

**SB 1288**



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1288 Relating to  
The Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund  
With AMENDMENTS**

**Governor Neil Abercrombie**

**SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

**Senator David Ige, Chair**

**Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair**

**February 3, 2011**

**9 a.m. Room 211**

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, thank you for scheduling a hearing on SB 1288 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of this measure and offer a few amendments.

One of the first acts Governor Abercrombie performed after being inaugurated into office was to release the funds appropriated in Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 (Act 191), to various health, human services and housing organizations to maintain services that are essential to the education, public health, and public welfare for the people of Hawaii.

Unfortunately, state agencies and nonprofit organizations encountered technical difficulties in actually getting the money into the hands of the providers of services. Additionally, due to the delayed release of the funds, providers are unable to encumber the funds by June 30, 2011 as specified in Act 191.

The intent of SB 1288 is to amend sections in Act 191 to clarify that these appropriations are grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This will allow the state agencies to award the funds in a more expedient manner. Additionally, this measure extends the lapse date to June 30, 2012 to allow for the greatest flexibility to encumber these funds.

We respectfully request the following amendments:

- 1) Page 7, Add Section 4 to repeal old Section 24 in Act 191

- 2) Page 7, Add Section 5 to insert new Section 24.1 and new language (attached)
- 3) Page 7, Add Section 6 to insert Section 40B and new language (attached)

These amendments will allow \$2,000,000 for the restoration of adult dental care formerly granted under program ID HMS 245- QUEST. In Act 191, the department of human services did not expend the appropriated funds because providing adult dental services through QUEST is not sustainable beyond the fiscal year 2010-2011. The amended language appropriates the funds to the Hawaii Primary Care Association (\$1,900,000) and Maui Community College, University of Hawaii (\$100,000) to continue providing adult dental care for uninsured adults, which they are currently doing.

The Governor believes that the services identified in this bill are important to assist our most needy citizens and would like to do whatever is needed to correct the technicalities in Act 191 that are creating barriers to getting these funds to the provider organizations.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1288 with amendments.

SECTION 4. Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, is amended by repealing Section 24.

~~SECTION 24. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii for QUEST health care payments, the sum of \$2,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the restoration of adult dental care formerly granted under program ID HMS 245 — QUEST health care payments; provided that the funds shall not be expended for any other purpose. The governor is authorized to utilize enhanced federal medical assistance percentages (FMAP) funds to offset the amount appropriated, provided that the total amount shall not exceed \$2,000,000. Any unexpended funds shall lapse to their respective funds.~~

~~— The department of human services shall prepare a report on:~~

- ~~1) The number of adults receiving these benefits;~~
- ~~2) The cost per person;~~
- ~~3) Total breakdown of administrative costs and other overhead costs; and~~
- ~~(4) Statistics, if available, of how this dental program is reducing the number of emergency dental-related medical procedures;~~

~~provided further that the department of human services shall submit the report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011 regular session.~~

~~The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act.~~

SECTION 5. Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 24.1- There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,900,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 to the Hawaii Primary Care Association for adult dental care through the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC); provided that the funds shall not be used for any other purpose. The governor is authorized to utilize enhanced federal medical assistance percentages (FMAP) funds to offset the amount appropriated, provided that the total amount shall not exceed \$1,900,000. The department of human services shall prepare a report on:

- (1) The number of adults receiving these benefits;
- (2) The cost per person;
- (3) Total breakdown of administrative costs and other overhead costs; and

(4) Statistics, if available, of how this dental program is reducing the number of emergency dental-related medical procedures;

provided further that the department of human services shall submit the report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011 regular session. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act. This is a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

SECTION 6. Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 40B. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Maui Community College, University of Hawaii, for the adult dental care program.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of human services for the purposes of this Act."



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
(Thursday, February 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m.)  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

by

**Rodney A. Maile**

Administrative Director of the Courts

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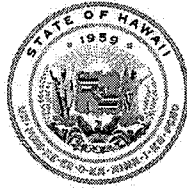
**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 1288, Relating to the Emergency Budget and Reserve Fund.

**Purpose:** The purpose of Senate Bill No. 1288 (SB1288) is to clarify the language in Act 191 (Act 191), Session Laws of Hawaii 2010. The bill clarifies that the appropriation of emergency budget and reserve funds to specific organizations are grants under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 42F, and extends the lapse date from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary generally **supports** SB1288 and the extension of the lapse date of Act 191 to June 30, 2012, but wishes to express some concerns. Under Act 191, the Judiciary was directed to disburse emergency budget and reserve funds to five private organizations—Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Family Law Clinic, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and Children's Alliance of Hawaii. Two of these organizations did not submit grant applications during the 2010 legislative session, as is required under HRS section 42F-102. As currently written, SB1288 does not have language that requires the organizations to submit grant applications. Without the requirement for the submission of grant applications, the Judiciary will have difficulty in negotiating grant contracts with the two organizations. The Judiciary relies on the information contained in the grant applications to describe the scope of services for the grant contract and to accurately monitor the services performed by each organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB1288.



