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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
House Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 962– RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM “MENTAL RETARDATION” TO “INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.”

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB 962**. The purpose of the bill is to change references to “mental retardation” or like terms in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to “intellectual disability” or like terms.

On October 5, 2010, President Obama signed S. 2781 into law as Public Law (P.L.) 111-256. This law is also known as “Rosa’s Law” named after Rosa Marcellino, a nine-year old girl with Down’s Syndrome who worked with her mother, Nina, and their state representative who led the effort to pass legislation in Maryland changing the word “mental retardation” to “intellectual disability.”

Rosa’s law replaces the term “mental retardation” with “intellectual disability” in federal education, health and labor laws. The law states that for purposes of the amended statutes and implementing regulations, a reference to an “intellectual disability” shall mean a condition previously referred to as “mental retardation” and a reference to “individuals with intellectual disabilities” shall be a reference to those previously referred to as “individuals with mental retardation.”

The American Association on Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) defines intellectual disability as “a disability characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 18.”

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The Council has been working with the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) comprised of individuals with intellectual disabilities and the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (MCH-LEND) program in the movement to remove the "R" word and replace it with intellectual disabilities. SAAC members were overwhelmingly eager to make the change from the terms "mental retardation," "mentally retarded," and "retarded" that they consider being hurtful and offensive, to a term "intellectual disabilities" that is considered to be more positive and respectful to them.

SB 962 seems to be such a simple measure to remove the term "mental retardation" and like terms and replace it with "intellectual disabilities." However, its outcome would be significant and have far reaching effects in:

- 1) Moving in the right direction in keeping with P.L. 111-256
- 2) Changing how we refer to individuals with intellectual disabilities
- 3) Promoting more respectful and people-first language
- 4) Promoting positive attitudes and perceptions of individuals with intellectual disabilities
- 5) Treating individuals with intellectual disabilities with greater dignity and respect

The Council emphasizes Section 19 on Page 8, lines 3-5, that this Act is not intended to change coverage, eligibility, rights, responsibilities or definitions referred to in the amended provisions.

We applaud the Legislature's initiative through SB 962 that recognizes that individuals with intellectual disabilities are people first, and that they have the right to be included and respected in society.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support of SB 962.**

Sincerely,



Liz Ann Salvador
Chair



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator

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Committee on Human Services

**SB 962, RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII
REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO
"INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, ACSW, MPH
Acting Director of Health**

February 10, 2011

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health is in support of S.B. 962.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** S.B. 962 relates to changing references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes
- 4 from "Mental Retardation" to "Intellectual Disability". This term will compliment the Developmental
- 5 Disabilities Division's authorizing statute HRS 333F by honoring an individual's self-determination.
- 6 This term is recognized by the federal government and implemented through statute and federal
- 7 regulations. Hawaii will join the country and professional organizations that have changed their
- 8 language from Mental Retardation to Intellectual Disabilities to respect people first.
- 9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 10, 2011

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senate Bill 962 - Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes From
"Mental Retardation" to "Intellectual Disability"

The Disability and Communication Access Board supports Senate Bill 962 to change
the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" in the statute.

We have consistently sought to have politically correct, people first language in the
statute that more appropriately reflects the current and evolving terminology in our field.
National organizations and consumer advocacy groups have moved away from the term
"mental retardation" and this bill mirrors the national trend.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong
BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
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THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Committee on Human Services Testimony in Support of S.B. 962 Relating to Changing References In The Hawaii Revised Statutes From “Mental Retardation” To “Intellectual Disability” Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:45 P.M. Conference Room 016

Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee:

I am Louis Erteschik, Staff Attorney at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and am testifying in support of this bill.

The purpose of the bill is to substitute the term “intellectual disabilities” in various sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes where currently the term “mental retardation” appears. While this does not change or affect substantive rights of individuals, the symbolic effect is nonetheless significant and worthy of support.

As our society has evolved, we have come to see terms as “mentally retarded” to be outmoded to say the least and reminiscent of a prior day when it may have, intentionally or unintentionally, contained hurtful connotations. Certainly the term “intellectual disabilities” seems to be a more correct and accurate description of the condition. Additionally, it is our belief that sometimes language and terminology can lead to self fulfilling conduct and all indications from discussions with advocates in the disability community are that this change can provide a greater feeling of self worth and empowerment to this population. That alone, is a worthy goal and a very strong reason to support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair of the Senate Human Services Committee.
The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair of the Senate Human Services Committee.

