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To Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and committee members,

On behalf of our more than 550 registered members, we would like to express our strong support for House Concurrent Resolution (HCR)125 and House Resolution (HR)76. We support these resolutions opposing the inhumane and un-American federal immigration policies proposed by the Trump Administration. We support the principles of aloha and good will toward our Muslim and immigrant brothers and sisters and know that we—as a society—are not made safer by targeting vulnerable segments of the population for exclusion, ostracization and isolation. We know that policies like these are major contributing factors to the anger many people around the world feel toward the United States, and that the best way to keep us safe is, in fact, to work on the difficult task of reconciliation and forging understanding through compassion and empathy. We reject the notion that racist, xenophobic, nationalism is a requisite for safety and “freedom” and insist that such policies are a smoke-screen to divide our own people while allowing Mr. Trump and his crony-cabinet to turn the United States into their personal kingdom. We must do everything we can as a state and as a society to resist this agenda.

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**HCR125**

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**Testimony of Hawaii J-20+**  
**Supporting HR 76 / HCR 125**  
**House Committee on Judiciary**  
**March 23, 2017, 2:15 p.m., Conf. Rm. 325**

*Hawaii J-20+ is a grassroots organization committed to preserving constitutional principles and community values.*

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HR 76 / HCR 125, which declare Hawaii to be a Ho'okipa (Welcoming) State.

Historically, Hawaii has welcomed immigrants, who have come to our shores from all over the world. Migration has been part of the history of Hawaii ever since Native Hawaiians first journeyed here in voyaging canoes. Virtually all of the rest of Hawaii's residents are either immigrants or their descendants. The Native Hawaiian values of Aloha and Ho'okipa, or open-hearted hospitality, have allowed us to enjoy the richness that immigrants have contributed to Hawaii.

Immigration has been in the news recently, especially because of President Trump's executive order banning people from seven (now six) nations from entering the US. The President also signed another executive order which did not get much media coverage that affects immigrants who are already living in the US.

This second executive order intensifies efforts to deport undocumented immigrants, creating an atmosphere of fear among them and their families. Deportation is not new, of course. Previous administrations have pursued deportation efforts. President Obama, for example, targeted on individuals who had committed serious crimes. President Trump's executive order widens the scope to include virtually all undocumented immigrants, including those without criminal records.

An estimated 11 million immigrants who are undocumented live in the US, meaning that they have either crossed the border without a visa, which is a misdemeanor, or that they have overstayed their visa, which is not a crime. Half of the adult undocumented immigrants have lived in the US for 10 years or more. Undocumented immigrants live and work in our communities, they pay taxes, and their crime rate is lower than that of U.S. citizens.

Hawaii is home to somewhere between 21,000 and 45,000 undocumented immigrants. Most of them have overstayed their visas, so their immigration status is not a criminal matter. Nearly half of them are estimated to be from the Philippines, with 15% from Japan and 7% from Mexico.

Immigration regulation is purely a federal function. Local law enforcement agencies may work with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE), but it is completely optional. President Trump's executive order is particularly disturbing because it revives a program under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1357) that deputizes state and local law enforcement officers and allows them to function as ICE agents.

In Hawaii as elsewhere, local law officers work in the community and depend on the public for information to solve crimes. An atmosphere of trust is essential to effective policing and peace of mind within neighborhoods.

Deputizing local police to act as ICE agents would engender fear among undocumented immigrants. That fear would work against the efforts of police to protect people and ensure safety. People must feel, for example, that they can report illegal and suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods without any repercussions. The threat of deportation discourages undocumented immigrants from doing so.

Many undocumented immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for many years are married to U.S. citizens or have children who are U.S. citizens by virtue of having been born in the U.S. Deportation would tear these families apart . . . hardly a reflection of Aloha and Ho'okipa.

More than 600 cities, counties and states across the nation have already decided to limit the participation of their local police with ICE. These "sanctuary" jurisdictions do not protect undocumented immigrants any more than they protect American citizens; they simply let the federal government do its own work with regards to immigration regulation. For them, maintaining community peace and harmony is the top priority. A study by Tom K. Wong of the University of California at San Diego shows that these communities are safer for everyone.

President Trump's executive order also threatens to withhold federal funds from sanctuary jurisdictions. However, experts say there are many barriers that would make this punitive aim difficult to achieve. It would be especially difficult, if not impossible, to withhold federal funds that are not closely related to immigration or law enforcement.

San Francisco and other sanctuary jurisdictions have already filed lawsuits to prevent the withholding of federal funds. When President Obama tried to withhold federal funds from states that refused to participate in the federal Medicaid expansion program, the Supreme Court ruled that it was unconstitutional, and no state was denied federal funding.

Immigrants are a part of our communities, and they contribute to the rich fabric of Hawaii's diverse, inclusive culture. Local law enforcement agencies should not work with ICE because it would erode the stability of our communities. Consistent with our heritage, Hawaii should continue to be welcoming to immigrants, regardless of their status.

