



**Testimony to the House Committee on Legislative Management
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Chair
Rep. John Mizuno, Vice Chair
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 423
HB 154, 416, 1547 - Relating to Legislative Hearings; the Legislative Broadcast Program;
and to Remote Testimony**

Dear Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like to offer our comments in support of **HB 154, 416 and 1547**, which all provide greater access to and transparency of the legislative process.

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state.

As a statewide organization, HANO believes it is important to engage nonprofit organizations and their communities on all islands throughout the state. Legislative modernizations like pre-recorded testimonies, remote live testimony and video recordings of past hearings, will make the legislative process more accessible to those who live and work on the neighbor islands, and/or who are homebound, and cannot come to the State Capitol in person. We support this effort to improve statewide public participation in our policymaking process.

As an island state, we value being inclusive of all citizens regardless of geographic distance.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Mahalo,

Lisa Maruyama
President and CEO

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HB154

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Darlene Ewan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill with understanding oral testimony includes Hawaii Sign Language, American Sign Language and any other form of sign language available in Hawaii.

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Comments: See Attachment

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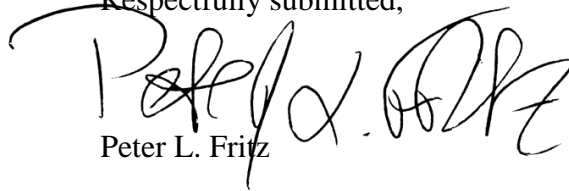
Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno and members of the Committee, my name is Peter Fritz. I am an individual with a hearing disability. **I am offering comments because this bill does not address the needs of individuals with hearing disabilities.**

American Sign Language (ASL) will be used by some individuals with hearing disabilities to submit prerecorded testimony. However, this bill states that procedures will be developed to submit prerecorded **oral** testimony. Procedures need to be developed that will allow individuals to submit prerecorded testimony in ALS.

In addition, procedures need to be developed that will allow individuals who are hearing disabled to view prerecorded testimony that is submitted and stored by LRB. Procedures should include captioning and/or a written transcript of the oral testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter L. Fritz", written over a large, stylized flourish that starts with a large loop and extends across the width of the signature.

Peter L. Fritz