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

Date: February 10, 2011

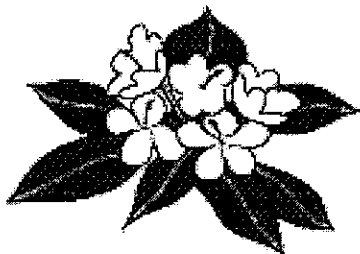
Re: **Testimony in Support of SB 962 - Relating to changing references in the Hawaii revised statutes from "Mental Retardation" to "Intellectual Disabilities"**

Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc. (Goodwill) is among the largest human service non-profit organizations in Hawaii. Goodwill has fifty (50) years of experience assisting people who have employment barriers find jobs and gain self-sufficiency. 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; also serving approximately 3,800 individuals with disabilities.

Goodwill submits this testimony in strong support of S.B. 962, the purpose of which is to change references to "mental retardation" or like terms in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to "intellectual disability" or like terms.

We believe strongly that references to "mentally retardation" or like terms that have been historically used to harm and hurt others must be changed. The term "intellectual disabilities" is considered by persons with disabilities as being more respectful.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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RE: SB 962 - RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL
RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY"

Dear Chairs Tokuda and Chun Oakland and Committee Members,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **supports** SB 962 which aims to substitute more current terminology for the sometimes stigmatizing term "mental retardation" in Section 333F-1 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

SEAC and other community organizations championed the use of the term "Intellectual Disability" in lieu of "Mental Retardation" as an eligibility category in Hawaii's revisions to special education administrative rules--Chapter 60. In doing so, SEAC was following a national movement led by self advocates to use more neutral and person-centered language in describing disabilities. Most recently, Rosa's Law, passed unanimously by Congress in October 2010, likewise requires the substitution of "intellectual disability" for "mental retardation" in federal health, education and labor policies.

SEAC believes the time has come for Hawaii to abandon old, baggage laden disability terms for respectful, People First language. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this important issue. I would be happy to answer questions should you have any.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair

Michael A. Ortiz
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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
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SUBJECT/RE: SB 962 – RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN
THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM “MENTAL RETARDATION”
TO “INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY”.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael A. Ortiz and I am a 2nd year Masters in Social Work Student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, a practicum student at the Hawaii state council on developmental disabilities, and a MCH LEND (Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) Trainee at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of **SB 962**.

I do not have a family member with a developmental or intellectual disability. I myself do not have a developmental or intellectual disability. I do, however have many friends, clients, and colleagues who have an intellectual or developmental disability. I have heard countless times the stories of pain, anger, and sadness from this group about the verbal and physical torment they have encountered growing up and still experience today. Although I have not been affected by this myself, I cannot help but think of the many times I have been labeled and treated in a negative way due to my race, gender, appearance, and socioeconomic status. When I think back at those times people gave me derogatory labeling for the above mentioned, it reminds me that words have an impact of how we are treated and how we ultimately begin to view ourselves. I myself am not alone, as all of us have fallen victim to this in one way or another.

Still to this day, I do not feel that current ideas, attitudes, and beliefs about individuals with disabilities promote equality. Through the passage of this bill, I feel that it will begin the process of changing the negative ideas, attitudes, and beliefs about individuals with disabilities and will be the catalyst to enhancing their quality of life. I understand that this bill will not change things overnight. However, I feel that someone needs to lead by example and feel that the legislature and state is in the best position to lead this new paradigm of thinking.

".... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. ...I have a *dream* today!"- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I have a dream that one day all individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities will not be judged on their appearance or cognitive abilities, but on the content of THEIR character. Words matter. Lets begin change now.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony and for hearing the bill. Please support the passage of SB 962.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Ortiz

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February 7, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT/RE: SB 962 – RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM “MENTAL RETARDATION” TO “INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY”.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee,

My name is Alexa Fong and I am currently pursuing my Master's in Social Work at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. I **strongly support of SB962** and urge the committee to pass this bill to replace the reference to “mental retardation” to “intellectual disability” in the Hawaii Revised Statutes. I have been working with children and adults with developmental disabilities for five years and have seen the many ways in which society denies these individuals the basic right to live a self-determined life, unbounded by discrimination.

