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reuben ortiz	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: i agree with what you say and i'll star of with minium wages, starting pay.

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Aloha,

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It also benefits society. Almost immediately it eliminates the new employees need for food stamps. As an ultimate goal it will aid them in getting off of Social Security altogether.

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ELVIRA KANANA	Individual	Support	No

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**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013**

**Committee on Human Services  
Testimony in Support of H.B. 1298  
Relating to Taxation**

**Thursday, February 14, 2013, 9:30 A.M.  
Conference Room 329**

Chair Carroll, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center is in support of this bill. The unemployment rate of individuals with disabilities is far higher than the overall national average. The trend in the disability movement is towards full integrated employment of individuals with disabilities. This provides them with the self esteem and gratification that comes with being a full participating member of society. Additionally, it contributes to their economic self sufficiency, and makes them less dependent upon taxpayer funded assistance through the course of their lives. For that reason, we believe that whatever potential revenue shortfall is created by the tax benefit provided in this bill, it will more than be offset over the course of time.

We have also reviewed the amendments proposed by the DD Council and we are in agreement with them.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

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Iris Ijima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1298 because it will encourage more employers to hire people with disabilities, including those with mental illness. Stigma is prevalent in our state and discourages employers from looking past the diagnosis to the skills that an individual can offer. HB 1298 will give people with mental illness a chance to prove that they too can contribute to society.

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