



"Enhancing Lives Through Self-Reliance"

January 27, 2014

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Human Services Committee
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Carroll:

I am writing in support of HB 1588 that clarifies the language in exemption # 16 of HRS 76-77. The bill amends the exemption from the civil service laws for contracts for personal services, building, custodial, and grounds maintenance services, with qualified community rehabilitation programs at a cost of no more than \$850,000 **by specifying that the \$850,000 maximum applies per contract.**

This effort is a result of a recent interpretation of exemption #16 from the County of Maui Corporation Counsel. Their current interpretation is that the cap of \$850,000 is for all contracts instead of per contract. **It is important to note that in 2008 when the cap amount of \$850,000 was put into law, Ka Lima O Maui already had \$1 million in contracts with the County of Maui.** All parties involved always intended for the amount of \$850,000 to be interpreted as per contract and not as a total amount. Otherwise, Ka Lima would have been out of compliance from the inception of the law.

The future of these contracts is crucial to the mission of our organization; "Enhancing Lives through Self-Reliance" for persons with disabilities through employment related programs. Our grounds and custodial service contracts that currently total \$1.2 million employ 50 persons with disabilities. The contracts allow us to deliver services such as assessments, evaluation and training and ultimately employment for a population that is often times overlooked. Employment opportunities provide dignity, self-respect, independence and the chance to become contributing members of our community.

Please help us by supporting HB 1588 so we can continue to put paychecks in deserving hands. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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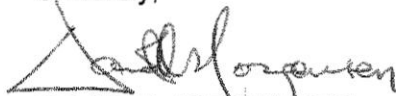
I am a Member of the Board of Directors of Ka Lima O Maui and I hereby submit this testimony in strong support of HB 1588 that clarifies the language in HRS 76-77(16) which contains an exemption from the civil service rules. There is currently an exemption in the law for contracts of no more than \$850,000 with qualified community rehabilitation programs for personal services providing building, custodial, and grounds maintenance services. HB 1588 proposes to amend the exemption to confirm that the \$850,000 maximum applies per contract, and not to the total amount of contracts entered into by each County.

This amendment has been made necessary as a result of the position taken recently on Section 76-77(16) by the County of Maui Corporation Counsel's office. Their current interpretation is that the cap of \$850,000 is for all contracts instead of per contract. However, it is critical to note that Ka Lima O Maui already had \$1 million in contracts with the County of Maui when the cap amount of \$850,000 was put into law in 2008. The intention of all parties involved was always that the cap was per contract and not an aggregate limitation. To read the law otherwise would have meant that Ka Lima O Maui and the County of Maui would have been in violation of the law from before it was even adopted.

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c: Chantal Ratte (via e-mail)

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Testimony for HUS on Jan 28, 2014 09:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Seth De Leon	Maui CPR & First Aid	Support	No

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Shaun Thayer, CPA

Certified Public Accountant

January 26, 2014

Chair Mele Carroll
Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 405
Honolulu, HI 96813

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The clients whom Ka Lima O Maui serves are tremendous individuals who are not willing to let their disabilities limit themselves. Please help us by supporting HB 1588 so we can continue to put paychecks in deserving hands. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



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January 27, 2014

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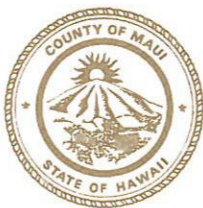
Over the years I have received comments from the Maui Community that the service provided by Ka Lima O Maui have been well received and appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 9:30 a.m., Conference Rm. 329

HOUSE BILL 1588 RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Human Services

Thank you for this opportunity to testimony **IN SUPPORT** of **HB 1588** relating to Qualified Community Rehabilitation Programs.

The purpose of this measure is to amend the exemption from the civil service laws for personal services, building, custodial, and grounds maintenance services with qualified community rehabilitation programs at a cost of no more than \$850,000 by specifying that the \$850,000 maximum applies "per contract".

I support this measure for the following reason:

- Qualified community rehabilitation programs provide disabled individuals in the community with needed work skills, training, and support for their growth and success. This measure will help to assure the continued ability for persons with mental and physical challenges to gain important job training skills and be placed into the work force. As mayor of Maui County, I am very supportive of these tremendous employment opportunities for this sector.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 1588.



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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO opposes this measure. In 2007, we worked collaboratively with the counties and other interested parties to pass H.B. 1171, C.D. 1, which became Act 191, SLH 2007. That measure exempted contracts for personal services with private persons or entities lasting no more than one year and at a cost of \$750,000 or less. Subsequently, that amount was raised to \$850,000 per year in 2008. Now the amendment calls for the \$850,000 to apply to each contract.

The work performed by these qualified rehabilitation programs includes jobs that historically and customarily have been performed by county civil service employees. This measure encourages the privatization of public sector jobs, which is in conflict with the Konno Hawaii Supreme Court decision. Therefore, we do not believe the proposed amendment to Section 76-77, HRS is justified. The exemption of \$850,000 per year for qualified rehabilitation programs is sufficient and should not be expanded to apply to each contract.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director