

HCR 5

Measure: URGING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO NETWORK AND COOPERATE TO SUPPORT FOSTER FAMILIES IN HAWAII

Date of Hearing: March 17, 2009

Time of Hearing: 2:00pm

Good Afternoon. My name is Loreen Akamine and I am in strong support of the HCR 5 bill. The more support and services Hawaii has to offer the Keiki of Hawaii the better off they will be. This will benefit the children of Hawaii with people who care for them and love them by opening up faith-filled ministries at churches who will find caring people to love these children. It will also give them more potential to reach their goals in life. I encourage you to pass this bill. Thank You for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Loreen Akamine

William Guzman & Raelene Tenno

March 16, 2009

Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Committee on Human Services
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony on HCR5 (HSCR637)

Dear Senator Oakland,

I am a grandmother and member of Parents for Righteousness, a Christian based organization in Waianae. We help and give support to families and or individuals that are trying to understand the Child Welfare and Foster Care system in Hawaii.

We support HCR 5, however, we encourage this resolution be amended to include:

- 1) Cooperation and communication support from the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare departments and the Social Worker that will help to provide and facilitate the support and training for the foster care families and or prospective families.

Often times it is a matter of a communication error or misinterpreted statement that creates havoc causing grief to the family. By being able to have communication from DHS directly can help to save precious time and confusion.

Parents for Righteousness is here to help families and individuals requiring assistance.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution #5.

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR5

Senate Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
2:00 p.m.

My name is *Keone De Freitas* and I am testifying in SUPPORT of HCR5. I think it is important for foster families to have all of the support they can get whether it be from the state or from faith-based organizations. Foster children play an important role in the future of Hawaii, so they must be taken care of.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.