media) for the purpose of (1) increasing participation in volunteerism during the week itself, and (2) to share the good deeds that take place in a way that instills a sense of connectedness in those that may only be able to watch from a distance.
- To collect and report back on a shared set of metrics that capture our collective impact. We collaboratively developed this set of "metrics that matter" through planning sessions with participating businesses, non-profits and community groups. We hope these metrics can better inform future connections and help to grow and measure participation of volunteerism in Hawaii.

We look forward to meeting these goals this year and in 2019, and appreciate the Legislature's recognition of this important week.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support.

Mahalo,
Lisa Maruyama
President & CEO

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Friday March 23, 2018

State Capitol, Conference Room 429

To: Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture & The Arts

Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti, Chair

Rep. Beth Fukumoto, Vice Chair

The Oahu Economic Development Board supports HCR 129/HR 116, relating to volunteer work.

Each year, the Oahu Economic Development Board receives inquiries and requests from individuals who are interested in volunteering with our organization. Often times I think when people reach out to volunteer their time and services, they are seeking to make an impact, or to learn and be a part of something in which they see value or importance. When they are mentored and supported, after the volunteer service is over they carry the experiences of what the organization does, as well as how and why they do it. Volunteer programs and opportunities provide a space to engage and build relationships with a wide range of people.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pono Shim
President and CEO
Oahu Economic Development Board



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Julia Black	Malama Kauai	Support	No

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David Howe	Individual	Support	No

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Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

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Chair LoPresti, Vice Chair Fukumoto and members of the committee,

Please pass HCR129. This will be Hawaii's first official recognition of National Volunteer Week.

Mahalo. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching / Honolulu

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Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	No

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Keikilani Uehara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of HCR129. Volunteering has been shown to increase a community member's overall health (lowered stress) and happiness (sense of purpose) as measure by the Gallup Well-being Index. Volunteering allows individuals to connect with others and find purpose in his/her community. It deepens one sense of and pride in place as well. Of course, volunteering has benefits to the organization as well as to the individuals who benefit from the programs or services. A volunteer week would allow media to showcase and celebrate volunteering in Hawaii and promote the social and health benefits of the volunteer. It will also give organization's a chance to showcase essential programs and services that support individuals in communities. Mahalo!

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Breanna Rose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HCR 129/HR116 to recognize Volunteer Week Hawai'i through 2019, as this reflects Hawai'i's island values and celebrates the act of service statewide. Building on the resolution passed by the State Legislature last session, many diverse partners have been working together to build momentum for the first annual Volunteer Week in April 2018. This is an important community effort that should be recognized again next year and for years to come.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.