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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana Benningfield	National Kidney Foundaiton of HI	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Randal Wada, MD	Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Ueno	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I was a bone marrow donor in 1999. I luckily had sick leave and used 7 days for my recovery. Passing this bill will release the donor from any further stress about not being paid while they are recovering from their donation. Many of the citizens in Hawaii live pay check to pay check. Some donors have declined to go through with a donation for a matching recipient. Please do not let not receiving their pay be a reason to decline the possibility of saving another person's life.

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Karen Ochiai	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kekuewa Scott Kikiloi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: January 31, 2013 Aloha, I want to express my support from Senate Bill 1233 that includes a leave of absence for organ, bone marrow, or peripheral blood stem cell donation. In 2008, I was called from the Hawaii Bone Marrow Registry and notified I was a match of a woman in Washington who was diagnosed with a form of leukemia. After going in for an orientation I agreed to be the donor for this woman and within a few weeks I underwent the stem cell donation process. The process of stem cell donation is a much more drawn out one, as the donor has to go in prior to the transfusion to take hormone shots every day for a week in order for the body to build up additional stems cells to gather. At the time, I was working for large sized company and I contacted human resources to see if they would give me time off of work. The human resources division told me they had not policy to allow leave with pay for such a donation, but said instead I could go ahead and take sick leave. At the time, this was a burden for me because I had used a lot of sick leave already and was hoping to save it for a time when I might truly need it. I went ahead with the procedure and it took up a significant portion of time. I do not regret any of it, but had hoped that there would have been more support for this type of donation- especially since someone's life is at stake. I'm happy to say that the donation and transfusion went well and the woman is doing fine today. A year later I was fortunate enough to meet her at a Hawaii fundraiser for bone marrow donation and we have become life-long friends. I hope that you will support this bill because the donor is doing a great service for society and humanity in helping a person who's health and lives are at risk. The chances of finding a match for this type of situation is very small and what better way to show support than to pass a bill that requires business to support willing donors who are giving critical parts of themselves to heal and sustain the lives of others. I hope you will strongly consider passing Senate Bill 1233. Sincerely, Kekuewa Scott Kikiloi, Ph.D. Manoa, O'ahu

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Roy T. Naguwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Roy Naguwa I am a transplant recipient, I dialized for 4 years and I was so happy to have a kidney donated to me. I know a lot of people don't realize how grateful we are, because if you ever dialize, you know it is hard on your body and health Here in Hawaii it takes a few years to have someone donate a kidney I'm a AB positive blood type I can receive type A positive, B positive, O positive and AB positive but yet it took 4 years to receive a kidney. I SUPPORT SB1233 Thank You! Roy

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