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Testimony by  
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H.C.R. 230 - RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2008-SEPTEMBER 7, 2008  
AS HAWAII LABOR HISTORY WEEK

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the purpose and intent of H.C.R. 230 which seeks to establish a Hawaii Labor History Week.

Our union represents nearly 30,000 state and county employees who fulfill vital roles that allows our island state infrastructure to operate smoothly. Many of these functions are transparent to the public or taken for granted. We are proud to be a part of the public sector labor movement in our state.

We strongly urge passage of H.C.R. 230 to establish a Hawaii Labor History Week, to recognize and celebrate the many valuable accomplishments of Labor and to advance and improve the rights and conditions of all working families.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.C.R. 230.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nora A. Nomura', is written over a white background.

Nora A. Nomura  
Deputy Executive Director

House of Representatives  
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Re: HCR No. 230 & 329

I am writing to voice my support for the above cited resolutions which requests that the Department of Education provide labor education and opportunities as outlined in both versions. It seems imperative that the youth of Hawaii be informed as to the history and development of Labor organizations and the integral part these have played in Hawaii's collective growth from a Monarchy to a U.S. Territory to statehood.

Please include my statement in letters of support for the above cited resolutions.

Mahalo,  
Daniel Paleka Jr.