Words are very powerful and the word “retarded” perpetuates a destructive stigma throughout our society. Because the label “mentally retarded” has adopted a powerful negative connotation, the use of this word to categorize a person with cognitive disabilities prohibits the inclusion and acceptance of persons with such disabilities in our community. Moreover, bill SB962 seeks to regard the person first and does not define a person solely by their disability. Hawai'i's legislature has the opportunity to be on the forefront of change, supported by our federal government and the enactment of Rosa's Law. In Hawai'i, we pride ourselves on our diverse peoples and cultures. Let us continue to celebrate our differences but also foster respect and inclusively in our community.

Many government agencies and organizations throughout the nation are moving towards the elimination of the label “mental retardation.” In addition to federal changes in 2010 with Rosa's Law, in 2003, President Bush changed the name of his Committee on Mental Retardation to the President's Committee on Intellectual Disability. Currently, the Diagnostic Manual on Mental Disorders (DSM) is being changed to reflect the name

change in the clinical diagnosis. Therefore, the question is not *should* we eliminate the term from our statues, but when.

Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to present my testimony. I ask for your full support of the passage SB962.

Thank you,
Alexa Fong

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February 9, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair

Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: Support for SB 962 – Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revisited Statutes fro “Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability”.

Aloha Senator Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee,

My name is Danita Jones, and I am a graduate student in the Master’s Program at the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at U.H. Manoa. I also have had the opportunity to work closely with adults who have physical and intellectual disabilities.

I strongly support SB 962 which will change the references in the Hawaii Revised Statues from “Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability” for the following reasons:

- To lessen the negative stereotype/connotation that is attached to the word “Mental Retardation”.
- To increase awareness that the term “Intellectual Disability” is better suited when describing multiple levels of intellectual functioning.

Since I began working with the disabled population, I have always found it difficult speaking the words “Mental Retardation” because I have carried a negative perception of the word. Through my personal experiences, I have learned that the words alone carry a heavy weight that does not define the person correctly.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for these reasons stated above, I urge this committee to pass this bill and forward it to the Judicial Committee.

Mahalo,

Danita L. Jones

February 4, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT/RE: **SB 962** – RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".

Hearing scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 1:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Mariano. I am a resident of Maui County.
Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of **SB 962**.

I have been working in the field of aging and disability for 11 years, both professionally and as a volunteer.

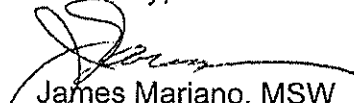
The long-standing usage of the label 'mentally retarded' is not only wholly offensive, but irresponsible. Notwithstanding its negative connotation, the label does not accurately describe an individual's capabilities and potential. Like other damaging labels, these words are ingrained in the language and have been all too commonplace. It concerns me that this word is pervasive in the field of health and human services, and that its de facto usage is reinforced by statutes that need updating.

Change is difficult but it has to start somewhere. Times have changed. More and more people with mental challenges have become mainstreamed. They are no longer the minority that many wanted them to be.

This bill needs to pass so that we can send a clear message that language is important. It is important to know that what we say is as important as how we say it. It is empowering to celebrate the intrinsic person. This bill allows the governing body to change this part of the language in our law. It is so much more than being politically correct—it is about recognizing the self-worth of all citizens.

Thank you for this opportunity to share this testimony. I especially want to thank the committee members for hearing this bill and ask your support in passing SB 962.

Sincerely,



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SB 962: RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY"

Senate Committee on Human Services Hearing
Thursday, February 10, 2011
1:45 p.m.
Conference Room 016

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Michael Tamanaha

Subject: **Testimony in Strong Support of SB 962**

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

I am in strong support of SB 962 which will bring Hawaii in alignment with "Rosa's Law enacted by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Barrack Obama in October 2010. Rosa's law replaces the term "mental retardation" with intellectual disabilities" in federal health, education and labor laws.

