

**LATE**

March 28, 2011

Aloha Chairman Karl Rhodes, Vice Chairman Kyle Yamashita and Members of the House Labor Committee:

My name is "Joe" Y. Tanaka, and as the current Chair of HSTA-Retired COLA Fairness Committee, I write in support of HR 245. We are interested in improving the Post Retirement Allowance (PRA) and welcome the Legislative Reference Bureau studying the efficacy of PRA, existent now for 38+ years without change, for the good of the state and its retirees. In truth, a formal study as intended in HR 245, is long overdue. Mahalo Nui.

(signed) Joe Y, Tanaka