# SCR 157 / SR 115

URGING THE STATE TO ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION

Measure Title: ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE UNITED

STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION.

Report Title: United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS/TIA/PSM

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#### **STATE OF HAWAII**

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April 3, 2013

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senate Committee on Human Services and

The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

and

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland, English, and Espero, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SCR 157 and SR 115 – URGING THE STATE TO ADOPT THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SCR 157 and SR 115**. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was inspired by the leadership of the United States and is the first treaty to address disability rights. The purpose of the Convention is to "promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity."

This is consistent with the mission, vision, and principles of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities "to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire. People with disabilities are treated equally and enjoy fundamental human rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They have choices about where they live, work and play, and they receive the supports they need to do so."

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland The Honorable J. Kalani English The Honorable Will Espero Page 2 April 3, 2013

The Council supports that the Convention and the treaty package before the U.S. Senate:

- 1) Recognizes and protects the rights of individuals with disabilities as reflected in our current American with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- 2) Supports the United States as a global movement leader of disability rights.
- 3) Requires no changes in United States laws and recognizes existing United States laws of equal access for persons with disabilities.
- 4) Ensures the rights of an individual with disability on an equal basis with others.
- 5) Recognizes the importance for individuals with disabilities of their autonomy, independence, and freedom to make their own choices.
- 6) Supports the rights of children with disabilities.
- 7) Supports the role of the family and parental rights, including the right to make decisions for their children as reflected in the Individual with Disabilities Education Act and maintains that the "best interest of the child" will be interpreted according to United States law.
- 8) Recognizes and ensures that the obligations of the United States under the treaty do not limit or change areas that are under state and local government authority.
- Recognizes that the United States maintains and follows its accessibility standards as mandated by the Constitution and the current laws, including ADA and the Fair Housing Amendments Acts.

The passage of SCR 157 and SR 115 will put Hawaii at the forefront in providing leadership to other states in adopting the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities and the United States Senate to ratify the Convention.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony supporting the passage of SCR 157 and SR 115.

Sincerely,

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#### **SCR157**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Esme Grant	U.S. International Council on Disabilities	Support	No

Comments: USICD represents a coalition of over 350 major disability organizations, all 21 major veterans service organizations, and 26 faith organizations that support the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). In last year's Congress, both Senators Akaka and Inouye pledged their full support for the treaty. We ask the Hawaiian State Legislature to express their support and convey it to the United States Senate to compel ratification of the treaty this year.

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### **VOTE YES FOR THE CRPD IN 2013!**

## OVER 350 AMERICAN DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT THE CRPD

Major organizations supporting the U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities include:

American Association of People with Disabilities • The Arc • The Association of University Centers on Disabilities • The Association on Higher Education & Disability • Autism Speaks • Best Buddies International, Inc. • Council for Exceptional Children • Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund • Disability Rights International • Easter Seals • Epilepsy Foundation • Little People of America • National Association of the Deaf • National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities • National Council on Independent Living • National Multiple Sclerosis Society • National Federation of the Blind • Special Olympics • United Cerebral Palsy • USICD • United Spinal Association