This change reflects the desire of individuals with intellectual disabilities to eliminate the stigma and preconceived limitations that have been associated with the word "mental retardation." The term has been used to degrade and segregate individuals through history and school children have been influenced by the entertainment media and society to unwittingly perpetuate the term to tease and hurt their peers.

Even prominent individuals such as the President's former chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, have used the word in heated moments without discerning the inappropriateness of the word. In Emanuel's situation, he was appropriately chastised but learned from his experience and has become an advocate for reform.

Change starts with the way we use words and passage of SB 962 is a step in the right direction. If everyone, including our elected leaders takes advantage of a teaching moment to educate family, friends and acquaintances who are heard using the word "retarded" of the impact on people and the need to use "intellectual disabilities", we would be generating an enormous potential for positive change in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT
SB962
Senate Committee on Human Services
Hearing : February 10, 2011 1:45 PM Conf Room 16

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland,
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services
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Re: SB 962
RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES
FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

We are in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 962, which would follow the lead of the U.S.Congress ("Rosa's Law") and the guidance of all major advocacy groups for people with intellectual disability by changing all references in Hawaii law from "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability."

Indeed, the movement towards a less pejorative term was begun by individuals with intellectual disabilities and their own self-advocacy groups, who explained that the old term had become demeaning and dismissive. Even their advocates resisted at first, saying that a change of language was necessary, but that "the laws" required the hurtful terminology. "Change the words and change the law", they responded. And why not? The time has come!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

We are confident that the Legislature of the State of Hawaii will respect the feelings and dignity of its citizens with intellectual disabilities just as it has striven to provide meaningful support and services for them.

Paul Nelson
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February 7, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland,
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Re: SB962 – Relating to changing references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from
“Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability”.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland Members of the Committee:

Good morning/good afternoon; my name is Paul Nelson and I am a person with disabilities – I have Cerebral Palsy. I am 22 years old and living with cerebral palsy is not easy, sometimes. I will greatly approve SB692 that removes the words “Mental Retardation” from Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In school I was told that I never would be able to do things; like get a job or live on my own. They did not know Paul, the person, all they knew was that I had Cerebral Palsy; just like a cover on a book, they never looked past Chapter one. People who don't have a disability, don't know how hard it is to live with CP. People with disabilities can do a lot more than what people “think” they can do.

You can help people out by changing the laws and learning to use more gentler, kinder and respectful words towards people with any disability.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. I look forward to the day that the bill passes.

Sincerely,

Paul Nelson

PAUL NELSON

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February 7, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland,
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Re: SB962 – Relating to changing references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from
“Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability”.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland Members of the Committee:

Good morning/good afternoon; My name is Robbilynn Chai and I am a person with a disability. I am 33 years old and live in a group home. My feelings are angry and sad because of the many times people called me bad names. I support SB692 that removes the words “Mental Retardation” from Hawaii Revised Statues.

I learned to read, when people said I couldn't. My heart gets sore and I have to be careful because I can get very sick. I want people to tell me the truth and be respectful. I want people to be careful when they talk to me.

You can help people, like me, by changing the hurtful words in the laws and learning to use nice words.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. I look forward to the day that the bill passes.

Sincerely,

R O B B I Y N N

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Re: SB962 – Relating to changing references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from
“Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability”.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland Members of the Committee:

Good morning/good afternoon; My name is Lorrin Hee and I am a person with Cerebral Palsy. I am 42 years old and live in a group home. I greatly approve SB692 that removes the words “Mental Retardation” from Hawaii Revised Statutes.

I can remember being called stupid, retarded and dumb. That is not who I am, I want to be smart and terrific and I want you to understand who I am. I am Lorrin Hee, I am a person just like you.

You can help people, like me, by changing the cruel words in the laws and learning to use nice words.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. I look forward to the day that the bill passes.

Sincerely,

Lorrin Hee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LORRIN HEE". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font with some overlapping lines.

Bathey Fong
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February 10, 2011

Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: SB 962 – Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from “Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability”.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bathey Fong of Lanakila Pacific Inc.

I am in **strong support of SB 962.**

I hated when they were calling me handicap and retarded. They said that I couldn't read because I was retarded. They always tease me the way I walked too. They made me feel mad and upset when they called me retarded. Please pass the bill so they cannot call me retarded anymore.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bathey Fong

Ryan Ho
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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Re: SB 962 – RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED
STATUTES FROM “MENTAL RETARDATION” TO “INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY”.

