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Testimony in **support** of SB1091  
Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions

Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

January 30, 2013  
9:00 am Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Office of the Governor **supports** Senate Bill 1091, Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions. This measure seeks to exclude charitable contributions from the hard caps placed by Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, on itemized tax deductions.

The recession and its resulting budgetary shortfalls necessitated the Legislature's passage and the Governor's signature of Act 97 in 2011. However, the improvements in Hawaii's current economic climate put the state in a better financial position whereby we no longer need to rely upon all of the revenues associated with this measure. Accordingly, after having taken a close look at the impact this particular section of the law is having on charitable donations made to Hawaii's non-profit organizations, we support carving out this portion of the law. We recognize that support for nonprofit and charitable organizations is an important policy goal and priority as these groups perform critical services for and within our community.

The Department of Budget and Finance estimates that passage of this measure would result in a revenue loss of approximately \$12 million annually. This revenue loss is factored into the Administration's financial plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**SUBJECT:** INCOME, Repeal limitation for charitable deductions

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1091; HB 860 (Identical)

**INTRODUCED BY:** SB by Kim by request; HB by Souki by request

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** Amends section 3 of Act 97, SLH 2011, to provide that charitable contributions shall not be subject to the limitation of itemized deductions under the state income tax law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Tax years beginning after December 31, 2012

**STAFF COMMENTS:** This is an administration measure submitted by the governor's office GOV-09 (13). In 2011, the legislature was searching for additional revenues to address the state's fiscal crisis, and the legislature by Act 97, SLH 2011, provided that itemized tax deductions under the state income tax shall not exceed the lesser of: (1) the limit of itemized deductions under section 68 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC); or (2) \$25,000 for taxpayers filing a single return or married persons filing separately with a FAGI of \$100,000 or more; \$37,500 for taxpayers filing as a head of household with FAGI of over \$150,000 or more; and \$50,000 for taxpayers filing a joint return or as a surviving spouse with FAGI of \$200,000 or more. These provisions are applicable to tax years beginning after 12/31/10 and not for tax years beginning after 12/31/15.

It should be remembered that a similar measure to limit itemized deductions was vetoed by the governor in 2010. In her veto message, she stated "it is a defacto tax increase that will adversely hurt certain individuals and businesses at a time when we should be encouraging investment and spending to recharge the economy. The tax increase not only impacts taxpayers, but also disincentivizes activities such as charitable giving and home ownership. Since itemized deductions are allowed for qualifying medical and dental expenses, contributions to qualifying charitable organizations, payment of certain taxes, home mortgage interest, and qualifying job-related expenses, capping the deduction will act to discourage these expenses. Nonprofits and charitable organizations that depend on contributions to serve needy populations are particularly concerned that their ability to raise funds through donations and charitable giving would be adversely affected."

Although adoption of this measure would restore the ability of taxpayers to make charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations without any limitation, it continues to ignore the fact that Hawaii law digresses from the federal law. Conformity to the federal Code has been a state policy goal for more than 35 years. Although the federal Code has a limitation on itemized deductions, the income thresholds are substantially higher than those in effect for state income tax purposes - for federal purposes the thresholds are \$300,000 for married couples, and \$250,000 for single taxpayers. Thus, the definition of income for those taxpayers who fall below the federal threshold but above the state threshold will end up with two very different amounts of taxable income for federal and state purposes. While this proposal panders to the charitable community, it ignores the complexity it creates insofar as compliance and administration of the state income tax law.

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**SB1091 Itemized Tax Deductions:** *Exempts charitable income tax deduction from the itemized deduction caps.*

- SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Senator Ige, Chair; Senator Kidani, Vice Chair
- Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2012; 9:00 a.m.
- Conference Room 211

## **HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION Supports SB1091.**

*GOOD MORNING CHAIR IGE, VICE CHAIR KIDANI AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide hui of more than twenty non-profit treatment and prevention agencies.*

**The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition urges you to protect the charitable giving incentive.** As a coalition comprised of 21 substance abuse prevention and treatment agencies across the Islands, we advocate that Hawai'i's charitable sector must be supported – not undermined – during these difficult economic times.

**Our treatment services save huge dollars in government spending.** On the front lines, we have the proven outcomes that demonstrate huge savings that would be spent in prisons, hospital emergent care and patient healthcare. Moreover, government agencies are turning more and more to treatment services as effective solutions to the unchecked substance use disorder problem. Many government agencies such as NIDA, NIJ and HHS highly recommend investing millions in treatment to save billions of taxpayer dollars.

