TESTIMONY on HB 2929 International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals

January 28, 2008

Support of H.B. No. 2929 Relating to Vocational Rehabilitation LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Representative Alex M. Sonson, Chair The Honorable Representative Bob Nakasone, Vice Chair And Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan S. Ogawa and I have been providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services for 31 years assisting injured and disabled individuals/workers of Hawaii. As the current President of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-Hawaii Chapter and on behalf of our members, we support <u>HB2929</u>.

"The International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP) brings together rehabilitation professionals in Hawaii and across North America to promote the availability of effective, interdisciplinary services for persons with disabilities."

The International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP) Hawaii Chapter supports the workers' compensation mutually agreed IME Bill HB 2929. We advocate the mutually agreed upon workers compensation Independent Medical Examination to perpetuate fairness and impartiality for injured workers.

We encourage you to pass the proposed bill HB 2929.

Thank you for the opportunity of addressing this committee.

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