



LATE TESTIMONY

National Kidney Foundation

of HAWAII

RE: House Concurrent Resolution 6, Proposed HD1

Hearing: Friday, March 14, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329
House Committee on Health

Testifying: Glen Hayashida, CEO
National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii

My name is Glen Hayashida, CEO, National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, and we support HCR 6, HD1 to commemorate March 13, 2008 as World Kidney Day and the month of March as Kidney Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii.

By designating March as Kidney Awareness Month and March 13, 2008 as World Kidney Day, we hope to bring awareness to the high incidence of chronic kidney disease in Hawaii affecting 1 in 7 people or 156,000 of our family and friends.

On World Kidney Day, from Stockholm to Sydney, in small towns and big cities all over the globe, we are also highlighting the role of the amazing kidneys in maintaining overall health. Here in Hawaii, the National Kidney Foundation has collaborated with St. Francis and Clinical Laboratories to help highlight and emphasize the critical importance of early detection and to encourage those at risk to check out how well their kidneys are working.

This resolution helps support the delivery a kidney message in getting out to the public through events, free screenings and TV, radio and print stories. We at National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii want to also take a step back to thank you and all those who support people with kidney disease, not just on World Kidney Day, but every day of the year. We salute you – the legislators and government officials -- whose dedication to improving the health and well being of the 156,000 people in Hawaii with kidney disease truly saves lives.