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February 22, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair,  
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair,  
and Members  
Committee on Finance  
Hawaii House of Representatives, Room 306  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1752, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
*Hearing: February 24, 2016, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 308*

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto,  
and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 1752, House Draft 1, provides a full-time equivalent position as grant administration support personnel for the Office of Community Services in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for fiscal year 2016 - 2017.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), Office of Community Services (OCS) supports the intent of this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

OCS was created by the 1985 Legislature to administer a variety State and Federal grants to provide programs for those in need. Our programs presently range from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to a wide array of Grants-In-Aid (GIAs). We presently have more than 100 contracts that our team is managing with organizations delivering services across the state.

DLIR/OCS has historically been one of the top three departments assigned the most GIAs for administration each year. Approximately 50% of our active contracts in a year are for GIAs.

We welcome this opportunity to discuss how we may better leverage our grant and contract management knowledge to provide additional services to communities in need.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 1752, House Draft 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

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**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 3:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 1752 HD 1 RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 1752 HD 1, which appropriates general revenue for one full-time equivalent position as grant administrative support personnel in the office of community services for fiscal year 2016-2017.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

We support the additional position and funds for the Office of Community Services. The office has a broad range of duties that reach deep into the community in working with many non-profit and government agencies. We believe that the additional resources will help the office in fulfilling its mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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