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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: SB 1288 – RELATING THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB 1288**. The purpose of the bill is to amend Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2010, to permit the awarding of moneys to specified organizations by adding in language specifying Chapter 42F grants and extending the lapse date of appropriations made in Act 191, SLH 2010, from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

The extended deadline would enable the Department of Health (DOH) and other Departments to efficiently and expediently expend the funds designated to various programs and organizations according to State Procurement requirements. DD services that would be impacted by the extended deadline are the DOH Respite Program, DD Division Partnerships in Community Living program, and DD Medicaid Waiver program. The Council is working with DOH in implementing Act 191, SLH 2010, specifically the sections that address the above DD services.

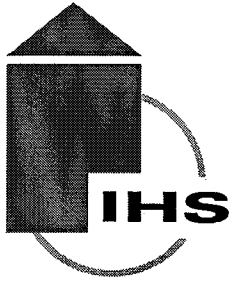
Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of SB 1288**.

Sincerely,

**Liz Ann Salvador**  
Chair

Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator





**THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES, INC.**

*Planting seeds of self-sufficiency*

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1288**

WAM Committee

Senator David Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

February 3rd, 9:00 am, Room 211

Re: SB1288: Relating to Emergency and Budget Reserve Funds

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The Institute for Human Services is the largest emergency homeless shelter on the island of Oahu. **IHS** is committed to working with the legislature in identifying strategic and realistic solutions to the homelessness crisis in the State of Hawaii. We appreciate the hard work your committee has done in exploring solutions to these critical problems.

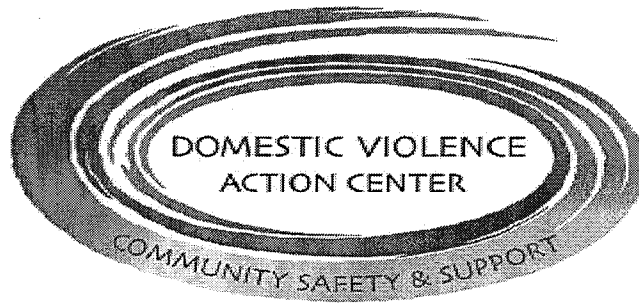
The Institute for Human Services urges the members of the Committee on Ways and Means to vote **in favor** of SB1288, which would release monies from the Rainy Day fund to support essential social service safety net programs in our community.

One allocation in the Rainy Day funds is to support organizations such as IHS so that we can continue to provide permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless through programs such as Shelter Plus Care. With the cuts in mental health services, the dollar for dollar match for case management required by HUD for the S+C program has been very difficult to sustain. Furthermore, the HUD funding for S+C does not cover the administration of this program significantly. For IHS, we actually subsidize the program because it is such an important one for the chronically homeless with disabilities.

Rainy Day funds would ensure that providers could continue to provide these essential supportive services to those that are most vulnerable, in addition to keeping them housed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

The Rev. Msgr. Terrence Watanabe  
*Member Emeritus*



February 01, 2011

FROM: **Nanci Kreidman, CEO**  
Domestic Violence Action Center

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee

RE: **SB 1288 Support**  
**Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**  
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 3, 2010, 9:00am, Conf. Rm #211

Aloha and good morning. We submit this testimony in **support** of expeditious passage of the SB 1288 before the Committee. The funds appropriated through Act 191 were critical to many agencies serving constituencies throughout the community who rely on the safety net. The Domestic Violence Action Center has a contract with the Judiciary, and the bill as originally passed included language appropriating one million dollars for dv services to be administered by the Judiciary.

The lack of timely release of the funds makes the release at this point in the fiscal year problematic. It would be impossible to responsibly use the funds that were intended to support program services for a fiscal year, with only four months left in the year.

The Domestic Violence Action Center suffered a \$570,000 budget cut in FY 2010, forcing us to lay off 11 staff. The Rainy Day Funds would have restored about \$390,000 of that original cut. In anticipation of the release of funds we recruited to fill positions, interviewed potential candidates and made selections—all wasted time. The recent confusion about procurement and contract issues have further stalled release of funds.

Funds lapsing in 2012 gives us a full year to fill vacant positions and serve the community who desperately need our key services bringing help and hope to victims of domestic violence.

