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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 177 HD1 SD1, RELATING TO CIVIL  
IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS** HB 177 HD1 SD1, RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Pursuant to the Human and Civil Rights plank of the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, we support initiatives aimed at addressing disparities in criminal justice and healthcare access.

Identification cards serve as foundational documents for accessing essential services, including healthcare, employment, housing, and interactions with law enforcement. The cost associated with obtaining or renewing these cards can create a significant barrier for vulnerable populations, disproportionately impacting racial and ethnic minority groups, low-income individuals, and those experiencing houselessness. Eliminating the cost of civil identification cards is a crucial step towards addressing systemic inequities and promoting a more just and equitable society for all residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 177 HD1 SD1, RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION CARDS. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Democratic Party of Hawai'i at [legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org](mailto:legislation@hawaiidemocrats.org).