

TESTIMONY

SCR 128

Testimony In Support of SCR 128

ENCOURAGING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS
IN THIS STATE TO USE E-VERIFY TO CONFIRM EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE
ELIGIBILITY

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Senator Dwight Takamine and Members of the Committee on Labor:

We strongly believe that every working man and woman have the right to fend for their families and seek employment to match their skills and experience within the law. In this regard, all workers have a common bond.

Employers that create incentives for ineligible workers to break the laws should be prosecuted appropriately. We also support the pathway to earned U.S. citizenship for immigrants that are in the U.S. who seek a better way of life.

To avoid unfair treatment of applicants for work, the U.S. government has established the E-verify system to confirm eligibility of workers. It is free and convenient. It will avoid employers and applicants from breaching employment laws.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.