Thank you for your consideration.

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# THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

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DATE: February 3, 2011

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: **Adriana Ramelli**, Executive Director  
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: In support of SB1288  
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Good morning Senators Ige and Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawaii Pacific Health.

The SATC supports SB1288 which makes technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 which appropriated moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to education, public health, and public welfare for fiscal year 2010 -2011. Specifically the SATC supports this bill's provision to extend the lapse date for funds until June 30, 2012.

The Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children through its Sex Abuse Treatment Center Program holds the master contract with the State Department of the Attorney General to deliver sexual assault services statewide. These services include crisis intervention, mental health counseling, case management, legal systems advocacy and prevention. This bill, which extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations, will allow the SATC and its neighbor island sexual assault subcontractors sufficient time to allocate and use the funding for these essential services in the most effective manner.

The SATC's sub-contractors are the YWCA Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) program serving Hawai'i County, the YWCA Sexual Assault Treatment Program (SATP) serving the County of Kaua'i, and the Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) program of Child and Family Services (CFS), serving Maui County.

Given the current economic downturn, delivering comprehensive, coordinated services for victims of sexual assault statewide remains a big challenge. Adequate funding released in a timely manner should remain a high priority.

I urge you to **support** SB 1288. Since the KMCWC/SATC and the other organizations provided for in Act 191 have yet to receive the appropriated funding, the lapse date provision in this bill is clearly necessary. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 1, 2011

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: SB 1288 - SUPPORT**

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 9 am, Room 211

Dear Chair Ige:

This letter is to **support** the passage of Senate Bill 1288, which provides necessary technical corrections to Act 191. And we support the emergency appropriations from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to support critical human services throughout the state.

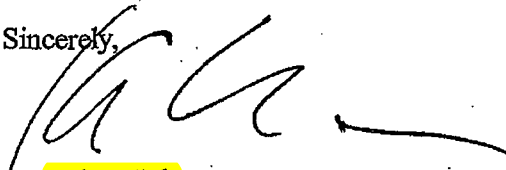
The Moloka'i Community Service Council provides domestic violence services for the island of Moloka'i. We run the island's **only domestic violence shelter, Hale Ho'omalua**, which receives DHS funding. And we also run the **Moloka'i Alternatives to Violence program**, which provides Judiciary-funded TRO and counseling services for victims, as well as anger management training for adult batterers and for juveniles.

Since 2008, state funding for these two programs has been slashed by nearly 60%. To survive, in 2009 the programs consolidated administrative expenses by merging with our non-profit organization. And in 2010, when further state cuts were imposed, staff vacancies were frozen, existing staff duties were expanded, and several workers took pay cuts to balance the personnel budget.

Ever since these cutbacks were made, our remaining staff members have worked tirelessly to keep our island's domestic violence shelter open 24/7, to provide TRO assistance to victims, and to continue anger management educational programs in our community. We have persevered because we are the only provider of these services on Moloka'i, and the services are critical to the safety of our families.

We know that the state's budget is tight, but in times like these the social safety net is even more important for our most vulnerable neighbors. We thank the Legislature for recognizing this, and we urge passage of SB 1288.

Sincerely,



**Karen M. Holt**  
Executive Director

# HAWAII STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Honorable David Ige  
Senatorial District 16  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215

February 1, 2011

**RE: SB 1288 - SUPPORT**

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 9 am, Room 211

The **Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence** (HSCADV) is a statewide coalition of domestic violence programs and shelters. HSCADV and its member agencies advocate for policies and services to end domestic violence in Hawai'i. On behalf of our member agencies, we thank you and the 2010 Legislature which appropriated Emergency and Budget Reserve Funds for domestic violence services and shelters.

We support the emergency appropriations from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund and the necessary technical corrections to Act 191. In addition, we request the following amendments be made to SB 1288: on page 3, line 22: Moloka'i Community Service Council should be listed as the name of the organization. Moloka'i Community Service Council is the legal name of the non-profit organization which Hale Ho'omalua is a part.