**We are overloaded with referrals** from families, hospitals and government services. We experience painfully the growing hardships of families and communities from the front lines.

**The government can't do it alone; we must encourage and leverage individual and corporate investments in care that helps the entire community.** Federal and state governments face mounting fiscal challenges while people demand more of our critical support. People have turned to charitable nonprofits for the services they need during this time when resources are dwindling.

A cap on itemized deductions that includes donations to charitable nonprofits had significant, adverse impacts on the work of charitable nonprofits in our community. This cap leaves little or no room for discretionary donations to the work of charities.

**Our coalition and other nonprofits rely on the current charitable giving incentive** to help pay for delivering existing services. The reduction of this incentive reduces the amount of services we can deliver. When donors have less incentive to give to charities, donations decrease. And children, families, and neighbors who depend upon the services provided by social service organizations, as well as the entire charitable sector, suffer as a result.

**We ask your support to end the cap for charitable contributions.** We advocate for strategic investments in proven treatment solutions as an investment to save huge amounts in existing spending.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.

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Testimony for WAM on Jan 30, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Crystal Baranyk	Lahaina Arts Association	Support	No

Comments: I have watched donors give less and less due to this measure. We are a small organization, and we rely on the support of those that make charitable contributions due to tax write-offs.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deena Dray	Diamond Head Theatre	Support	No

Comments:

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## Testimony SB1091

It would indeed be a wonderful world if our community donated to causes solely for the purpose of being philanthropic. The reality is though that while philanthropy may be the case in their hearts, the tax deduction incentive is the catalyst. Of all the tax modifications, this seems the most difficult to understand....as it penalizes the very heart of what makes our island special...the not-for-profits who do the good work. I encourage you to consider this important bill, please.



## HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

January 28, 2013

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members:

### **SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions**

The Hawaii Community Foundation is writing in support of Senate Bill 1091, which aims to amend Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, to exempt charitable contributions from the itemized deduction cap imposed on individuals. The proposed amendment to Act 97 will recognize the unique community benefit that is provided by charitable contributions. Unlike other tax incentives, the charitable contribution deduction encourages behavior for which taxpayers receive no tangible personal benefit. While donors do not make charitable gifts only for tax reasons, tax incentives make more and larger gifts possible. The existing cap on itemized deductions negatively affects the incentive that our middle income and high income donors have for giving to charity as generously as they have in the past. For the Hawaii Community Foundation, this affects some of our largest gifts, which in turn affects the most vulnerable of Hawaii's people and natural resources.

We must emphasize that this bill is not about protecting Hawaii's wealthy. This is about protecting the people and the natural resources served by Hawaii's charitable organizations. On a national level, a study released by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University calculated that the impact of proposed limitations on charitable giving could result in a decrease of almost \$3.9 billion in annual giving. Locally, if even 10% of Hawaii's annual charitable giving is impacted by the current disincentive, the loss to our communities would be \$60 million dollars.

We urge you to pass this Bill out of Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine P. Lloyd  
General Counsel & Vice President of Operations





January 28, 2013

Senator David Ige  
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 016  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: SB 1091, Relating to Taxation**

Dear Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) supports SB 1091, which modifies Act 97 (2011) by exempting the charitable deduction from the cap on all itemized deductions for state income tax purposes. HANO is a statewide, sector-wide professional association for nonprofits. HANO member nonprofits provide essential services to every community in the state. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i.

We would like to make the following points to support the merits of SB 1091:

- When the economy stagnates, nonprofit organizations and their services are needed the most. Charitable organizations bridge the gap by serving our communities and those in need when budgetary constraints hinder state and federal governments from providing similar services.
- For many nonprofit organizations, private individual donations make up the majority of their budgets. This is the "90-10" fiscal environment where 90% of an organization's support comes from 10% of their donors.
- For those nonprofits that partner with government through state contracts, their private donations are essential to diversifying their funding streams, providing reserves to allow flexibility in partnering with government, especially when state funding is down and/or payments are late and the nonprofit is beholden to provide the service.
- On a national level, a study released by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University calculated that the impact of proposed limitations on charitable giving could result in a decrease of almost \$3.9 billion in annual giving. Here at the local level, it is estimated that \$60-\$70 million could leave the nonprofit sector in donor dollars.
- While donors do not make charitable gifts only for tax reasons, tax incentives make more and larger gifts possible.
- Americans strongly support the charitable deduction. In an April 2011 Gallup poll, 71 percent opposed eliminating the charitable deduction to lower the overall income tax rate, and 68 percent opposed eliminating the charitable deduction to reduce the federal budget deficit. More people supported the charitable deduction than other popular deductions like the home mortgage interest deduction or state and local tax deduction.