1.	Ability Chicago	17.	American Association of People with
2.	Access Alaska Inc.		Disabilities
3.	Access Futures Club (AFC)	18.	American Association for
4.	Access Living		Psychosocial Rehabilitation
5.	Access, Inc.	19.	American Civil Liberties Union
6.	ACCSES	20.	American Council of the Blind
7.	Actionplay	21.	American Counseling Association
8.	ADAPT Delaware	22.	American Dance Therapy
9.	Alliance Center for Independence		Association
10.	American Academy of Child and	23.	Anti-Defamation League
	Adolescent Psychiatry	24.	American Diabetes Association
11.	Advocacy Initiative Network of	25.	American Foundation for the Blind
	Maine	26.	American Foundation for Suicide
12.	Advocating 4 Kids LLC		Prevention
13.	American Academy of Pediatrics	27.	American Group Psychotherapy
14.	American Association for Geriatric		Association
	Psychiatry	28.	American Mental Health Counselors
15.	American Association on Health and		Association
	Disability	29.	American Music Therapy
16.	American Association on Intellectual		Association
	and Developmental Disabilities	30.	American Network of Community
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31.	American Speech-Language-Hearing	67.	California State Council on
22	Association	<b>6</b> 0	Developmental Disabilities
32.	American Therapeutic Recreation Association	68.	Californians for Disability Rights,
33.	amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS	69.	Inc. CBM
33.	Research	70.	Center for Disability Rights
34.	APSE	70. 71.	Center for Independent Living of
35.	ARC Gateway, Inc.	/1.	Middle Tennessee
36.	Arc Northland	72.	Center for Independent Living of
37.	Arc of Lucas county	12.	South Florida, Inc.
38.	Arizona Bridge to Independent	73.	Center For Independent Living
50.	Living (ABIL)	75.	Options Options
39.	Association for Assistive	74.	Center for Leadership in Disability
37.	Technology Act Programs	75.	Center on Disability and Community
40.	Association of Jewish Family &	75.	Inclusion
40.	Children's Agencies	76.	Cerebral Palsy and Deaf
41.	Association of Programs for Rural	70.	Organization
т1.	Independent Living	77.	Challenged Conquistadors, Inc.
42.	Association of University Centers on	78.	Check and Connect Program -
72.	Disabilities (AUCD)	70.	Central Lakes College
43.	Association on Higher Education &	79.	Citizens for Patient Safety
43.	Disability (AHEAD)	80.	Clarement Colleges Disability,
44.	Attention Deficit Disorder	00.	Illness, and Difference Alliance
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45.	AUCD Council on Community	01.	Complete Justice
43.	Advocacy (COCA)	82.	Community Access Project
46.	Auditory Sciences	02.	Somerville
47.	Autism National Committee	83.	Community Access Unlimited
48.	Autistic Self Advocacy Network	84.	Community Alliance for the Ethical
49.	Autism Speaks	01.	Treatment of Youth
50.	Autism Spectrum Counseling Center,	85.	Community Interface Services
20.	Inc.	86.	Community Resources for
51.	Bay Area People First		Independent Living
52.	Bay Cove Human Services, Inc	87.	Conference of Educational
53.	Becoming Independent		Administrators of Schools and
54.	Bender Consulting Services, Inc.		Programs for the Deaf Council of
55.	Best Buddies International, Inc.		Parent Attorneys and Advocates
56.	BlazeSports America	88.	Consortium for Citizens with
57.	BlueLaw International		Disabilities
58.	Boston Center for Independent	89.	Consumer Advisory Committee
	Living	90.	Council for Exceptional Chidren
59.	Brain Injury Association of America	91.	Council of State Administrators of
60.	Braozoria County Center for		Vocational Rehabilitation
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61.	Bridge II Sports		Disabilities
62.	Bridgewell	93.	Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation
63.	Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse	94.	DAWN Center for Independent
	University		Living
64.	California Association of the Deaf –	95.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alliance
	Riverside Chapter	96.	Deaf Education And Families Project
65.	CA State Council on Developmental	97.	Delaware Developmental Disabilities
	Disabilities, Area Board 5		Council
66.	California Foundation for	98.	Delaware Family Voices
	Independent Living Centers		•