Furthermore, Act 191 appropriated \$1,000,000 for domestic violence services to be expended by the Judiciary, but did not specify the amount per organization. We recommend the following distribution be included in SB 1288. This recommendation comes from the Coalition's member agencies who are Judiciary contracted agencies providing domestic violence services:

<b>Contracted agency</b>	<b>Recommended rainy day fund allocation</b>
Child Family Services (Oahu)	\$112,161
Child Family Services (Big Island)	\$170,492
Domestic Violence Action Center	\$391,192
Molokai Community Services Council	\$35,000
Young Women's Christian Association of Kaua'i	\$30,000

Release of these funds could not come at a more critical time. A new survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) reports a critical shortage of funds and staff in the state to assist victims in need of services, such as advocacy, legal representation, emergency shelter, interpretation, counseling, support groups, shelters, and case management. In 2009, there were 35 unmet requests for services on the day the survey was taken, on the same

day in 2010, there were 95 requests for services that went unmet, largely due to lack of funding. Needless to say, domestic violence programs and shelters are anxiously awaiting the release of these funds, in order to continue to ensure the safety and protection of victims of domestic violence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted by:

**Veronika Geronimo**

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February 2, 2011

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.  
Conference Room 211

**SB 1288: Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund - Testimony in Support**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members:

Aloha United Way encourages your favorable consideration of SB 1288 which appropriates funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain levels of activity in selected programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare.

The delay in the distribution of these funds which were originally authorized by Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, has placed many of the vital programs described in this Bill in jeopardy. The delay has also made it difficult to carry out the intent of the Legislature because the funds will lapse in June 2011.

SB 1288 will result in compliance with the legislatures original intent and the extension of the lapse date will enable the selected agencies adequate time to expend the funds through the intended programs. Aloha United Way **strongly encourages favorable consideration** of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



**Susan Doyle**

President & Chief Professional Officer

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February 2, 2011

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

*RE: (In Support) SB 1288 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND. Makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and makes technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of 2010 to permit the awarding of moneys to specified organizations. Extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012*

The 17 Community Children's Councils CCC's of Hawaii support the passage of SB 1288.

The CCCs are aware of the many challenges facing state of Hawaii in today's fragile economy. However, we cannot overemphasize the need to continue and extend vital services as covered in SB 1288.

The CCCs are locally based community organizations situated state wide in both rural and urban communities focused on children with special needs, broadly defined. Under the leadership of elected volunteer parent and professional co-chairs, the CCCs organize parents with local resources, trainings, workshops, participate in quality assurance activities and strive to provide a positive community voice to improve our systems of care.

We look forward to working closely with you and if there is any questions you may have, please let us know anytime.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

**Tom Smith,** Jessica Wong-Sumida



Testimony on SB 1288  
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Presented to the Senate Ways and Means Committee  
Thursday, February 3, 2011

By **Deborah L.K. Spencer-Chun**, M.S.W.  
Adult Friends for Youth  
President and CEO

Chairman and Members of the Ways and Means Committee, I am here to testify in **support** of SB 1288, which will allow Adult Friends for Youth (AFY) the opportunity to receive funds that are so desperately needed to continue the work that we provide to the highest risk youth in our communities. The widest gap has been service to youth who are at highest risk of behaviors that are self-destructive and destructive to the institutions and communities where they reside.

Before taking on my role as President and CEO, I spent over 20 years in the field working directly with these youth whom many have labeled "lost causes". I can tell you that this is not true for many of the youth I have worked with in Ewa, Kalihi, Kapolei and Waipahu. I have seen the successes when they are given an opportunity, guidance, an ear, trust, and respect, someone to believe in them until they believe in themselves again. With help many of these youth and young adults often begin to pull themselves out of their destructive behaviors. Unfortunately, at a young age, many of these youth fall prey to what their impoverished communities have to offer, which is often gangs, crime, drugs and violence. In this sense, they become victims of their community. The key here is therapeutic mental health approach. The therapeutic process takes time, patience and hard work. The therapy applied by Adult Friends for Youth is called Redirectional Therapy. It has had a track record of helping hundreds of youth in over 40 gangs, over twenty four years. Adult Friends for Youth developed this unique therapy, which actually works, with gangs as whole entities. Itd has the unique ability to reach this population.

We have been great at our job but our problem now is having the bench strength to do the work. Our clinicians are passionate, dedicated, knowledgeable, and skillful and are on-call 24/7 but they also have heavy caseloads. At this time, AFY's three full-time clinicians, Vice President and I (I still conduct one group and also go into the field as needed) are working with over 450 of the highest risk youth a week in 24 groups. In addition we conduct a Clinical Competency Based Education Program. This is insane. We cannot continue at this pace without further staffing. Yet, we can't get further

staffing until we get the needed financial support. For the past three years we have been promised financial support through various means. However, there has always been some type of technicality that the last administration found to prevent us from receiving these monies. Our staff has held the line with the hope that support will be coming. As the administrator of this agency I am afraid that the staff will break and that the very high risk youth will no longer receive services. This will be devastating to them and to the communities at large with whom we have been so successful.

