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The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Economic Revitalization,
Business, and Military Affairs
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HCR 54 and HR 16– SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AND URGING ALL HAWAII RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2010

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health (DOH).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HCR 54 and HR 16**. The purpose of these resolutions is to support the efforts of the United States (U.S.) Census Bureau to achieve a complete and accurate census and encourage full participation in the 2010 U.S. Census.

U.S. Census data is used for a number of public purposes, including the determination of allocations of Federal funding for critical social services and other public purposes. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, every year, the Federal Government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based in part on census data.

It is vital to raise awareness and encourage full participation in the 2010 U.S. Census to ensure that everyone living in Hawaii is counted, including individuals with DD. Census data will assist Hawaii to better plan for services and enhance its infrastructure. Moreover, Hawaii would be able to obtain and maximize Federal funding to meet its needs.

In our effort to encourage people with DD and their families to participate in the U.S. Census count, the Council has scheduled Mr. Darrell Travis, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, to present information on the U.S. Census 2010 at its meeting on March 29, 2010.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to submit testimony supporting HCR 54 and HR 16.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator

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Comments:

I support HR 16 which seeks to support and encourage full participation in the 2010 National census.

We need to improve upon the reported 60% level participation from ten years ago.

Many Federal subsidies and vaccinations were delayed or given to Hawaii at the lower quota.

We must step forward and be counted. Our Filipino Veterans, the keiki, the kupuna, the disabled, the homeless, and countless other undercounted individuals have to be accounted for

We can not always stand assured that Sen. Dan K. Inouye will be deliver for us year end and year out. Somewhere along the way, Sen. Inouye needs our kokua, too.

Aloha no and mahalo,

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