



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, and Military Affairs  
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by  
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**HCR 210/HR 171 – REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
PROCUREMENT WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE STATE PROCUREMENT  
CODE AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this measure.

The University supports the formation of a working group to recommend improvements to the state procurement code and we respectfully request to be included in the working group by a representative or representatives selected by the President of the University.



March 23, 2009

Chair Angus McKelvey  
House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 312  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HR 171/HCR 210, Regarding a Joint Legislative Procurement Working Group

Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the House Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs Committee:

The Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) supports the intent of HR 171/HCR 210, which proposes the formation of a joint legislative working group to evaluate the procurement code and to make recommendations for improvement.

As you well know, many nonprofits in Hawaii contract with the state to provide critical social services that improve and enhance our quality of life here in Hawaii. These organizations are often challenged by existing procurement processes which make doing business with the state very difficult.

For this reason, HANO itself has been contemplating convening just such a task force to address these very issues in the interim between legislative sessions, and has been exploring possible funding sources to support such an endeavor.

It supports the idea of a working group being organized as a legislative activity, but asks that the nonprofit sector be represented at the table to provide critical feedback to this decision-making process. If given the opportunity, HANO would be happy to serve in this capacity and would be willing to offer the names of others who would be very good resources for this purpose.

HANO unites and strengthens the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of Hawai'i. It works in the areas of leadership and convenings, advocacy and public policy, research and information, communications, professional development and products and capacity building services for its members.

Its membership represents a great diversity of nonprofits—health and human services, environmental groups, arts and culture organizations, educational institutions, civic and think tank groups, Native Hawaiian groups, animal rights organization, other intermediary associations, and many more.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this very important issue.

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To: Chair Angus McKelvey  
And members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization,  
Business and Military Affairs

## **Testimony Supporting the Intent of HR 171/HCR 210, Regarding a Joint Legislative Procurement Working Group**

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations supports the intent of HR 171/HCR 210, which proposes the formation of a joint legislative working group to evaluate the procurement code and to make recommendations for improvement.

As you well know, many nonprofits in Hawaii contract with the state to provide critical social services that improve and enhance our quality of life here in Hawaii. These organizations are often challenged by existing procurement processes which make doing business with the state very difficult.

We supports the idea of a working group being organized as a legislative activity, but ask that the nonprofit sector be represented at the table to provide critical feedback to this decision-making process. If given the opportunity, Hawaii Youth Services Network would be happy to serve in this capacity. We would also recommend that a representative from HANO, the Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations be appointed to the work group.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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## HAWAII FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, March 24, 2009 @ 7:00 am in House conference room 312

### **HR 171 Requesting the Formation of a Joint Legislative Procurement Working Group**

Chairman McKelvey; Members of the Committee(s),

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is the largest general agriculture organization in the State of Hawaii with over 1600 members Statewide and we **"Strongly Support HR 171."**

This measure provides a mechanism to improve the effectiveness of State procurement code. Establishment of the procurement-working group will also increase awareness of the importance of having an efficient government procurement system that is fair, uniform and stimulates competition. This working group could coordinate an educational exchange of procurement information between agency buyers and the agriculture industry who desires to sell their products to the government.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation recently recognized government procurement provides an important market opportunity for Hawaii's agriculture industry. Hawaii Farm Bureau is diligently working to obtain legislative approval of a measure (HB 988 HD2), which would permit purchases of "agricultural products" (fresh meats, produce, plants, and animals) to fall under the procurement code. Currently, Hawaii's agricultural products are exempt from the procurement code due to the exemptions identified in HAR §3-120-4(b). This exemption has denied the agriculture industry the protections of the procurement code.

We strongly support this measure and believe it will improve implementation of the procurement code.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in this matter. We hope that by adopting HR 171 the procurement code can play its rightful role as a critical player in enhancing agricultural viability in Hawaii

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Okimoto, President  
Hawaii Farm Bureau