I ask that you support SB 1288 as it will provide the financial means for us to continue the services AFY provides which in turns helps Hawaii to continue to thrive as a safe and healthy place to live and as an appealing vacation destination.



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**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**  
**SB 1288 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND**

February 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii submits testimony in strong support of SB 1288 – Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

This bill provides technical corrections to Act 191 which provided funding from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to support safety net programs and services like those provided by the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$720,000 to the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i ("Legal Aid") to provide needed legal services. The corrections in this bill will allow the Judiciary to distribute this funding to Legal Aid through a 42F grant in aid.

In November 2007, the Access to Justice Hui released a report that included, "The 2007 Assessment of Civil Legal needs and Barriers of Low- and Moderate-Income People in Hawai'i." This Assessment found that one out of every five low- and moderate-income Hawai'i residents were unable to receive needed legal assistance. The Assessment also found the capacity of legal services providers was limited to helping only one in three Hawai'i residents who needed assistance. The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (Legal Aid) is the only legal service provider with offices on every island in the state, and annually provides legal assistance to approximately 10,000 Hawai'i residents in the areas of consumer fraud, public assistance, family law, the prevention of homelessness, employment, protection from domestic violence.

We thank the Legislature for its **support** and ask for its assistance in gaining the release of the funds.

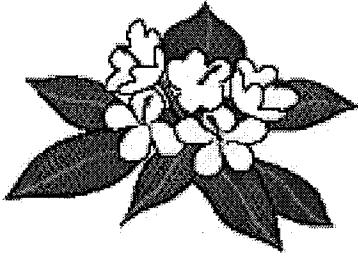
Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 1288 -- RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET  
RESERVE FUND

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports** SB 1288 which proposes to amend Act 191 to permit awarding of moneys to specific organizations and extend the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations.

SEAC provided supportive testimony for the legislation resulting in Act 191. In particular, SEAC favored using these emergency funds to maintain a safety net for individuals with developmental disabilities under the DD Waiver to allow them to pursue their vocational and independent living goals. We likewise supported restoration of respite services to families of individuals with disabilities, as these services enable families to better participate in their child's educational and vocational goals by providing periodic breaks from caregiving.

Unfortunately, Act 191 funds were initially withheld by Governor Lingle. By the time these funds were released by Governor Abercrombie, there was not enough time to set up contracts to expend the funds by the end of this fiscal year. Extending the lapse date to June 30, 2012 will enable these funds to benefit the designated populations.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this issue. Should you have any questions regarding our position, you are welcome to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

**Ivalee Sinclair, Chair**



DATE: February 2, 2011

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Ways & Means Committee  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair Senate Ways & Means Committee  
Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee

FROM: Sandra J. Yoro, SECOH Executive Director  
SECOH Operates in Senate Districts 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, 22

RE: **SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1288**  
RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND  
Hearing: Thursday, February 4, 2011

The Special Education Center of Hawaii (SECOH) is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide personalized services to people with disabilities in the spirit of enriching lives. As health and human service advocates for vulnerable populations, we strongly **SUPPORT S.B. 1288: Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.**

This measure would clarify that the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund appropriations made during the 2010 session of the Legislature are grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, which will allow the awarding of money to the organizations specified in the original Act to provide services essential to maintaining public health and welfare of Hawaii's vulnerable citizens. This measure would also extend the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Passing this measure will allow the various organizations named to receive their funding in a timely manner and provide critical services immediately to our citizens in need. ***I respectfully request your Committee PASS S.B. 1288 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.***

Mahalo for your consideration and support!



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Wednesday, February 02, 2011

The Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair of Senate Human Services Committee.

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject: SB 1288 Relating to Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

**Hearing: Thursday, February 03, 2011, 9:30am (House Human Services Committee and Senate Ways and Means Committee) Room 211**

Dear Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno and Honorable Senator David Y. Ige:

Easter Seals Hawaii provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. On behalf of Easter Seals Hawaii, I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** OF SB 1288 relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. SB 1288 extends the deadline for the use of funding from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, per Act 191 2010, from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012. The extended deadline would allow the Department of Health (DOH) and other departments to efficiently expend the funds designated to various programs according to State Procurement requirements. Developmental Disabilities (DD) services that would be impacted are the DOH Respite Program, DD Division Partnerships In Community Living program and DD Medicaid Waiver program.

Easter Seals Hawaii humbly asks for your support of **SB 1288** which will allow an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and makes technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to permit the awarding of moneys to specified organizations. This will allow the specified organizations providing various services in the community to receive their funding in a timely manner and assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

**Anastasia Keller-Collins**  
VP of Program Development  
Easter Seals Hawaii

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February 2, 2011

The Honorable David Ige, Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

State Capitol, House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: SB 1288 Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the committees.

