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LATE TESTIMONY

(February 12, 2008)

Aloha Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Robin Danner, **I'm here testifying in Full Support of HB: 3271 relating to Telecommuting.**

The bill provides a **tax credit to employers** who provide for employees to telecommute, meaning to work at home and avoid commutes to job sites away from that residence. It's not a tax deduction, but a tax credit, far more powerful, and would be available to employers for any employee that telecommutes 75% of the time.

Enhancing the cultural, economic and community development of Native Hawaiians, and supporting the capacity of community based organizations that contribute to the well-being of the Hawaiian Islands and its people.

Our community has many needs and challenges. The bill identifies the concerns and solutions in addressing the barriers to assuring we have a healthier community and thereby reducing the need for continued government interventions.

Thank you for allowing me this time to submit my testimony and request your favor to support this measure.

Mahalo,

Robin Puanani Danner, President & CEO
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**(Mark F. Steiner)
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(2/12/2008 hearing)

LATE TESTIMONY

(POSITION: BILL/RESO NUMBER HB3271)

Aloha Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Mark F. Steiner, I'm here testifying in **Full Support of HB: _ HB3271** relating to Tax Credit Telecommuting.

Telecommuting can be an effective mode of work. Look at the impact of commuting on traffic, the associated wasted gasoline and time, the extra pollution, and the impediments to emergency traffic. For employers, the cost of office space is high here, where space is at a premium. For some workers, there are often time one needs to be home for repairs or deliveries, and therefore must miss work. Not only does the employee need to wait many extra hours and sometimes miss pay, but the employer loses out on productivity as well. Most employees would agree that their quality of life would be improved if telecommuting were supported by their employers. Some employers still question the value of telecommuting, and would be persuaded by tax incentives. I have worked in several environments where telecommuting works, albeit on the mainland.

Our community has many needs and challenges. The bill identifies the concerns and solutions in addressing the barriers to assuring we have a healthier community and thereby reducing the need for continued government interventions.

Thank you for allowing me this time to submit my testimony and request your favor to support this measure. For more information I can be contacted at mark.consultant@yahoo.com.

Mahalo,

Mark Steiner

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LATE TESTIMONY

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House of Representatives, The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Regular Session of 2008, State of Hawaii

Subject: HB 3271 Relating To Tax Credits, "SUPPORT"

ALOHA Kakou,

My name is Richard Pomaikaikalani Kinney. As Sovereign of the Hawaiian Political Action Council of Hawaii, I SUPPORT the passage of HB 3271.

During economic hard times it's a move in the right direction for Tax Credits. Tax Credits that will kokua the future economy of Hawaii. Both the business sector and the people of Hawaii.

Once more, HPACH Supports the intent and passage of HB 3271. Mahalo For the opportunity to present testimony on this Bill.

ALOHA KUU AINA HAWAII



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**Rep. A. Sonson, Chair
Rep. B. Nakasone, Vice-Chair
Committee on Labor and Public Employment**

**Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan
Private Citizen**

LATE TESTIMONY

February 12, 2008, 8:45am Rm 309

FULL SUPPORT OF HB 3271: Relating to Telecommuting

Aloha Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan; I'm a private citizen, resident of Maili, Oahu and a State of Hawaii employee. I'm testifying in Full Support of HB: 3271 relating to Telecommuting.

As a resident of Maili and a driver on the roads of our public highways as well as a staff member working out of a State building located in Honolulu, I have the challenges to meet traffic congestion, reserve parking fees and time consumption for travel rather than the time spent on doing constructive task which can include family preparation and work focus. This measure would allow me to conserve energy in time, talent and treasure by allowing me to work primarily out of my home in the community and give my employer a tax credit for this benefit. It will take away and save time in travel, energy in terms of traffic congestion, reserved parking and time to focus on crucial work that is required by my employment.

Our community has many needs and challenges. The bill identifies the concerns and solutions in addressing the barriers to assuring we have a healthier community and thereby reducing the need for continued government interventions. This bill will give me the opportunity to reduce the travel and work challenges, most importantly it will allow for a tax break on my employer and me.

Thank you for allowing me this time to submit my testimony and request your favor to support this measure. For more information I can be contacted at 783-9302.

Mahalo,