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March 29, 2010

To: Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: March 29, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 308

From: James Hardway, Executive Director
Workforce Development Council

RE: SB 2549 SD1 - Relating to Employment Security

The Workforce Development Council ("WDC") is **not in support of any further draw-down of the Unemployment Trust Fund ("UI Trust Fund")** due to the current economic and unemployment situation. Given the uncertainty of what effect the drawdown would have on the UI Trust Fund and subsequent employer taxes, the WDC cannot support the appropriation of further Reed Act funds from the UI Trust

However, the WDC supports the intent of S.B. 2549 SD1, and any effort, which would provide additional funding to the four county local workforce investment boards. Additional funding for programs that assist jobseekers and employers strengthen Hawaii's overall workforce development system. The public can view the current progress of county programs currently funded by previously appropriated Reed Act funds on the WDC website at:
<http://hawaii.gov/labor/wdc/wdc-links/local-area-workforce-investment-boards-lwibs>

The WDC is a private-sector led body responsible for advising the Governor and Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities for all. The WDC is also the State Workforce Investment Board for purposes of the federal Workforce Investment Act ("WIA") of 1998. The WDC assists the Governor and Legislature in developing and updating comprehensive five-year strategic workforce investment plans and oversees workforce (public) investment activities in the state

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Mayor



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Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

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415 South Beretania Street

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 2549 Relating to Employment Security, which appropriates Reed Act monies to Hawai'i County's Workforce Investment Board.

The County of Hawai'i Workforce Investment Board has supported the efforts of the unique and successful Going Home consortium, a prison-to-community reentry initiative; and has supported the Hui'an Internship program, a work-based learning experience that places students in meaningful and substantive internship experiences. This program also strengthens our work places through the business center and business service representatives.

We are asking the State Legislature to appropriate another \$2,000,000 from these federal funds so that our initiatives can continue and new ideas can be developed by the WIB partners. The board priorities include supporting the following initiatives:

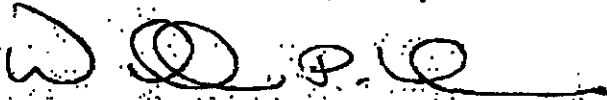
- The Hawai'i Health Care Alliance (HIHA) – This partnership is designed to recruit and retain health care professionals to address the critical shortage of health care professionals on Hawai'i Island.
- Business Incubator (Micro Biz Initiative) – Under this initiative, the newly established Business Resource Centers will provide technical support to selected startup businesses in partnership with the Small Business Development Center and major business organizations.

- **Economic and Workforce Development connections** – This effort would create a formalized entity to support and advance emerging initiatives in areas such as health, energy conservation, "green industry" and astronomy.
- **Career Connections for Youth** – This will offer an "education-to-careers" pathway for youth from 16 to 24 years old to include internships and mentoring initiatives, and would also establish a Youth Business and Innovation Center to advocate for entrepreneurship.

In summary, I strongly support SB 2549. This appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits for our community through workforce initiatives, and I urge the committee to approve this bill.

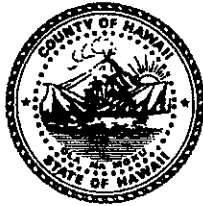
Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,



William P. Keōi
MAYOR

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The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Finance

Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Regular Session of 2010

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 2549 (SD1) RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
HEARING DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010
TIME: 6:00pm
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As chair of the Workforce Investment Board I submit this testimony in support of HB 2549. The Workforce Investment Board is interested in projects to develop our Hawai'i County Workforce and better prepare unemployed and underemployed workers for future jobs. The workforce development system, led by business, supports workforce and economic development.

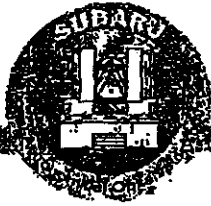
We are asking that this Legislature appropriate federal Reed Act funds for Hawai'i County initiatives. Previously developed initiatives will continue and new ideas can be developed by the WIB partners. Initiatives responsive to the Hawai'i Health Care Crisis to recruit and retain health care providers, business incubator to support entrepreneurial development, S.T.E.M. and Green initiatives to leverage ARRA funding are developed.

Attached is an outline of projects identified as needs in our local area.

Any assistance you can give us will be appreciated and, we believe, the funds will be effectively used for the benefit of the community.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Gleason, Chair



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The Department of Labor and all involved with the Hawaii Island WIB efforts are justly proud of the initiatives that this money enabled, such as Going Home, our prison-to-community reentry initiative; Huiana, our island-wide high school student internship program; and an initiative to directly serve and strengthen Hawaii County's work places through our business center and business services representatives.