The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association (HWPAA) is a statewide association comprised of 24 Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Service Providers affording leadership to collaborate and shape the service system to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. Founded in 2001, HWPAA's mission is to provide the necessary resources to develop, strengthen, and attain the highest standards of excellence for the developmental disabilities community.

**The Hawaii Waiver Providers Association ("HWPAA") submits this testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 1288.**

HWPAA's members participants have been facing reduced services and insufficient rate levels during the past budget cuts. Our participants are in dire need for their services to be restored.

We humbly ask for your support of Senate Bill 1288 which extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations to June 30, 2012.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**Wanda Villareal**

President - Hawaii Waiver Providers Association

To: The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: **Laura Robertson**, President and CEO  
Wanda Villareal, Director of Developmental Disabilities Services  
Edwina Minglana, Director of Employment Services  
Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.

Date: February 2, 2011

Re: **Testimony in support of S.B. 1288– Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Funds**

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (Goodwill) is among the largest human service non-profit organizations in Hawaii. Our mission is to help people find and succeed in employment. Last year, Goodwill served over 13,000 people and placed 1,667 into jobs in our community.

Goodwill submits this testimony in **support** of SB 1288. Goodwill receives funding from the Department of Health-Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD) via a DHS Medicaid Waiver Contract to operate crucial programs for individuals with significant developmental disabilities on Oahu and in East Hawaii (Hilo). Participants in Goodwill's programs and their families are Medicaid Waiver recipients who have limited socioeconomic resources. Medicaid Waiver programs are essential for the public health, safety, welfare and education of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Goodwill also receives funding from the Office of Community Services to operate statewide programs providing employment core services. Program participants are low-income economically vulnerable residents with significant employment barriers. Programs providing employment core services are a critical need to help these individuals and families locate employment, avoid homelessness, reduce dependence on public assistance and achieve self-sufficiency.

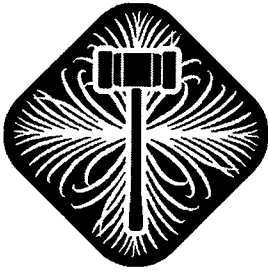
**Goodwill submits this testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 1288.**

Goodwill's Medicaid-Waiver participants have been facing reduced services and insufficient rate levels during the past budget cuts. Our participants are in dire need for their services to be restored to pre-budget cut levels in order to grow and prosper. Maintained funding for Goodwill's employment and training programs is also necessary to help low-income economically vulnerable residents of Hawaii survive in the economic downturn.

We humbly ask for your support of Senate Bill 1288 which extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations to June 30, 2012.

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





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**To:** Committee on Ways and Means  
**From:** L. Dew Kaneshiro, Interim Executive Director  
Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i  
**Re:** Testimony on S.B. 1288  
Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund  
**Hearing:** February 4, 2011 at 9:00 am  
**Place:** Conference Room 211, State Capitol

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 1288, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, which under Section 32 provides \$200,000 to Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i for pro bono legal services to indigent persons.

I am Dew Kaneshiro, Interim Director of Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i. VLSH provides free legal assistance through volunteer attorneys. The organization has responded to the legal needs of Hawaii's low-income population since 1981.

In 2004, VLSH began providing workshops and counsel and advice in homeless and transitional shelters. More recently, since the state's economic downturn, a demand for VLSH services has come from the new poor. These are individuals who always had jobs, and families that always had a roof over their heads – and now find themselves living on the margin, one delinquent payment away from homelessness.

With its pool of volunteers, VLSH has the flexibility to meet the changing needs of the state's low-income population. Last year, VLSH leveraged 2,000 hours of volunteer time to serve 3,207 clients on Oahu and the Neighbor Islands. Also in 2010, VLSH was unable to provide assistance to hundreds of eligible individuals and families because of understaffing.

The funds appropriated under Act 191 – and the extension of the lapse date to June 30, 2012 – are critical to meeting the legal needs of Hawaii's poor and vulnerable. We humbly ask for your support of S.B. 1288, Section 32.




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The Children's Alliance  
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February 2, 2011

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: **Joan Naguwa**, President  
The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. 

