

Committee of Judiciary and Labor

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Support for HCR 153 HD1, Recognizing April 15 through 22, 2018 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii.

I, Alyssa Barbosa-Grogan, am a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I have been continuing my education for the past five years. After graduation, I plan to continue my growth and knowledge, receiving a Masters degree with a focus in Social Work. I am testifying and supporting HCR 153, HD1 recognizing April 15 through 22, 2018 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii has a high number of individuals who are oppressed living on the streets, and facing food insecurity. Organizations such as Aloha United Way, Institute of Human Services, and Helping Hands Hawaii are some of the agencies that offer services for the individuals who are oppressed. Volunteers are in high demand for events, donations, as well as advocating for the lives of individuals. Creating a week where we can service others in the community, and empower them is something the State of Hawaii needs.

In the field of Social Work, we want to empower our clients as well as make them know services are available. Creating a Volunteer Week will help other feel empowered and can make a difference in the life of an individual, as well as in the community. HCR 153, HD1 needs to be passed to empower the lives of individuals in our community, and will be the first step to making a difference.

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Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

I want to first thank you for hearing my testimony and believe that HCR No. 153/ HR 99 can really make a difference both for local communities and the state of Hawaii. Coinciding volunteer week with national volunteer week will help get things moving a lot faster. Aligning themselves will help them move in the right direction.

Having a volunteer week is very beneficial not only to whatever cause one will engage in, but also to local businesses and the welfare of the people. Bringing people together sends a great message to young ones and helps build lasting relationships. I definitely support this bill and hope that many do as well. Thanks again for listening.