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- Hawaii was one of only three states (joining Michigan and Montana) that removed tax incentives, or tax credits for nonprofits. Passage of SB 1091 would remove Hawaii from this inglorious list.
- The proposed amendment to Act 97 will recognize the unique nature of charitable contributions. Unlike other tax incentives, the charitable deduction encourages behavior for which taxpayers receive no personal tangible benefit. The charitable deduction is a means of enriching Hawaii's communities, rather than individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1091. We urge your committee's passage of this measure.

Mahalo,

Lisa Maruyama  
President and CEO



## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1091: RELATING TO ITEMIZED INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS**

**TO:** Senator David Y. Ige, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**FROM:** Marc R. Alexander

**Hearing:** **Wednesday, 1/30/13; 9:00 am; CR 211**

Honorable Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

Thank you for hearing this important legislative proposal and for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I strongly support SB 1091, Relating to Itemized Tax Deductions. During 2011, I served as Governor Abercrombie's Coordinator on Homelessness. Prior to that appointment I served for 25 years as a Roman Catholic priest with a longstanding commitment to public policy issues including the critical role of charities of all types in our community. At present I serve as Director of Community Relations and Development for IHS, The Institute for Human Services, Inc., for whom I speak officially today.

SB 1091 is critically important legislation because it seeks to exempt charitable income tax deductions from itemized deduction caps. This proposed legislation seeks to amend Act 97 passed in 2011 in Hawaii, which put into place caps for various deductions including those impacting donations to charities. According to Act 97 caps begin to kick in when a tax payer's income reaches \$100,000 or more. The bottom line impact of such a law is to remove an important incentive for those with greater income who wish through their charitable contributions to help those in need. SB 1091 would remove this disincentive and revive the previous environment of encouraging and supporting the generous spirit of so many philanthropists in the Aloha State.

It is no secret that the role of charities of all types is needed more than ever. Last year at IHS, for example – the oldest and largest homeless service provider in the State of Hawaii – we served over 5,000 people – more than ever before. Late last year our service network expanded to the North Shore because of the growing need to care for the homeless and those at-risk in that community. Charities, such as IHS, depend increasingly upon private donations, including those from wealthier individuals, couples and families, to meet the life-saving needs of those who are homeless, mentally ill, at-risk or simply at the end of their rope. Many wealthier and often elderly supporters – no longer able to serve directly – see IHS and other such charities as their hands and feet in reaching out to their needy neighbors. Finally, removing the cap on charitable deductions truly empowers tax payers to make a free and informed choice as to how they think and feel the poor ought to be helped. For these reasons we ask you to support SB 1091 and fully empower our community to support our charities.

Mahalo for your kind consideration and for your service to our community.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Policy Maker:

On behalf of the Maui Family YMCA, I am writing to support Senate Bill 1091, which amends Act 97 by exempting charitable donations from caps, that Act 97 placed on itemized income tax deductions.

This bill restores tax incentives for charitable giving, which are critically important when revenue is down and demand for services is up for most nonprofit organizations. The work of charitable organizations like the YMCA throughout Hawaii, improves lives, strengthens communities and the economy, and lightens the burdens of government, taxpayers, and society as a whole. Your constituents in Hawaii recognize the vital and ongoing work of nonprofit organizations in delivering essential services, enhancing their quality of life, and uplifting the spirit of faith, innovation, and inspiration in Maui and state-wide.

This change of Act 97 will give nonprofits like the Y the ability to maintain programs and services and expand them to meet the increased needs that will result from this unique economic climate. Under these conditions, nonprofits may not merely be the next place for people in need to turn; we are likely their only place to turn. Charitable nonprofits in Hawaii must be able to count on large donors if there is to be any validity in the presumption of policymakers that nonprofit organizations will be there to fill the gaps.

To show the challenging impact this economy is having, the Maui Family YMCA saw an increase in financial support to families and children in Maui from \$97,000 in 2011 to just over \$190,000 in 2012. Without generous contributions many of these children and families would have had to do without the services of the Y.

You could provide no better service to non profits than to enact SB 1091 and help us to serve those most in need and to continue to strengthen our communities. I ask that you support SB 1091.