SUBJ: **Testimony in Support of SB1288, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**  
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 3, 2011  
Time: 9:00 am  
Place: Conference Room 211

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Joan Naguwa, President/Executive Director of The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. We are in support of SB 1288, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

The mission of The Children's Alliance of Hawaii, Inc. (CAH) is to provide care and support for sexually abused children, offering hope for the future and serve nearly 500 children and youth and their families each year. CAH is an integral part of the statewide system of services for sexually abused children and youth. Our programs include: 1) Enhancements – providing needed goods and services for child victims, child witnesses and their siblings, residing in foster care or at home on Oahu and Kauai that enhance their ability to regain a sense of normalcy and increase self-esteem. Special projects are also coordinated to provide holiday gifts and school supplies; 2) HEART (Healing Emotions with Art and Recreation Together) – a 6 month, experiential program for sexually abused children and adolescents to increase their self esteem and decrease feelings of isolation; 3) Ho`omaka – enabling child victims to strengthen their resiliency by working with adult mentors and developing skills in goal-setting, problem-solving, healthy relationship-building, independent living and increasing their knowledge about sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy prevention; 4) Strengthening Parents –parent support groups to them manage their own emotions about sexual abuse to their children and increasing their parenting skills. Our programs are not a substitute for primary therapy, but rather are unique adjunct services to individual and/or traditional group therapy, based on evidence-based best practices.

The need for access to services for sexually abused children is significant as over 300 reported cases are handled by the Dept. of Human Services each year. To add to this figure, national statistics demonstrate that there are hundreds more cases of child sexual abuse that are unreported. If left untreated, victims of child sexual abuse often experience serious social problems, such as substance abuse, unemployment, homelessness, poor academic

achievement, and teen pregnancy. CAH provides needed services to help these children avoid such problems.

The appropriation of \$150,000 for CAH's services listed in SB 1288 is critically needed to continue to meet the needs of these vulnerable children and assist them to become productive citizens of Hawaii. Without this appropriation, CAH will have to significantly reduce its services to these children.

We ask for your **support** of SB 1288, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 3, 2011  
TIME: 9:00 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

I am in **support** of this bill. Please pass this out.

**Tasha Kama**  
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Wailuku, HI 96793  
[kahukama@aol.com](mailto:kahukama@aol.com)  
(808) 463-2963

Aloha,

I support proposed bill SB1288 however, I urge the committee to remember that we are dealing with people, and I think that the dollar amounts are too low and it should be at least \$1,000,000. I realize that we have a budget short fall, but this is people's health that we are dealing with. Thank you and I hope to work with all the committee members in the future.

Ramoda Anand (framodda@yahoo.com)

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February 3, 2011

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1288 - RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET  
RESERVE FUND**

Hearing: Thursday, February 3; 2011 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 1288 is to make an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and make technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of 2010 to permit the awarding of funds to specified organizations. The bill also extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services strongly supports this Administration bill. The funds appropriated through Act 191 are needed to support Hawaii's safety net of services and restore depleted funds to programs that provide services to the Hawaii's most vulnerable children and families.

DHS concurs with the amendments being proposed by the Governor's Office for this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY IN FULL **SUPPORT** OF SB 1288

TO: Senator David Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

FROM: **Stella M. Q. Wong**, Vice-President of Programs Catholic Charities Hawaii

Hearing: **Thursday, 2/3/11; 9:00 a.m.**  
Conference Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1288 which makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Catholic Charities Hawaii strongly supports this bill. For the last several years, the State's budget crunch for health and human services have resulted in the lost of many critical programs or reduced the budgets of state funded programs that made them non-sustainable. These programs include those serving children, at risk families including immigrants, elderly, the disabled, the mentally ill and victims of domestic violence.

We at Catholic Charities Hawaii have been impacted by the drastic budget cuts in our Early Identification Program that would help to provide services to victims of child abuse or prevent child abuse. Our Lanakila Multi-purpose Senior Center, immigrant employment program, intra-familial child sex abuse program as well as transportation under the Kupuna Care funding have also been affected. We are aware of other services that have severe sustained cuts that have affected some very vulnerable residents of the State.

Catholic Charities Hawaii strongly urges the Legislature to support this bill and appropriate adequate funds and extend the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations form June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for your support. If there is anything we can do to further this bill or provide any information, please contact me at 527- 4888.





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TESTIMONY  
ON  
SB 1288 RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 3, 2011

9:00 am

Room 211

Aloha Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Blueprint for Change (BFC), a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve Hawai'i's Child Welfare System, **strongly supports SB 1288**. BFC is interested in this bill because funding provided through this measure can not only help BFC and other social service providers maintain our services to children and families but literally, keep us from closing down its operations and services on March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.

BFC serves as the master contractor for the Department of Human Services in providing financial, technical, and administrative support to five Neighborhood Place centers statewide that provide prevention and strengthening services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect. It is one of the service providers that received a contract by DHS's Social Services Division for family strengthening services this fiscal year.