We in Hawaii County are asking the State legislature to appropriate another \$2,000,000 from these federal funds to enable us to continue initiatives related to improving employer outreach and services, labor force pool expansion, capacity building, and providing support to a growing network of WIB partners whose priorities include: expansion of a new disabilities consortium and its increased services to persons with disabilities—particularly our youth; expand our Huiana and Going Home initiatives to serve more students and ex-offenders on a state-wide level; and develop support programs to serve our local workforce and economic development needs.

Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB 2549.

Sincerely yours,

Kumiko S. Usuda, Ph.D.

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Goodwill Industries of Hawaii staff on the Big Island of Hawaii has been active with the Going Home Initiative. We have seen the difference this consortium has made in the lives of people transitioning back into the community and the resulting recidivism rate reductions that occur when a network of supports is engaged.

As such, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. ("Goodwill") submits this testimony in support of Senate Bill 2549. We ask for your support for SB 2549 as it pertains to Hawaii County. This bill would provide funding for several programs on Hawaii Island related to employment security, including the unique and successful Going Home consortium. The significance of Going Home is that without effective supports in the community, offenders are highly likely to commit new crimes. This creates new victims, strains an already overburdened criminal justice system, and hurts family and loved ones.

The Department of Labor and all involved with the Hawaii Island WIB efforts are justly proud of the initiatives that this Reed Act funding enabled in the past, such as Going Home, Hulana, our island-wide high school student internship program, and initiatives to directly serve and strengthen Hawaii County's work places through our business center and business services representatives.

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB 2549.

Mike Gleason

Board Chair

Hawaii Island Workforce Investment Board

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My name is Jessica P.K Yamamoto and I serve as the Executive Director of the Hawaii Island Workforce & Economic Development Ohana, a non-profit established in Hawaii County by the Workforce Investment Board(WIB). Our mission parallels that of the WIB, and we are integrally involved with efforts to develop a comprehensive workforce development system for the County. I am writing in support of SB2549, which appropriates Reed Act monies to the four county Workforce Investment Boards. I ask for your support to SB2549 as it pertains to Hawaii County.

The Department of Labor and all involved with the Hawaii Island WIB efforts, are justly proud of the initiatives that this money enabled, such as Going Home, our prison-to-community reentry initiative; Huihana, our Island-wide high school student internship program; and an initiative to directly serve and strengthen Hawaii County's work places through our business center and business services representatives.

We in Hawaii County are asking the State legislature to appropriate another \$2,000,000 from these federal funds to enable us to continue initiatives related to improving employer outreach and services, labor force pool expansion, capacity building, and providing support to a growing network of WIB partners whose priorities include:

- The Hawaii Island Health Care Alliance (HIHA) which is working to recruit and retain health care professionals to address a critical shortage on the Big Island.
- The Going Home, Huihana, Workforce Solutions and Veterans programs among others will support the local workforce through mentoring opportunities.
- The Going Home system that provides a full range of supportive programs, occupational skills training and certification programs to prepare incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals for successful re-entry into the community and the workforce.
- The business-to-business support the Hawaii Island Workforce & Economic Development Ohana supports to encourage S.T.E.M. and Green practices.
- The newly established Business Resource Centers that support startup businesses in tandem with the Small Business Development Center as part of a micro-business incubator program.
- The development of an entity that will incorporate emerging initiatives in an Economic & Workforce Development Connections program to support workforce initiatives.
- The Career Connections for Youth program that provides an "education to careers" pathway for all youth 16-24 by facilitating internship and mentoring opportunities and a Youth Business and Innovation Center.

Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits for our communities. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB2549.

Mahalo,

Jessica Yamamoto, Executive Director
 Hawaii Island Workforce & Economic Development Ohana, Inc.

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My name is Ruth C. Forbes and I am the Offender Services Supervisor at the Hawaii Community Correctional Center. I am currently involved with the HIWEDO/Going Home Consortium and serve as the Chairperson for the START (Successful Transitions And Re-Entry Together) committee. In addition, I am also a member of other Going Home committees that provide support for incarcerated individuals.

I ask for your support for SB 2549 SD1 as it pertains to Hawaii County. This bill would provide funding for several programs on Hawaii Island related to employment security, including the unique and successful Going Home consortium. The significance of Going Home is that without effective supports in the community, offenders are highly likely to commit new crimes. This creates new victims, strains an already overburdened criminal justice system, and hurts family and loved ones.

The Department of Labor and all involved with the Hawaii Island WIB efforts are justly proud of the initiatives that this Reed Act funding enabled in the past, such as Going Home, Huihana, our island-wide high school student internship program, and initiatives to directly serve and strengthen Hawaii County's work places through our business center and business services representatives.

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Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB 2549 SD1.

Ruth C. Forbes, Offender Services Supervisor 
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My name is Carla Kurokawa, I am a member of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and I also sit on the board for HIWBDO.