Good afternoon Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee.

My name is Ryan Ho of Lanakila Pacific Inc.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in **strong support of SB 962.**

I don't like when someone calls me Mentally Retarded. It makes me feel sad, and it makes me go bananas. It feels bad to even hear the word M.R.

Sincerely,

Ryan Ho

Michelle Muralt
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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: SB 962 – Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from
“Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability”.

Good afternoon Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee.

My name is Michelle Muralt of Lanakila Pacific Inc. and I am in **strong support of SB 962.**

I don't like it when people calling me Mental Retarded. It makes me mad and it makes me sad. I want people to respect me so I can respect them too. And it makes me want to cry because they call me M.R.

I want the bill to pass because so the Retarded word will not be used anymore.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Muralt

Jonathan Ahina
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February 10, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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RE: SB 962 — Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from
“Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability.”

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senator Les Ihara, Jr., and Members of the
Committee:

My Name is Jonathan Ahina. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am
in **strong support of SB 962.**

I joined the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) in April 2009 and help out
with the responsibility of my wife, who is President for SAAC and a member of the
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council and SAAC. My position in SAAC is being
treasurer. One of the activities is to raise money by recycling cans and bottles for SAAC.
I also attend day programs at Easter Seals.

I share strong feelings to remove the “R” word and replace it with “Intellectual
Disability.”

Thank you,

Jonathan Ahina

Vaipapa Soliai
vaipapas@gmail.com

February 10, 2011

Senate Committee on Human Services
Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SB 962 – Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from “mental retardation” to “intellectual disability.”

Good afternoon Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Vaipapa Soliai. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in **strong support of SB 962.**

I was born with a disability that confines me to a wheelchair. I cannot walk and I need people to help me with my day to day living activities. I am a human being. As a human being I have and feel and get angry just as any person. I am not different just because of my appearance and the way I talk. Because of the way I appear and talk I do not like to be referred to as mentally retarded.

By changing the references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes people will see others and I as more than just mentally retarded but as exceptional people.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vaipapa Soliai

Sarah Ahina
84-757 Kiana Pl. Unit 11A
Waianae, HI 96792
February 10, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 962 — Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from
“Mental Retardation” to “Intellectual Disability.”

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senator Les Ihara, Jr., and Members of the
Committee:

My Name is Sarah Ahina. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in
strong support of SB 962.

When I was a little girl, my family did not know how I was doing in school. I was
having a hard time with my schoolwork, my reading, and other schoolwork. My friends
were passing the grades and I was left behind. I felt sad.

All my teachers were wondering how come Sarah is having a hard time with her
schoolwork. All of my friends were calling one another “retarded”, “stupid”, and
“mental”. My cousins called me all kinds of names that hurt me: “lolo”, “mentally
retarded”, “stupid retarded mental case”, and “special-ed class”.

So it would be good if you changed the “mental retard” word to “intellectual
disability.”

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Sarah Ahina



Lani Bartholomew
83 Kihapi St. Apt. # 204
Kailua, HI 96734
(808) 861-7276

February 10, 2011

Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Dear Senators Chun Oakland, Ihara and Members of the Human Services Committee:

SB 962 – RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM “MENTAL RETARDATION” TO “INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY”.

My name is Lani L. Bartholomew. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I **strongly support SB 962.**

When I went to Kaimuki Intermediate School I was in special education. I was called mental retarded, stupid, dumb, and retard. They even threw things at me, spit at me, teased me and called me names. They would grab my bag and take my bus tickets and throw things on the ground. The bullies would run by me and lift my dress. They were mean to me and I didn't like it. I felt ashamed and hurt. I even cried.

Thank you for taking time to listen to me and for reading my testimony.

Love,
Lani L. Bartholomew

Ben S. Dalavidao II
P.O. Box 373
Papaikou, HI 96781
Phone: (808) 964-2059

February 10, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: SB 962—RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII
REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO
"INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben S. Dalavidao and I live in the Big Island with my parents. I have been a Developmental Disabilities Council member since May 2008.

I strongly support SB 962 relating to changing the "R" word from "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability".

