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LATE Testimony

Representative John M Mizuno

Dear Representative Mizuno and Committe Members,

I am a voter from Maui and wish to express my views on this bill HB734- HD1. I am confused on the introduction of this bill and can not support or oppose this bill because at a hearing last week a bill or two bills were introduced in the house to legalize gambling in our beautiful state of Hawaii. Although one bill was not passed the other bill HB1225 to allow 1 Bingo establishment be built on Hawsiiian Home Lands was passed. It is ironic because this bill HB734-HD1 is to set up a task force to research and plan how to overcome 50% of those in poverty or at least find out to better the lives of those living at or below the national poverty index. It is no secret that Native Hawaiians have a high percentage of people living at or below the national as well as the State low income level. The Hawaiians make up 40% of incarcerated individuals. if not more. Members of my family have been or ate incarcerated. I agree too many social, economic problems have contributed to my families ills. We lived in poverty, I personally managed to graduate from high school while my 6 sibilings just couldn't fight the evils of poverty. Our living was one of trying to survive with and how we could. I was lucky and I hope that all of you will look at this bill and realize that those who passed to legalize bingo gambling have attributed to poverty and while it is important to have people who want to help raise the living standards.

It is important to know just what caused it altogether.

So, because it is important to have people who care n can help. I will Sippoort this bill.

Sincerely,
Olinda Aiwohi

Sent from my iPhone

February 14, 2011

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT for HB 743 HD1

**LATE
Testimony**

Good morning Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Jordan, and the members of the committee. My name is Erwin Gabrillo and I stand in support for HB734 HD1, RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE.

This bill establishes the economic opportunity poverty reduction task force to develop a strategic, integrated, and comprehensive plan to expand economic opportunities in Hawaii to reduce, the number of Hawaii residents, including children and families, living in poverty.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,
Erwin Gabrillo



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TESTIMONY IN FULL SUPPORT OF HB734

TO: Representative Mizuno, Chair, Representative Jordon, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Human Services

FROM: Jerry Rauckhorst, President and Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Hawaii

Hearing: **Monday , 2/14/11; 10:00 a.m.**
Conference Room 329

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Jordon and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB734, HD1 (HSCR210) relating to the Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force to develop a strategic, intergrated and comprehensive plan to expand economic opportunities in Hawaii to reduce, by 50% by 2021 the number of Hawaii residents, including children and families, living in poverty.

We **strongly support** this measure and look forward to being part of the efforts to reduce poverty for the most needy children and families in the State.

As you might know, Catholic Charities Hawaii is a part of Catholic Charities USA which celebrated it's centennial in 2010. One of our key initiatives nationwide is to reduce poverty by 50% by the year 2020.

If there is anything we can do to further this measure, please contact me at jrauckhorst@catholiccharitieshawaii.org or Sr. Earnest Chung at 808-527-4810. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the those in poverty in Hawaii.



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