Sincerely,

Mike Morris  
President/CEO

## **Presentation to Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2013 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1091 Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions

TO: The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and committee members, I am Peter S. Ho, Chairman, President and CEO of Bank of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1091. Many of our community non-profit organizations are confronted with tight budgets, increasing demand for their services and competition for limited charitable dollars.

The provision for the charitable deduction provides meaningful incentive to donors. When that incentive is limited or constrained people may be less inclined to give or to delay their contributions. Either outcome is not good for our local charities.

Granted, for those individuals not inclined to make donations, such incentives may not be sufficient to sway their decision. However, for many others these tax benefits often lead to more generous contributions than may have otherwise been the case. We do not subscribe to the notion that removing the tax benefit will not have any impact on the level of giving from Hawaii's citizens.

I believe the tax deduction remains an important and effective incentive to encourage donations and respectfully request that this committee pass SB 1091.

Thank for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.



Peter S. Ho

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Testimony for WAM on Jan 30, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephan Jost	Honolulu Museum of Art	Support	No

Comments: January 28, 2013 The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair Committee on Ways and Means Hawaii State Senate Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members: SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions I am a resident of Honolulu and director of the Honolulu Museum of Art. I strongly support Senate Bill 1091. Many donors are expressing that Art 97 has resulted in reduce giving. This means the the Honolulu Museum of Art looses over \$100,000 a year. I cannot believe that this is in the best interest of our state. The Museum cannot absorb the loss for another year. With 150 full time staff members, meeting payroll is always a challenge. Please make it possible for us to keep our staff employed. Our staff members are going great work for the public to make Honolulu a better place to live and work. I urge you to allow SB 1091 to cross over and receive a full hearing. Sincerely, Stephan Jost Director Honolulu Museum of Art

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1091: Relating to Itemized Tax Deductions

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and Members, Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Trisha Kajimura, Social Policy Director, Catholic Charities Hawaii

**Hearing: Wednesday, 1/30/13; 9:00 am; CR 211**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members, Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1091, Relating to Itemized Tax Deductions, which excludes charitable contributions from itemized tax deduction caps. I am Trisha Kajimura, Social Policy Director for Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) serves a number of important vulnerable populations in Hawai'i, including kupuna, at-risk families, medically-complex infants in foster care and homeless veterans, among others. In 2011, Catholic Charities Hawai'i served tens of thousands of people in our community with funding from government contracts, private grants, and individual donors. In many cases we serve people who have no other support system, who for many reasons do not have family or friends that can help them through hard times.

CCH is honored to partner with government agencies to serve the people of Hawai'i, but we also rely heavily on the generosity of individual donors to fulfill needs of the community that are not provided for through government. Historically, this has been an important role of non-profit community agencies and to preserve what we do, donors must be unfettered in their ability and motivation to give.

For example, our Mary Jane Program provides a safe, supportive, and educational environment for women with unplanned pregnancies who have nowhere safe to stay. This program helps them give their baby the best possible start in life with specialized, nurturing services that are not available anywhere else. This program is funded through the endowment of an individual donor.

Please help us continue to help the vulnerable in our community by passing this legislation to exempt charitable income tax deductions from the itemized deduction caps.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, please contact me at (808)527-4810 or [trisha.kajimura@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:trisha.kajimura@catholiccharitieshawaii.org) if you have any questions.



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January 28, 2013

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate

Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members

**RE: Testimony SUPPORTING SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions**

I have been involved with nonprofit charitable organizations for much of my working life, and have just retired after a decade as the Executive Director of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, a land conservation organization that has protected, *in perpetuity*, over 17,000 acres of significant conservation and agricultural lands throughout the State. I strongly support Senate Bill 1091.

Senate Bill 1091 aims to amend Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, to exempt charitable contributions to eligible nonprofit organizations from the cap on itemized deduction caps for Hawaii state income tax purposes. The proposed amendment to Act 97 will recognize the unique nature of charitable contributions. Unlike other tax incentives, the charitable deduction encourages behavior for which taxpayers receive no personal tangible benefit. The charitable deduction is a means of enriching Hawaii's communities, rather than individuals. Act 97 has negatively impacted the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust's ability to serve its constituents. We have had major (and some not-so-major) donors renege on annual pledges because of the increased tax burden caused by dis-allowing deductions that push their total claimed deductions above the \$50,000 limit, as imposed by Act 97. This has included donations in excess of \$1,000,000 that would have gone directly to protecting cultural, environmental and recreational lands "special lands" that are of great significance to our sense of place in Hawaii.

