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TESTIMONY TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

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10:30 a.m., Conference Room 309

BY

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**Senate Bill No. 2811**  
**Relating to Qualified Community Rehabilitation Programs**

TO CHAIRPERSON RHOADS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of S. B. No. 2811 is to repeal the requirement for the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding expenditures of qualified community rehabilitation programs.

The Department of Human Resources Development **strongly supports** this measure. Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, amended section 76-77(16), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to modify a statutory exemption from civil service applicable to the counties of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai, by setting a higher monetary limitation for contract services with qualified community rehabilitation programs. The Act also instructed DHRD to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding "expenditures of qualified rehabilitation programs and related activities."

Section 76-77, HRS, applies only to the three counties, not to the State. Because DHRD administers the human resources program for the State, pursuant to section 26-5, HRS, and the county personnel directors are the chief administrators of their respective county human resources programs, information about county expenditures is not available to DHRD. Furthermore, because the statutory provision does not permit the state executive branch to contract with qualified community rehabilitation programs as specified in section 76-77(16), HRS, DHRD does not have anything to report on behalf of the State. Therefore, we request your favorable consideration to repeal the reporting requirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.