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March 26, 2021

TO: Chair Rhoads and members of JDC Committee

RE: SR 157 REQUESTING STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS.

Support for hearing on March 29

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal including Eleanor Roosevelt and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SR 157 as we support the work of the United Nations. Hawaii often touts itself as a model for ethnic diversity as a strength and therefore as a supporter of human rights. Therefore it only makes sense that the recommendations of the third Universal Periodic Review be implemented statewide by the Office of Planning, among other executive departments.

The Periodic Review has assessed how we are doing on the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals: The 17 SDGs are: (1) [No Poverty](#), (2) [Zero Hunger](#), (3) [Good Health and Well-being](#), (4) [Quality Education](#), (5) [Gender Equality](#), (6) [Clean Water and Sanitation](#), (7) [Affordable and Clean Energy](#), (8) [Decent Work and Economic Growth](#), (9) [Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure](#), (10) [Reducing Inequality](#), (11) [Sustainable Cities and Communities](#), (12) [Responsible Consumption and Production](#), (13) [Climate Action](#), (14) [Life Below Water](#), (15) [Life On Land](#), (16) [Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions](#), (17) [Partnerships for the Goals](#). (See Wikipedia for more information or <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>.) Now it is time to implement.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel, President



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Testimony for JDC on 3/29/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua L Cooper	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We should implement UPR recommendations . The Universal Periodic Review offers an opportunity for we the people in Hawai'i to organize to improve human rights in our islands.

The UPR includes all individuals in Hawai'i and the entire rainbow of rights. The UPR provides potential to coordinate a campaign on every island and create a culture of human rights among the citizenry. The UPR allows for all allies to stand up in solidarity to guarantee everyone is heard and human rights realized. When the UPR is implemented in partnership with directly impacted people, the recommendations reflect the necessary commitment to improve daily conditions and to impact political institutions to serve the public good.

The UPR is a human rights checkup on how health the country currently is. The UPR allows for us all to have a voice about our vitals regarding our common vision for the country.

The UPR is a full blown examination of equality and equity in the body politic. The UPR makes sure every country knows its human rights rate. The UPR is also a preventative measure for candid conversation between all segments of civil society and country to all know vital numbers regarding fundamental freedoms of Hawai'i. The UPR is also a deep x-ray exposing the systemic challenges and underlying conditions. The UPR is a full examination of our physical and mental state of well-being with our neighbor nations in the world providing a possible path to realize rights.

The 3rd UPR of the USA is a chance to continue the conversation about human rights in Hawaii' . The UPR can connect civil society and state to create solutions in Hawai'i. The UPR also allows for coordinating new campaigns bringing in bold ideas from civil society across the islands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii is part of the United States of America the Republic the UN has no athority Here!