My feelings are hurt each time retardation is mentioned or someone calls me retarded. Please be sensitive and urge your members to support SB 962, too.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Ben S. Dalavidao II

Sol Ray Duncan
1174 Waimano Home Rd.
Pearl City, HI 96782

February 10, 2011

Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

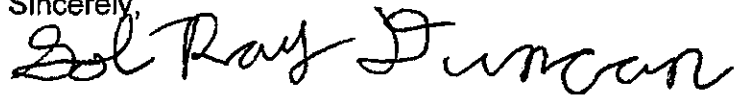
SB 962 — Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes
From "Mental Retardation" to "Intellectual Disability."

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Senator Ihara and Members of the
Senate Human Services Committee:

My Name is Sol Ray Duncan. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am
in **strong support of SB 962.**

It should be passed to respect people with these differences. Thank you for
hearing this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sol Ray Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sol Ray Duncan

April Mira
1174 Waimano Home Rd., #207
Pearl City, HI 96782

February 10, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: SB 962 — Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes
From "Mental Retardation" TO "Intellectual Disability."

Dear Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My Name is April Mira. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in
strong support of SB 962.

When I was 8 years old, people used to tease me and call me "mentally retarded", "you retard", "you mental", "you stupid", and "dumb". Kids used to tease me a lot and it made me feel uncomfortable. It was very hurtful and I cried a lot and did not want to go to school any more. I used to run away, cry in the corner at school. The kids at school tried to fight me, throw food and water at me, spit at me, and throw rubbish at me. I am now afraid to go out by myself.

Now when I see other people who have a disability, I do not tease, I help them. If this bill passes, I will be happy for the change and for the kids now that have a disability so they don't get teased in the future and aren't afraid like me.

Thank You,

April Mira

April Mira

Debbie Rivers
2790 Kahaloa Drive, #802
Honolulu, HI 96822

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SB 962 - RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".

My name is Debbie Rivers. I am a person with depression and anxiety disorder, and I also have cerebral palsy. As a long-time member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and a person with a disability, I am here today to testify in strong support of SB 962 to get rid the "R" word and replace the label of mental retardation with intellectual disability.

Throughout my life I have heard the word "mental retardation", "retarded", "mental". Some people assume that I am less than others. I have been called "mental" many times and it really hurts my feelings and it has many negative connotations to it. These words that I have mentioned have become part of every day language in conversation, jokes, even part of the dictionary, and laws. There are many words that are in our history such as the "N" word, the "F" word, and unfortunately we all know what these words are referring to. But there have been positive changes such as people being referred to as Afro American or to give a local example, the Shriner's Hospital. Shriner's Hospital finally changed their name to Shriner's Hospital for Children. Every time I would pass Shriner's in the past, the word crippled made me cringe and sad because they are just kids that need help with their orthopedic conditions. With the new construction of the hospital came the positive change from crippled children to just children. When I first saw this it made me smile and happy and I said to myself, yes finally they changed the word.

We all have to remember that we are all people first and in society we all have labels whatever is your job title or lack of a job title, ethnic background, disability, or ability. It is time for a change to get rid of the "R" word in the state law not just to follow suit with Rosa's law, but to show aloha and celebrate our uniqueness and diversity. The time is now to get rid of the "R" word and to change it with a person with an intellectual disability.

Thank you and aloha for this opportunity to testify and please pass SB 962.

Debbie Rivers

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
State of Hawaii
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: SB 962- RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".

Hearing: Thursday, February 10, 2011, 1:45p.m. (Committee on Human Services), Conference Room 016

Dear Senator Chun Oakland & Members of the Committee on Human Services:

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 962 Relating to Changing References in the Hawaii Revised Statutes from Mental Retardation to Intellectual Disability. This bill helps us feel better about ourselves. No one likes being called Mentally Retarded. Please help us feel better about ourselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **Strong Support of SB 962**. I can be reached at 946-8335 for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Joshua Smalley-Bower

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 11:40 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Categories: Red Category

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Samual Kamoku
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

I feel bad when people call me that (mentally retarded), like they putting me down.