I ask for your support of SB 2549 as it pertains to Hawaii County. The Department of Labor and all involved with the Hawaii Island WIB efforts, are justly proud of the initiatives that this money enabled, such as Going Home, our prison-to-community reentry initiative; Huiana, our island-wide high school student internship program; and an initiative to directly serve and strengthen Hawaii County's work places through our business center and business services representatives.

We in Hawaii County are asking the State legislature to appropriate another \$2,000,000 from these federal funds to enable us to continue initiatives related to improving employer outreach and services, labor force pool expansion, capacity building, and providing support to a growing network of WIB partners whose priorities include: (SEE REED ACT III ATTACHMENT) expand our Huiana and Going Home initiatives to serve more students and ex-offenders on a state-wide level; and develop support programs to serve the homeless.

Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB 2549.

Sincerely,

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My name is Irene A. Nagao, a long time member of the Hawaii County Workforce Investment Board and the Hawaii County Youth Council. My passion has always been in education and training, and therefore I have played an active role in the community. I am the Education Chair for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, board member of Junior Achievement, East Hawaii representative on the Hawaii State Adult Education Advisory Board, long time member of the Steering Committee of Youth Builders sponsored by the Hawaii County Comprehensive Strategy for Juvenile Justice, and also a member of the Friends of the Drug Court and the Big Island Task Force for Criminal Justice.

In addition, I am the coordinator of programs for the Business-Education Partnership that helps high school students prepare for the world of work. I also help with the Going Home Program and the Huiana Internship Program.

I am asking for your support for SB 2549 as it pertains to Hawaii County. This bill would provide funding for several programs on Hawaii Island related to employment security and also includes our Going Home Consortium. We are very proud of how the Going Home Consortium has grown to help the incarcerated return to our community and be productive citizens. This program needs continued support to be effective.

The Department of Labor and all involved with the Hawaii Island WIB efforts are proud of the initiatives that this REED Act funding enabled in the past, with the Going Home, Huiana, our island-wide high school student internship program, and other initiatives to directly serve and strengthen Hawaii County's work places through our business center and business services representatives.

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I urge this committee to pass SB 2549 as this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits to support Hawaii County's workforce initiatives.

Sincerely,

Irene A. Nagao
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Please call me at 966-9325 if you have any questions concerning the above.

Sincerely,

Kimmo Lee,
Director of Development
W.H. Shipman, Ltd.

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My name is Pat Q. Public and I am writing in strong support of SB2549, which appropriates Reed Act monies to the four county Workforce Investment Boards. I ask for your support to SB2549 as it pertains to Hawaii County. This bill would appropriate funds to improve employer outreach and services, labor pool expansion, capacity building and the operation of one-stop career centers within each county.

Providing an infusion of Reed Act funding to the Big Island can support the following among other initiatives:

- The Hawaii Island Health Care Alliance (HIHA) which is working to recruit and retain health care professionals to address a critical shortage on the Big Island.
- The Going Home, Huiana, Workforce Solutions and Veterans programs among others will support the local workforce through mentoring opportunities.
- The Going Home system that provides a full range of supportive programs, occupational skills training and certification programs to prepare incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals for successful re-entry into the community and the workforce.
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pat Q. Public



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Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social, education, and economic benefits. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB 2549.

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Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB 2549.


Wayne K. Iokopa
Technical Operations Manager
Oceanic Time Warner Cable – Hawai'i County

GOING HOME

Hawai'i County's ex-offender re-integration program

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I work with the Going Home Consortium, a community-based collaboration that assists Hawaii Island men and women released from correctional institutions with reintegration into community life through employment, training and appropriate supportive services. The significance of Going Home is that without effective supports in the community, offenders are highly likely to commit new crimes. This creates new victims, strains an already overburdened criminal justice system, and hurts family and loved ones.

I ask for your support for SB 2549, SD1 as it pertains to Hawaii County. This bill would provide funding for several programs on Hawaii Island related to employment security, including the unique and successful Going Home consortium.

The Department of Labor and all involved with the Hawaii Island WIB efforts are justly proud of the initiatives that this Reed Act funding enabled in the past, such as Going Home, Huiana, our island-wide high school student internship program; and an initiative to directly serve and strengthen Hawaii County's work places through our business center and business services representatives.

We in Hawaii County are asking the State legislature to appropriate additional money from these federal funds to enable us to develop initiatives related to improving employer outreach and services, labor pool expansion, capacity building, and providing support to a growing network of WIB partners whose priorities include: expansion of a new disabilities consortium and its increased services to persons with disabilities—particularly our youth; expansion of our Huiana and Going Home initiatives to serve more students and ex-offenders on a state-wide level; and develop support programs to serve our local workforce and economic development needs.

Supporting Hawaii County's workforce initiatives through this appropriation will provide long-term social and economic benefits. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass SB 2549,SD1.

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