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To: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair, Jo Jordan, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Human Services

Date: Monday, February 13, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 329, State Capitol

From: Dwight Y. Takamine, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: H.B. No. 2578 HD1 Relating to the Advisory Council for Community Services**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

HB2578 will eliminate the Advisory Council for Community Services—and will have no impact on the Office of Community Services (OCS) or the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

DLIR strongly supports this administration measure.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

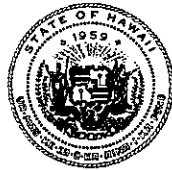
OCS is mandated to constitute the Advisory Council for Community Services.

**III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL**

The department strongly supports this administration initiative to streamline OCS's processes. The entire Council has remained vacant for nearly a decade and currently no members have been appointed. To allow for public input OCS has increased participation by individual agency boards.

This bill conforms to our Governor's initiative to streamline government by eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy such as defunct councils, commissions, or task forces.

This measure will have no impact on the operations of the department or OCS and will have no fiscal impact as council members served uncompensated.



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To: The Honorable John Mizuno  
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Date: Monday, February 13, 2012  
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From: Mila Kaahanui, Executive Director  
Office of Community Services (OCS)  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**Re: HB2578 HD1 - Relating to the Advisory Council for Community Services**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

The current proposal, HB2578, will eliminate the Advisory Council for Community Services originally envisioned for OCS and will have no impact on the operations of the office.

The Office of Community Services supports this measure.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

Under current law, OCS is mandated to constitute such a council, however no such council has existed for nearly a decade.

**III. COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL**

This bill will eliminate the Advisory Council for Community Services originally envisioned for OCS and will have no impact on the operations of the office. We will keep most comments centered on what was not discussed in previous hearings. OCS would like to reiterate there is no need for the State to assemble or maintain such a council at this time.

Although attempts were made to constitute such a council at the State level, none have been successful. Rather, OCS believes there is more than sufficient input provided by the special Board composition of our CAA's, who, by mission, service our mandated target population.

Furthermore, as not stated in our previous testimony, the council membership is currently not aligned with the majority of the population OCS serves.

Finally, this bill conforms to our Governor's initiative to streamline government by eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy such as defunct councils, commissions, or task forces.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.