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:15 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Categories: Red Category

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carl Proffitt
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

I don't like the words mental retardation. I don't like them at all! Change please

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:20 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Kama
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:
Not a good word, change it

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:23 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cheyene Felix
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:
I prefer no labels at all

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:24 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Norma Rabaino
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

Sometimes I hear people call me that, I don't like it! It's like call me names it's bad.

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 1:40 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: mtada347@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Tada
Organization: Individual
Address: 3425 Kaau Street Honolulu, HI 96816
Phone: (808)737-3842
E-mail: mtada347@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/2/2011

Comments:

I am in FULL SUPPORT of HB962. As a person with Cerebral Palsy, I fully support SB962 for the following reasons: 1. The 'MR' label is extremely derogatory. 2. It has been used against people with psysical disabilities as a way to marginalize and dehumanize disabilities in order to see us as 'broken' and/or sick people, instead of PERSONS with disAbilities who just need extra support. I wholeheartedly support SB 962.

Thank You

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:54 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John Fernandex
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

Mentally Retarded is not nice. I don't want to be called mentally retarded but I don't mind intellectually disabled.

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:55 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Warren Lum
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

I feel bad when someone says that I am mentally retarded. It's not a nice word

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:56 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Herman Kiili
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

I am not mentally retarded and would be angry if someone told me I was. I don't mind intellectual disabled

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:59 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clayton Siu
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:

I don't like the word mental, I am not mental. No one is mental, it's not a nice word

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 2:00 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB962 on 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 2/10/2011 1:45:00 PM SB962

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Clifford Jensen
Organization: The Arc in Hawaii
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: christinem@thearcinhawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/4/2011

Comments:
I don't like the word and wouldn't want to be called it

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka [lkakatsu@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 2:37 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Testimony for SB 962 on 2/10/2011 at 1:45 PM

Testimony for Committee on Human Services, 2/10/2011 at 1:45 PM

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Strongly support
Testifier will be present: NO
Submitted by: Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka
Organization: Individual
Address: 45-606 Keole Street; Kaneohe, HI 96744
E-mail: lkakatsu@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on : 2/4/2011

Comments: As a sibling of an individual with an intellectual disability, I strongly urge your committee to pass SB 962 to change all references using the term "mental retardation" or like terms in the Hawaii Revised Statutes to "intellectual disabilities" or like terms, appears. The new terminology "an individual with an intellectual disability" will help to change a social norm in a positive way beginning in our state laws' references. Words can be hurtful if used to demean a person's behavior or to label a person. Let us right a wrong beginning today.

I am in strong support of this bill SB 962. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT/RE: SB 962 – RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".

References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kiwee Ann Yap - Fukunaga.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of **SB 962**.

Everyone should be viewed as a person first, not their disability. That said, "mental retardation," "retarded" are words that has a negative connotation and leads others to view individuals in this population as unable to learn a grow to lead an independent life. "Intellectual Disability" on the other hand describes a person as having a challenge, but has the ability to learn and be as independent as possible. It is a positive way of describing people.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,



Tuesday, February 08, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Crystal Tazaki

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of **SB 962**.

I feel it's extremely important to give everyone the respect of equality.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,



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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
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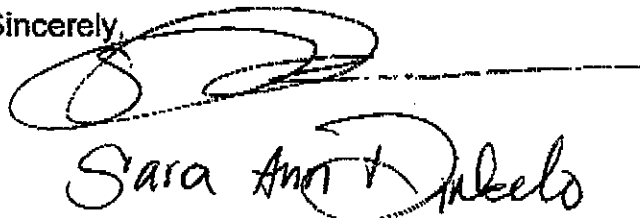
My name is Sara Ann Dinkelo.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of SB 962.

~~The~~ the use of “mental retardation” has become used so frequently to put people down or to insult people. I have been working w/ people - w/ intellectual disabilities for many years & they deserve to be treated w/ nothing but dignity and respect. Also, it is very important that we remember all people are people; not a disability.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,



Sara Ann Dinkelo

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

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References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is COLBY McMILLAN.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of SB 962.

I M LEEIIG hURT

BECAUSE DAD WH

IDA NT WANT DULLIES

FIGHTING A DIGN

IS NT GOOD FIGHT IS

IF THEY CALL ME MENTALLY DANGEROUS

WILL FIGHT BACK
"Im feeling hurt because I dont want teasing me."

