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**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU ON BEHALF OF THE HAWAII  
ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE (HAJ) FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE  
CONSUMER LAWYERS OF HAWAII IN SUPPORT OF SB NO. 269, MAKING  
AN APPROPRIATION FOR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

February 5, 2009

To: Chairperson Jill Tokuda and Chairman David Ige and Members of the Senate  
Committee on Higher Education and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii  
Association for Justice (formerly known as CLH\*) in Support of S. B. 269.

Our organization has been involved in the issue of shortage of physicians and  
other health care professionals and providers in rural areas for several years. HAJ  
wholeheartedly supports this bill as a positive approach in attempting to solve the  
shortage of health care providers in rural areas, is of the opinion that funds should be  
appropriated at this time in spite of the current economic situation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 269.

\* CLH has changed its name to conform to the name of its national organization the  
American Association for Justice.