

LATE TESTIMONY

State Commission on Fatherhood

c/o Hawai'i Dept. of Human Services; 1390 Miller Street, Room 209; Honolulu, HI 96813

TESTIMONY ON: HCR11 & HR12 - Recognizing the Second Week of June as Men's Health Week

FOR: House Health Committee
DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008; 10:00 a.m. Committee Hearing
LOCATION: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

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SUBMITTED BY: Greg Farstrup, Chair, on behalf of the State Commission on Fatherhood

Chair Rep. Josh Green, M.D. and Members of the Health Committee.

The State Commission on Fatherhood strongly supports HCR11 & HR12.

As the resolutions state: "Hawaii Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular, and colon cancer."

Recognizing the second week of June as Men's Health Week give various health and family service agencies an opportunity to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices. Healthy fathers are vitally important for the health and strength of Hawai'i's families.

Men's Health Week will be an important addition to the activities during June which will, once again, be proclaimed to be Father's Month throughout Hawai'i. Other Father's Month activities will include CELEBRATE FATHERS Day at Windward Mall on O'ahu and a "Balancing Work & Family" State-wide Fatherhood Conference on Saturday, June 28th in Honolulu.

The State Commission on Fatherhood members support the passage of HCR11 & HR12.

State Commission on Fatherhood: Greg Farstrup, Chair (*Hawai'i Coalition for Dads*); Marika Ripke, Secretary/Treasurer (*Hawai'i Kids Count, UH Manoa*); Barrett Awai (*Kawaiah'o Church*); Bernard Carvalho (*Office of Community Assistance, Kaua'i County*); Merton Chinen (*Office of Youth Services*); Mike Dias (*Alu Like-Hilo*); Dennis Kajikawa (*Dept. of Education*); Loreta Fuddy (*Dept. of Health*); Myrna Murdoch (*Children's Rights Council of Hawaii*); Henry Oliva (*Dept. of Human Services*); Tom Read (*Dept. of Public Safety*); Russell Suzuki (*Dept. of Attorney General*); and Sylvia Yuen (*Center on the Family, UH Manoa*).

February 20th, 2008

**The Honorable Representative Josh Green
House Committee on Health
Twenty –Fourth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Dear Representative Green and Members of Committee:

SUBJECT: HCR 11

I am writing today to urge your support for HCR 11 that recognizes the second week of June as men's health week.

Sincerely,

Michael Gatti
Private Citizen

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR11 AND HR 12

I am providing testimony in support of the above mentioned resolutions, because Men's Health Week is a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices, which will include information on heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer.

Alice Nakama
Private Citizen

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I am writing today to urge your support for HCR 11 that recognizes the second week of June as men's health week.

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Edgar Fernandez
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