



Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

P.O. Box 2122
Kahului, HI 96733
808-249-2990
Fax: 808-249-2991
www.meoinc.org

February 1, 2009

Dear Representative Mizuno

A bill that moves the Office of Community Services from the Department of Labor to Department of Human Services is being heard by your committee on Monday, February 2, 2009.

The Office of Community Services was established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. It created Community Action Agencies throughout the country to help communities advocate for their needs. Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. one of the four Community Action Agencies in Hawaii and has been in existence since March 22, 1965.

MEO feels that this Office of Community Services should be moved to Department of Human Services. We serve the same people and the move would help collaborate and coordinate the services for the low-income people we both serve. In this time of economic downturn, this coordination and collaboration will assist those residents who are most in need.

Please support the Office of Community Services move to Department of Human Services. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lyn McNeff
Chief Programs Officer

HB 1087
Rec'd 2/2/09
8:40am
LATE

The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

