

SR 21

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SCR 11 & SR 21 REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE AVAILABILITY OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIR, SENATOR LES IHARA, JR., VICE-CHAIR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 1:15p.m.-2:00p.m., Conference Room 016

My name is Art Frank from the Waianae Coast and I have been deaf for thirty-two (32) years. I have been very active in the deaf community for over 30 years and as long as I can remember we have always had problems of not enough Sign Language Interpreters in Hawaii to support the needs of our deaf community. If it wasn't for the many Sign Language Interpreters who move to Hawaii from the mainland permanently or for a few years, our deaf community would be worse off than we are today.

Consequently, I definitely support SCR 11 & SR 21 because I want to know what exactly is our problem here in Hawaii, and what exactly can we do about it. As a deaf consumer I would appreciate your support of both SCR 11 and SR 21,

Mahalo nui loa.

ART FRANK,
DEAF CONSUMER