I dont want bullies fighting A fight is not

good fight is dangerous if they call me "Retarded" I will fight back

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,

Colby McMILLAN

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT/RE: -GD 902 - RELATING TO CHANGING REFERENCES IN THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM "MENTAL RETARDATION" TO "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".

References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is JANET MAKIN

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of SB 962.

In the new world
the world
Retardation
I feel
An comfortable

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,

Janet Makin

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is ALMER TRICK VILLAGUERA

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of **SB 962.**

Please behave

I don't call retarded

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,
ALMER TRICK
VILLAGUERA

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

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References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kathie Chang.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of **SB 962**.

Say Retarded is like
being teased.

I don't like to be
teased.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,

Kathie Chang

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My Name is Nicole Kelley I go to Easter Seals at Napukea in Makakilo.

I don't like the word "retarded". Because some people might have mental retardation.

Especially i have that too, not mental just the regular one. if they say it to me, that really hurts. when that happens i will tell a staff or friend.

So that way they can report what was said.

I support SB 962.

Thank you.

Nicole Kelley

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES FROM “MENTAL RETARDATION” TO
“INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY”.**

References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Walter Ng

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of
SB 962.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely, Walter Ng

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Commitee.

**I feel when people say the word Retartared to people it is bad.
Because I don't like when people get more angry to people for teasing.**

**Thank You,
Kathleen Tabata**

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

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"INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY".**

References the bill number and the title of the bill.

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the
Committee:

My name is MAKeha Cabael.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of
SB 962.

I feel Mad Don't say
again Because its like
Teasing

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely, MAKeha

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee.

**When I hear the Word Mental Retardation I Feel Sad.
Please support the bill SB962.**

Thank you Brandon

Brandon Nakata

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is E A R L F O U R

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of SB 962.

L E T A R T E D

b. a. d. W O R D

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,

E A R L F O U R

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Leigh Kimura

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of
SB 962.

I dont like cause
that 2 calling me
name.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,

Leigh

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My name is intelle mucker.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of
SB 962.

word is not except in my bible,
intellectual disability is accept,

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely, intelle mucker

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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Tommy Satchenko

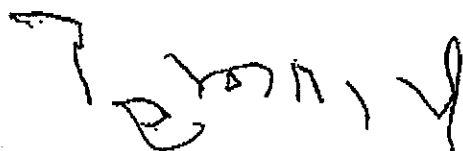
Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of
SB 962.

I don't like when people say I'm not
smart. It makes me feel bad. And my
Mum always says that I am smart.
And that's me!

Intellectual Disability is much better.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,



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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Johnelle N. Santos.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of
SB 962.

I kinda feel
embarrassed being called
retarded
I don't like it when
people call me retarded
it makes me upset
and I would like to change ~~it~~ to
intellectual disability

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely, Johnelle

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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:
Good morning/good afternoon Senator/Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ted Wong

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that I am in strong support of SB 962.

I dont like when
THEY call me like PIEZLEIPle
tsase Noe Names
KIRS Starbo PEISATSAM
No good

I dont like when they call me that
sometimes the people tease me names
and call me all kind stuff.
Retarded no good.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my opinion and have a say in this bill.

Sincerely,

Ted

In Margarita Buccat

As a primary caregiver for foster homes, I strongly support this bill SB 1360 allowing approved for a 3' client NA + CNA. ^{subs.} because it is very hard for us to get an take care of clients with all substitute take all CNA. like me I had 1 more bed extra planning to have as a client but since the requirement is all CNA I can't allow to be very more bed. this only NA. CNA will become only household and she can't be my substitute any more.

NAs + CNAs have both educational requirement. NA know how to get BPS, Ting, R, and wts. put all vs.

They can also be trained how to feed, change diaper, bathe and shower patients, and help transferring pt. in wheelchair and get back to bed. measuring taking vitals and input.

Supporting this bill it will also help as primary caregiver to continue the operation of our business. because of taking this fragile client we also give up of jobs and have a lot of sacrifice just to take care of them provide a quality of care. with training all CNA every time we have appt. for them we have to pay ~~all~~ subs. to come and stay in our client.

Respectfully Yours,

Margarita Buccat

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