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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Committee on Human Services
State Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Oakland and Members:

SUBJECT: S.B. 2362 Relating to Taxation

I am Melvin Kaku, Director of the Department of Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu.

The Department of Emergency Management, City and County of Honolulu, supports S.B. 2362 which proposes that the State Director of Taxation revise the individual tax income return form to allow the designation of contributions to the special fund on the face of the tax return and immediately above the signature lines.

The American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter responds to both natural and man-made disasters and emergencies, provides assistance and shelter when called upon to individuals, families, and communities when needed, provides critical disaster emergency preparedness information to visitors and the general public, and provides crisis and grief counseling and other public assistance to help many be ready pre-disaster and post-disaster.

The American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter regularly participates in our joint planning, training, and exercises and are historically is written into various hazard annex plans relying heavily upon the agency to assist during the disasters for providing, managing shelters, and providing social services to groups or individuals.

I urge your committee to support and pass S.B. 2362. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melvin N. Kaku".
Melvin N. Kaku
Director

cc: Ember Lee Shinn, Managing Director