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**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 10:26 PM  
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**LATE TESTIMONY**

Honorable Rep. Kyle Yamashita,

Balaan Catalina Society Inc. one of the oldest Filipino organization in Hawaii founded in 1930. Last year our Health and Hope program successfully send 40ft. of relief medical equipment to our sister city in Cebu, and early this year another 40ft container of medical equipment's was sent to Davao City in Mindanao.

Some of our member are from the province of Negros Oriental and we're strongly support for HCR103/HR85 relating to the establishment of Sister State-Province Relationship between the state of Hawaii and the Province of Negros Oriental. It's our hope to do another mission by sending some medical equipment's to Negros Oriental early next year

Balaan Catalina Society Inc. will celebrate our 78th anniversary this coming July 23rd 2008, and it's our wish that HCR103/HR85 be approve. I want to use this opportunity to extend our invitation to you and your college to join our 78th anniversary celebration, if you need further information please feel free to contact me at my cell. 282-4186, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Erwin A. Gabrillo  
Balaan Catalina Society Inc.  
Health and Hope Chairman

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**From:** Serafin Colmenares [juncolme@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 9:41 PM  
**To:** EDBtestimony  
**Cc:** Rep. John Mizuno  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of HCR103

**LATE TESTIMONY**

The Chair  
House Committee on EDB

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Serafin Colmenares Jr., executive director of the Congress of Visayan Organizations, the umbrella of more than twenty Visayan organizations in the State of Hawaii.

I am giving this testimony in strong support of HCR103 which establishes a sister state-province relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Negros Oriental. There are many Filipinos in Hawaii who come from the province of Negros Oriental and who continue to maintain strong ties with their home province. Establishing this sister relationship would strengthen these ties and would encourage the growth of cultural, educational, business and economic exchanges between Hawaii and the province of Negros Oriental. It is to be noted that one of the Philippines' foremost universities, Silliman University, is located in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental and is considered the top nursing school in the Philippines. Given the nursing shortage in Hawaii, discussions can take place that could result in arrangements for faculty and student exchanges in this area.

I, therefore, encourage your committee to pass this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Serafin Colmenares  
Executive Director  
Congress of Visayan Organizations

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**From:** delfa dumarán [ilovekaneohe@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2008 9:45 PM  
**To:** EDBtestimony  
**Subject:** HCR103/HR85

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Rep. Kyle Yamashita  
Chair, Committee on Economic Development  
and Business Concerns

RE: HCR 103/ HR 85

Establishment of Sister Province between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Negros  
Oriental, Philippines

Dear Chairman Yamashita,

I am A Filipino-American ,recently retired physician and I am blessed and proud to be here in Hawaii  
with my family.

I strongly support this resolution to establish this "sisterhood" between my province in the Philippines  
and Hawaii. This will further foster Filipino -American goodwill,ensure exchange of cultural  
ideas which will enrich our countries mutually. .I am a graduate of Silliman University located in the  
Negros Province capital of Dumaguete City which has always had strong ties to the University of  
Hawaii East-West Center ,Many of our graduates pursued further post-graduate studies here.It is only  
fitting that this relationship be cemented by this recognition in the form of this resolution.There are so  
many of us here who share this hope that this dream of "sisterhood" become a reality.

I thank you for your attention and support.

Delfa G. Dumarán, M.D.  
Kaneohe,Hawaii 96744

LATE TESTIMONY

Rep. Kyle Yamashita  
Chair, Committee on Economic Development & Business  
Concerns

Re: Testimony in Strong Support for HCR103/HR85 Relating to  
the Establishment of Sister Province  
Relationship Between the State of Hawaii and the Province of  
Negros Oriental

Hearing Date: April 4, 2008, 9:30 a.m., Room 325

Dear Chair Yamashita,  
My name is Abundio Saramosing, President of the Cebuano  
Association of Hawaii.

I am writing in strong support for HCR103/HR85 Relating to the  
Establishment of Sister State-Province  
Relationship Between the State of Hawaii and the Province of  
Negros Oriental.

Negros Oriental is one of the Visayan provinces in Central  
Philippines where many of the early Filipino Sakada's came from,  
and many of their descendants still live Hawaii. In addition,  
it is the site of one of the foremost universities in the Philippines-  
Silliman University.

Establishing a sister relationship with this province could lead to  
educational, cultural, and economic exchanges which would be  
beneficial to the State of Hawaii and the province of  
Negros Oriental.

For this reasons, I urge your committee to pass HCR103/HR85.

Very truly yours,

Abundio Saramosing  
President

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Res. No. 170

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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN  
PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION ON:

Date: March 13, 2008 - 2:50 P.M.

Classification: Regular Session

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

HON. JOSE A. BALDADO  
Vice Governor & Presiding Officer  
Present

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| HON. MA. ANTONIA E. VILLEGAS - OB Bacolod | HON. RODOLFO A. MARTINEZ                        | - Present |
| HON. MELIMORE C. SAYCON - OB Dapitan      | HON. LEA G. BROMO                               | - Present |
| HON. ERWIN MICHAEL L. MACIAS - Present    | HON. NAPOLEON E. VILLEGAS, JR.                  | - Present |
| HON. SALETO J. ERAMES - Present           | HON. APOLINARIO I. ARNAIZ, SR. (LNMB) - OB Mla. | - Present |
| HON. ERNESTO T. TIJING - Present          | HON. PEVE O. LIGAN (PCL)                        | - Present |
| HON. MARCELO G. ADANZA - Present          | HON. WED ANN SOL A. DIOREC (SK)                 | - O.B.    |
| HON. ROEL R. DEGAMO - Present             |   |           |

RESOLUTION NO. 170

"Presented for consideration was the letter dated March 6, 2008 of State Representative John M. Mizuno, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A., requesting the August Body to pass a resolution supporting House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, approving and authorizing the establishment of a State-Province Affiliation between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Negros Oriental of the Republic of the Philippines;

"Whereas, in the interest of international peace and understanding and to reenforce and cement the common bridge for mutual assistance;

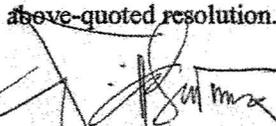
"On motion of Honorable Member Saleto J. Erames, seconded by Honorable Member Roel R. Degamo, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

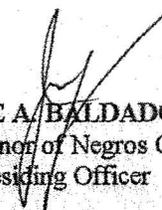
"RESOLVES, To support, as it hereby support, House Concurrent Resolution No. 103 of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008; and to furnish a copy hereof for their information.

"Approved."

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

  
GEOFFREY P. VILLAHERMOSA  
Provincial Secretary

  
JOSE A. BALDADO  
Vice Governor of Negros Oriental  
Presiding Officer