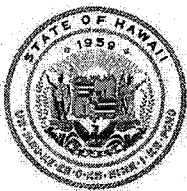


HB 1103



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April 6, 2009

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Mercado Kim and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1103 SD1- RELATING TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES AND CENTERS

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Health and Human Services (DHS).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB 1103 SD1**. The purpose of this bill is to repeal Section 348-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), that establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

The Statewide Council on Independent Living was established by Act 197, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, and placed within DHS. Federal law (Title 29 United States Code Section 796D) requires states to establish statewide councils on independent living. However, councils cannot be established as an entity within a state agency in order to be eligible to receive Federal financial assistance. Repealing Section 348-9, HRS, would abolish the Statewide Council on Independent Living within DHS, comply with Federal law, and allow the Council to be eligible to receive Federal funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony supporting HB 1103 SD1.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

Rosie Rowe
Chair

Senate Ways and Means Committee
Sen Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Sen Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair

HB1103- *Repeals Section 348-9, that establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living.*

My name is Nathan Say and I am the Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council. (SILC) I am writing testimony in support of HB1103.

Statewide Independent Living Councils were established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1992. The act requires the establishment of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii. In order to receive financial assistance, each state needs to establish a Statewide Independent Living Council which shall not be established as an entity within a state agency.

Hawaii Revised Statues 348-9, establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living. Repealing this section will conform to federal requirements as established in the Rehab Act of 1973 as amended in 1992 in respects to Statewide Independent Living Councils.

Thank you

Nathan Say
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Repeals section 348-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that establishes the
Statewide Council on Independent Living.

My Name is Sheryl Nelson. I am the executive director of the Statewide
Independent Living Council (SILC.)

I am submitting this testimony supporting HB1103.

Statewide Independent Living Councils (“SILC”) were established by The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended 1992. the act requires that the establishment of the Statewide Independent Living Council To be eligible to receive financial assistance, each State shall establish a Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) which shall not be established as an entity within a State agency.

Hawaii Revised Statutes, 348-9, establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

Repealing the statute section 348-9 will conform to the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended 1992 with regard to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

Thank You

Sheryl Nelson
Executive Director
Statewide Independent Living Council

TESTIMONY
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Testifier's Name: Waynette Cabral

Position Title: Executive Administrator

Organization: Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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HB1103

Supporting HB1103 which repeals HRS 348-9 which establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

My name is Louise Horio , and I am a Board Member of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii. I am writing testimony in Support of HB1103 which repeals Hawaii Revised Statue 348-9 that establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living.

HRS 348-9 establishes the Statewide Council on Independent Living. Repealing this section will help the Statewide Independent Living Council conform to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as Amended in 1992.

Most Respectfully,

Louise Horio