99.	Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance	136.	FESTAC-USA (Festival of African Arts and Culture)
100.	Developmental Disabilities Institute,	137.	FHI n360
100.	Wayne State University	138.	Fiesta Christian foundation Inc
101.	Disabled American Veterans	139.	504 Democratic Club
102.	Disability Connection/West	140.	Fort Bend Center for Independent
102.	Michigan	140.	Living
103.	Disability Help Center	141.	Foundations For Change, PC
103.	Disability Law Center	141.	Four Freedoms Forum
104.	disABILITY LINK	142.	Fox River Industries
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109.	Disability Rights & Resources	147.	Gallaudet University
110.	Disability Rights Coalition	148.	GlobalPartnersUnited
111.	Disability Rights Education and	149.	Goodwill Industries International
110	Defense Fund	150.	Greater Haverhill Newburyport
112.	Disability Rights Fund	151.	Handicap International
113.	Disability Rights International	152.	HEAL
114.	Disability Rights Legal Center	153.	Hearing Loss Association of
115.	Disability Rights Nebraska		America
116.	disAbility Solutions for Independent	154.	Hearing Loss Association of Los
	Living		Angeles
117.	Disability Services, John Hopkins	155.	Hesperian Health Guides
	University	156.	Higher Education Consortium for
118.	Disabled In Action of Metropolitan		Special Education
	NYC	157.	Houston Center for Independent
119.	Disabled Rights Action Committee		Living
120.	Disabled Sports USA	158.	Human Rights Watch
121.	Division for Early Childhood of the	159.	Idaho Parents Unlimited, Inc.
	Council for Exceptional Children	160.	<b>IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators</b>
122.	Down Syndrome Association of		Association
	Snohomish County	161.	IMPACT Center for Independent
123.	Down Syndrome Association of		Living
	West Michigan	162.	IndependenceFirst
124.	Down Syndrome Support Network of	163.	Independent Living, Inc.
	Stark County	164.	Independent Living Center of the
125.	Dream Ahead the Empowerment		Hudson Valley, Inc.
	Initiative	165.	Independent Living Center of the
126.	Dynamic Independence		North Shore & Cape Ann, Inc
127.	East Texas Center for Independent	166.	Institute for Community Inclusion:
	Living		U. MA Boston
128.	Easter Seals	167.	Institute for Human Centered Design
129.	ED101 Inc.	168.	Institute on Human Development and
130.	Equal Rights for Persons with	100.	Disability
150.	Disabilities International, Inc	169.	Institute on Disability and Public
131.	Employment & Community Options	10).	Policy (IDPP)
132.	Epilepsy Foundation	170.	Inter-American Institute on
132.	Family Voices	170.	Disability
133.	Fearless Nation PTSD Support	171.	Interdisciplinary Council on
134.	Federal Employees with Disabilities	1/1.	Developmental and Learning
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173.	Iowa Statewide Independent Living	210.	Developmental Disability Directors National Association of Law
174.	Council (SILC) Hearing Loss Association	210.	Students with Disabilities
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175.	Angeles	211.	National Association of School
176.	Johnson County Board of Services	211.	Psychologists
177.	Joint National Association of Persons	212.	National Association of Social
	with Disabilities		Workers
178.	Judge David L. Bazelon Center for	213.	National Association of State
	Mental Health Law		Directors of Developmental
179.	Just Advocacy of Mississippi		Disabilities Services
180.	KEY Consumer Organization, Inc.	214.	National Association of State
181.	KIDZCARE School		Directors of Special Education
182.	L.E.A.N. On Us	215.	National Association of State Head
183.	Lakeshore Foundation		Injury Administrators
184.	Lakeside Curative Systems, Inc.	216.	National Association of State Mental
185.	Lane Independent Living Alliance		Health Program Directors
186.	Lantos Foundation for Human Rights	217.	National Association of States
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187.	Latino Civil Rights Committee	218.	National Association of the Deaf
188.	LINC	219.	National Black Deaf Advocates, Inc.
189.	Little People of America	220.	National Center for Environmental
190.	Living Independence For Everyone	221	Health Strategies
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175.	Congress	224.	Behavioral Healthcare
196.	Massachusetts Families Organizing	225.	National Disability Rights Network
170.	for Change	226.	National Down Syndrome Congress
197.	Medical Whistleblower Advocacy	227.	National Down Syndrome Society
	Network	228.	National Dysautonomia Research
198.	Medicol Inc.		Foundation
199.	Mental Health Action	229.	National Federation of the Blind
200.	Mental Health America	230.	National Federation of the Blind of
201.	MI Developmental Disabilities		Utah
	Council	231.	National Federation of Families for
202.	MindFreedom International		Children's Mental Health
203.	Mobility International USA	232.	National Health Law Program
204.	Montana Independent Living Project	233.	National Minority AIDS Council
205.	Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural	234.	National MS Society - Ohio Chapters
	Competence, Inc.	235.	National MS Society, Pacific South
206.	National Alliance on Mental Illness		Coast Chapter
207.	National Association for Children's	236.	National Multiple Sclerosis Society
200	Behavioral Health	237.	National Multiple Sclerosis Society,
208.	National Association of Councils on	220	National Capital Chapter
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We are in support of these measures scheduled to be heard on April 3, 2013 as joint measures with TIA and PSM.

We were fairly surprised that the US Senate did not ratify the treaty previously. We hope that time and education will make it easier for this to pass in Congress.

Mahalo

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To: The Honorable Senators Chun-Oakland, English, Espero, and the members of their committees.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help strongly supports SCR 157 / SR 115. We believe that it is time not only for the United States to adopt the United Nations in ratifying "the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities," it is time for the United States to lead the way.

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