

**Sherry Menor-McNamara**

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**LATE TESTIMONY**

**From:** Diane Swenson [diane@island-realestate.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 5:26 PM  
**To:** Sherry Menor-McNamara  
**Subject:** Chairs and My Legislator, I OPPOSE HB 1028 & HB 916

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We need jobs and this bill is going to cost jobs it is just too large an increase.

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Please OPPOSE both these bills. Mahalo.

CC: My Legislator

Sincerely,

Diane Swenson  
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**From:** Jason Suapaia [jsuapaia@1013integrated.com]  
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**To:** Sherry Menor-McNamara  
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Jason Suapaia  
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Robert Williams  
101 Hualalai St  
Hilo, HI 96720

## Sherry Menor-McNamara

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**From:** Darryl Grace [darryl.grace@mokulelehawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:46 PM  
**To:** Sherry Menor-McNamara  
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Darryl Grace  
General Manager/Director of Operations  
Mokulele Airlines

CC: My Legislator

Sincerely,

Darryl Grace  
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Brian Arkle  
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**From:** Ayche McClung [ayche.mcclung@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:41 PM  
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Ayche McClung  
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Hilo, HI 96720

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**From:** Mike Miyahira [mike@bus-strategies.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 4:30 PM  
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Mahalo.

CC: My Legislator

Sincerely,

Mike Miyahira  
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## Late Testimony on HB 1028 and 916

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Robert	Williams	
Darryl	Grace	Mokulele Airlines
Brian	Arkle	
Ayche	McClung	
Mike	Miyahara	

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The 20 churches, temples, and social service agencies of FACE Maui we are working with a large number of minimum or near minimum wage earners - many of them living in affordable housing complexes. Truly the desperation of Hawaii's working poor has never been worse. For the most part this group has not benefited much income wise from our recovery. A lot of the people we work with on Maui are working 2-3 jobs to stay afloat, and passing this bill will help them a lot. The extra money this bill would represent will take pressure off our families. It might be used to reduce hours - allowing parents to spend more time with children, it might make the difference between paying the rent or risking eviction. It will certainly help a lot of people eat better.

For the people FACE Maui works with every new dollar will be spent at local businesses in their neighborhood economy. So while employers will pay a little more, they will also take in a little more.

While this is a big vote, I want to tell you that you are lucky to be able to cast it. With a yes vote today you can make things materially better for 1,000's of Hawaii people you will never meet. Even state legislators are rarely given the grace to make that kind of impact...in fact the last time was 2007! Please vote this on to the next committee as soon as you can.