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

Comments:

There is no reason for this other than Communist Control!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramon Riesgo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello my name is Ramon Riesgo and I am the one that brought this legislative issue to the attention of Senator Taniguchi. In the 1920s-30s, child labor was rampant around the United States and Congress submitted this amendment to the states to be ratified. The opposition was fierce with accusations that the federal government was overstepping its power. In the end it fell 10 states short and future US Supreme Court rulings gave Congress the ability to regulate child labor which killed momentum for the amendment. Hawaii obviously wasn't a state when the amendment was originally submitted to the states but it still is on record of having taken no action putting it with the company of pro-child labor states. By ratifying the amendment now Hawaii can put the state on the right side of history and join the other states that oppose child labor.

Currently our nation is going through a time of historical reflection and the shameful past of the child labor era is often forgotten. Many lives were lost across the country in between the 1920-30s by states dragging their feet on this amendment. Hawaii prides itself on being a progressive state that strives to protect its people; however this legislative blemish still stands waiting for action. I hope the committee will advance the amendment so the state can finally go record of being anti-child labor. The content of the amendment is already federal law so this would be symbolic but it would be a powerful symbol. By ratifying this amendment, we are inscribing forever in our constitution that the human rights of children are an issue of national importance and one for future generations to consider.