

**HB2578, HD1**



NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE  
DIRECTOR

AUDREY HIDANO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 321  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
[www.hawaii.gov/labor](http://www.hawaii.gov/labor)  
Phone: (808) 586-8842 / Fax: (808) 586-9099  
Email: [dlir.director@hawaii.gov](mailto:dlir.director@hawaii.gov)

March 12, 2012

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair,  
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Monday, March 12, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

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

**Re: HB2578HD1 RELATING TO THE ADVISORY  
COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

HB2578HD1 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 strongly supports this administration measure.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

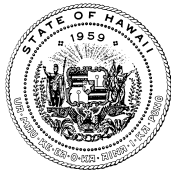
OCS is mandated to constitute the Advisory Council for Community Services.

**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.



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 420  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813  
[www.hawaii.gov/labor](http://www.hawaii.gov/labor)  
Phone: (808) 586-8675 / Fax: (808) 586-8685  
Email: [dliir.ocs@hawaii.gov](mailto:dliir.ocs@hawaii.gov)

March 11, 2012

To: The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Monday, March 12, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

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**

OCS appreciates the Senate's consideration of this Administration measure. This measure will conform policy to practice by eliminating the requirement for an Advisory Council for the Office of Community Services.

Briefly, and as stated in previous testimony, the council has been defunct for nearly a decade, the council make up is no longer indicative of our programmatic focus, and we have increased access to localized input through our non-profit board system.

We also believe re-constituting such a council may have negative impacts, such as OCS being responsible for reimbursing council members administrative expenses, as well as the Neighbor Island counties losing the flexibility and relevance of locally-focused program planning.

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.