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Re: SB2435 / HB2272

To: Senator Chun-Oakland  
Senator Lorraine Inouye  
Representative Alex Sonson

October 15, 2007

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chairman  
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 228  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I would like to submit this letter in support of the bill submitted to amend existing language in HRS 76-77 Exemption # 16. The proposed amendment would enable public agencies (County and State Governments) to contract for personal services with qualified community rehabilitation programs as defined in statute HRS 103D section 1001. This amendment would remove the maximum contract limit from such contracts.

Contracting opportunities with qualified community rehabilitation programs provide much needed employment opportunities for Hawaii's most under/underemployed segment of our population and enables workers with disabilities to become contributing members of our communities.

I urge you and the members of your committee to support this proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



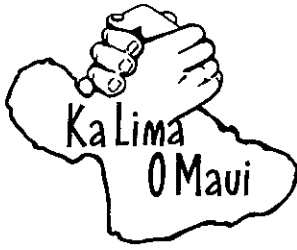
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February 8, 2008

Senator Chun-Oakland / Senator Lorraine Inouye / Representative Alex Sonson  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Fax: 808-586-6879

**Re: Senate Bill 2435 and House Bill 2272**

Dear Legislators,

On behalf of Ka Lima O Maui and all other Rehabilitation Facilities of Hawaii, I would like to submit this letter in support of **Senate Bill #2435 and House Bill #2272** to amend existing language in HRS 76-77 Exemption #16. The proposed amendment would enable public agencies (County and State governments) to contract for personal services with qualified community rehabilitation programs as defined in statute (HRS 103D Section 1001) and would remove the maximum contract limit from such contracts. Contracting opportunities with qualified community rehabilitation programs provide much needed employment opportunities for Hawaii's most under/unemployed segment of our population and enables workers with disabilities to become contributing members of our communities.

Ka Lima O Maui has negotiated non-bid contracts with the County of Maui since the inception of this law, nearly 25 years ago. This year alone these work contracts total nearly \$1 million and **provide full time, benefited employment for over 40 disabled and economically disadvantaged workers**. We have custodial and grounds maintenance contracts with the County of Maui Departments of Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works and Fire. The employment these contracts provide has enabled many of our most severely disabled workers to become independent and self-supporting members of our community.

It is important to remember that the proposed amendment would only apply to qualified community rehabilitation programs, a very small and limited number of agencies in Hawaii. **Please help us by supporting SB2435 and HB 2272** so we can continue to carry our mission of "Enhancing Lives through Self-Reliance" for adults with disabilities. Thank you very much for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Chantal Ratte  
Executive Director

Re: SB2435 / HB2272

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Senator Lorraine Inouye  
Representative Alex Sonso



*Susanna F. Cheung, Founder  
President and CEO*

**Anuenue Hale, Inc.**

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October 10, 2007

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chairman  
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228  
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Re: Letter of Support to amend HRS 76-77 Exemption # 16

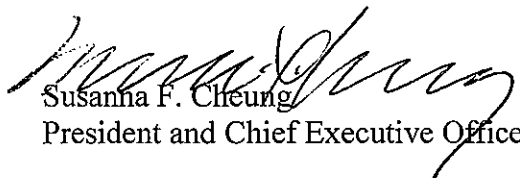
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I urge you and the members of your committee to support this proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

  
Susanna F. Cheung  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Sincerely,

  
Mike Gleason  
President & CEO