As funding for charitable organizations continues to be cut from state and federal budgets, we must rely increasingly on individual donations to support the vital programs that we provide to Hawaii's communities. Now more than ever, Hawaii's government should incentivize private citizens to give what they can to support the essential services provided by Hawaii's charitable organizations. SB 1091 will do just that.

I urge you to allow this Bill to cross over and receive a full hearing.

Sincerely,

Dale B. Bonar





January 28, 2013

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members:

**SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions**

I am a resident of Honolulu and I strongly support Senate Bill 1091.

I have participated in the genesis of various non-profits here in Hawaii, sit on the board of several others, and support many. Our local culture is rich with the value of giving and Hawaii is home to a long history of philanthropy. Act 97 runs against the grain of this charitable community. Surely it is not the intension of our legislators to discourage charitable contributions but as a result of Act 97, it will no longer possible for me to continue contributing to these important organizations as I have done in the past.

As the work of charitable organizations has been cut from state and federal budgets, Hawaii's charitable organizations must rely increasingly on individual donations to support the vital programs that they provide to our most vulnerable people and natural resources. Now more than ever, Hawaii's government must incentivize private citizens to give everything they can to support the essential services that maintain our state's social, cultural, and environmental fabric.

I urge you to allow SB 1091 to cross over and receive a full hearing.

Thank you,

Deborah Berger

**ELIZABETH RICE GROSSMAN**

January 28, 2013

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members:

**SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions**

I am a resident of Kailua. I strongly support Senate Bill 1091.

I have been a donor to charitable organizations in Hawaii for many years because of the important services that they provide to our state and to the members of our community. As a result of Act 97, however, it is no longer possible for me to continue contributing to these important organizations at the level that I have contributed in the past.

This means that Hawaii's charitable organizations will lose over \$100,000 each year in potential contributions from me alone.

Hawaii's charitable organizations must rely increasingly on individual donations to support the vital programs that they provide to our most vulnerable people and natural resources. Now more than ever, Hawaii's government must incentivize private citizens to give everything they can to support the essential services that maintain our state's social, cultural, and environmental fabric.

I urge you to allow SB 1091 to cross over and receive a full hearing.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Rice Grossman

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SB1091

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph K. Spencer III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The exemption to the caps on donations in itemized deductions will provide a needed impetus on giving from the community in support of needed services provided by non profits.

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JUDITH PYLE  
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January 28, 2013

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The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
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Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members:

**SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions**

I am a resident of Honolulu. I strongly support Senate Bill 1091.

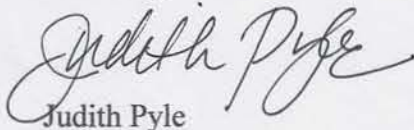
I have been a donor to charitable organizations in Hawaii for many years because of the important services that they provide to our state and to the members of our community. As a result of Act 97, however, it is no longer possible or me to continue contributing to these important organizations at the level that I have contributed in the past.

This means that Hawaii's charitable organizations will lose between \$50,000 to \$250,000 each year in potential contributions from me alone. I cannot believe that this is in the best interest of our state.

As the work of charitable organizations has been cut from state and federal budgets, Hawaii's charitable organizations must rely increasingly on individual donations to support the vital programs that they provide to our most vulnerable people and natural resources. Now more than ever, Hawaii's government must incentivize private citizens to give everything they can to support the essential services that maintain our state's social, cultural, and environmental fabric.

I urge you to allow SB 1091 to cross over and receive a full hearing.

Sincerely,



Judith Pyle

January 28, 2013

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The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members:

**SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions**

I am a resident of Kailua Kona, HI. I strongly support Senate Bill 1091.

I have been a donor to charitable organizations in Hawaii for many years because of the important services that they provide to our state and to the members of our community. As a result of Act 97, however, it is no longer possible for me to continue contributing to these important organizations at the level that I have contributed in the past.

This means that Hawaii's charitable organizations will lose between \$50K and \$200K each year in potential contributions from me alone. I cannot believe that this is in the best interest of our state.

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I urge you to allow SB 1091 to cross over and receive a full hearing.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2013

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairman Ige & Committee Members:

**SB 1091 – Relating to Itemized Income Tax Deductions**

I am a resident of Honolulu. I strongly support Senate Bill 1091.

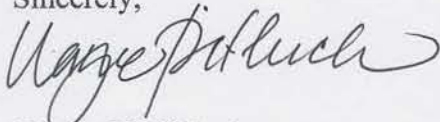
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