Yesterday morning, at a meeting called by the Benefits, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) of DHS, BFC and other service providers whose contracts are funded with federal TANF dollars were informed that our contracts will be terminated at the end of the third quarter of this year, March 31<sup>st</sup>. However, at the end of this meeting, BFC was informed by SSD staff that the \$200,000 appropriated to it in Section 19 of SB 1288 will be used to fund the fourth quarter of this year, thus allowing us the time to continue services for three more months and properly plan for an exit strategy if necessary come June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We strongly support the expeditious passage of SB 1288, because without it, the Blueprint for Change/Neighborhood Place Partnership will shut down entirely on March 31<sup>st</sup> and families needing strengthening services will no longer be served.

We strongly urge passage of SB 1288. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 2, 2011

Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice. Chair  
Senate Ways and Means Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: S. B 1288, Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund

Dear Senators Ige, Kidani and Committee members,

I am Gail Breakey, Director of the Hawaii Family Support Institute testifying in support of SB 1288 on behalf of the Institute and also One Voice for Hawaii's Children. An extension of time for expenditure of the Rainy Day funds released by the Governor is needed because these funds have been released so late in the year. Extension of time will ensure that the funds are able to be expended according to the purposes for which these were appropriated. This will also allow the services to be delivered to people needing various kinds of support for a longer period of time, while we hope for a turn-around in the economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Gail Breakey, Executive Director  
HAWAII Family Support Institute

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Hearing date:  
Thursday,  
February 3,  
2011,  
9:00 a.m.  
House Health  
Committee  
Room 211

To: Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

From: **Elisabeth Chun**, Executive Director  
Good Beginnings Alliance

Date: Thursday, February 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 211

Subject: **SB1288: Makes an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and makes technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of 2010 to permit the awarding of moneys to specified organizations. Extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.**

The Good Beginnings Alliance is a policy and advocacy organization focused on Hawaii's youngest children and their families. We strive to ensure a nurturing, safe and healthy development for all children from pre-birth to age eight. We believe all children deserve safe and supportive environments that meet their needs as they grow and develop. Good Beginnings is also a member of One Voice for Hawaii's Children ([www.onevoiceforchildren.net](http://www.onevoiceforchildren.net)), an alliance of organizations and individuals committed to the development of an effective and equitably funded early childhood system that gives all young children the opportunity to arrive at kindergarten safe, healthy and ready to succeed.

As this committee considers this bill, we wish to point out that Hawaii's families with young children have experienced significant cuts to our state's comprehensive early childhood system in the Departments of Education, Health, and Human Services over the last two years including the Healthy Start Program. Hawaii's weakened economy has placed increased stress on families, and this program is a major part of the support system for at-risk children. More information on this issue can be found in our issue brief entitled, "Hawaii's Young Children Not Ready to Succeed" ([http://www.goodbeginnings.org/images/uploads/GBA\\_Issue\\_Brief\\_-\\_May\\_2010.pdf](http://www.goodbeginnings.org/images/uploads/GBA_Issue_Brief_-_May_2010.pdf)). We are hopeful that more can be done for our young children and their families this year.

Mahalo for your consideration.

For more information contact: Good Beginnings Alliance; phone: 531-5502;  
[lchun@goodbeginnings.org](mailto:lchun@goodbeginnings.org)



TESTIMONY ON SB 1288 REALTING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE  
SENATE WAY AND MEANS

February 3, 2011

9:00 a.m.

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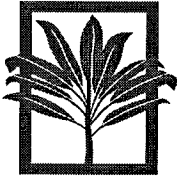
Aloha Chair Ige and members of the Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on Senate Bill 1288.

My name is **Ed Flores**. I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala Kuola.

Many agencies and organization that were appropriated funds through Act 191 by the 2010 Legislature including the Hawaii Family Law Clinic have awaited the release of these funds for approximately the past eight months. Due to technical errors these funds have not been made available to date.

I strongly **support** passage of SB1288, and commend you for recognizing the need to make the emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund, for taking action to make technical correction to Act 191, Session Laws of 2010 and recognizing the need to extend the lapse of Act 191's appropriation from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2011 to ensure that vital services to our community will be provided.



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## **Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

The Hon. David Ige, Chair

The Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

## **Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1288**

**Relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund**

**Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer**

**February 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Room 211**

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association strongly supports Senate Bill 1288, which amends Act 191, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010. Specifically, we support the amendments to Sections 12 and 16 of Act 191, SLH 2010, which make the appropriations for the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center emergency room, and the Kookia Kalihi Valley Community Health Center respectively. We also support the addition of new Section 40A to Act 191 which extends the lapse date for these and all appropriations contained in Act 191.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.