



LATE TESTIMONY

HAWAII
March 28, 2008

Representative Roy M. Takumi, Chair
Representative Lyla B. Berg, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
House Committee on Education

And

Representative Alex Sonson, Chair
Representative Bob Nakasone, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Labor Public Employment

Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
RELATING TO HAWAII LABOR HISTORY**

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). UPW/AFSCME SUPPORTS HCR 329 relating to Hawaii Labor History. This measure is to request that the Department of Education to provide opportunities for students to learn about Hawaii's labor history.

Hawaii's Labor movement is important to Hawaii's history because it has made Hawaii what it is today. We strongly support this resolution because our children must have an accurate understanding of the struggles of labor and its powerful success. The working people of Hawaii fought for equality and fairness which has shaped our economy. The sacrifices of the working people created laws that made Hawaii a better place to live for all residents. Understanding the history of workers and their spirit is as important as comprehending our social and economic history. All our children should understand and respect that the fight for truth, fairness, and equality was not given it was earned.

UPW strongly recommends the passage of HCR 329.