For the foregoing reasons, Hawaii J-20+ strongly supports HR 76 / HCR 125.

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**LATE**

Committee: Committee on Judiciary  
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 23, 2017, 2:15 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 325  
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in Support of HCR 125/HR 70, Declaring Hawai'i to be a Ho'okipa (Welcoming) State

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") writes in support of HCR 125/HR 70, which requests the State of Hawai'i to appoint a Ho'okipa Commission to ensure a safe and welcoming community for everyone, and for the State not to expend state or county funds by entering into any 287(g) agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") or otherwise participate in the deportation of undocumented immigrants.

Hawai'i is one of only seven states that fully complies with ICE detainers, over fifty percent of these detainers in Hawai'i being addressed to and involving state actors, such as the Oahu Community Correctional Center, the Hawai'i Community Correctional Center, and the Maui Community Correction Center.<sup>1</sup> When local law enforcement acts as an extension of the immigration system, public trust is corroded and the ability of officers to perform their jobs is hindered. Furthermore, collaborating with federal immigration authorities is expensive, as the federal government usually does not reimburse expenses such as detention, overtime for personnel, and litigation brought against the State and counties as a result of their participation. Finally, deportation tears families apart, and, especially in light of the Executive's recent unconstitutional actions on immigration, Hawai'i should simply no longer be party to these practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Mandy Finlay  
Advocacy Coordinator  
ACLU of Hawai'i

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<sup>1</sup> TRAC, Tracking Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detainers, available at <http://trac.syr.edu/phptools/immigration/detain/>.

Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee

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*The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for 50 years.*

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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 125/HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 76, DECLARING HAWAII TO BE A HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING)  
STATE**

**House Committee on Judiciary  
Hon. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Hon. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair**

**Thursday, March 23, 2017, 2:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

Honorable Chair Nishimoto and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMU Alliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that currently boasts over 350 members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in strong support of HCR 125/HR 76, declaring Hawai'i to be a ho'okipa (welcoming state).

Immigrants and refugees of all nations have contributed to the health, well-being, and general welfare of Hawai'i as families and neighbors. Similarly, immigrants and refugees of many nations have contributed to the prosperity of Hawai'i as workers and taxpayers. Many of Hawaii's residents are the descendants of Chinese, Filipino, and Japanese immigrants who came to the islands during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to work on plantations. Discrimination based on national origin, race, ethnicity, or religion or perceived national origin, on the other hand, is a chronic aspect of life for immigrant and refugee populations of the United States and a problem faced by immigrants in the islands, as well.

Unfortunately, but unsurprisingly, the number of violent acts against committed against immigrant communities and religious minorities has been rising in recent years, especially in the wake of the 2016 presidential election. Chronic discrimination undergirding and propounded by acts of violence leads to community disengagement, diminished opportunities for integration, increased stigmatization, and greater incidents of health morbidity. Put simply, discrimination and violence is a violation of human rights, civil liberties, and the principles of economic growth. Promoting health, well-being, and general welfare are core obligations of state government. Moreover, individual and societal prosperity require harnessing all of Hawai'i's available labor, skills, and ideas to grow the state's economy and expand opportunities. Every Hawai'i resident

should be treated with compassion and respect regardless of national origin or citizenship status, and given opportunities to succeed.

Legally speaking, the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of the United States guarantees all persons due process, equal protection of the laws. In the case of *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) and reaffirmed in *Zadvydas v. Davis* (2001), the Supreme Court of the United States held that that the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses of the 14th Amendment apply to all persons in the United States whose presence maybe or is unlawful, involuntary or transitory. Section 5 of Article I of the Hawaii State Constitution also guarantees every person due process and equal protection of the laws, and prohibits denying the enjoyment of a person's civil rights based on race, religion, sex or ancestry.

Contravening the established legal protections afforded to immigrant populations, President Donald Trump has issued executive orders relating to the deportation of immigrants that expand the definition criminal alien to include individuals who enter the country without authorization or commit acts that constitute a chargeable criminal offense, even if they have not yet been convicted of a crime. On March 6, 2017, the administration of President Donald Trump ordered a ban on immigration from six Muslim majority nations, furthering the current presidential administration's anti-immigrant agenda. The Trump administration's immigration policies have, accordingly, been condemned as harmful by numerous human rights and advocacy organizations, including Human Rights Watch, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the National Immigration Law Center.

Our aloha spirit demands not only respect for diversity, but defense of people who are under siege for their heritage. Thus, we strongly endorse recognition that immigration is a federal function and this measure's request that local law enforcement agencies decline to work with federal immigration agencies, as well as a restriction of state or county funds by from law enforcement activities that collaborate with ICE or any other federal law enforcement agency in connection with the deportation of undocumented immigrants who have not been convicted of committing a violent crime. We heartily join the signatories of this resolution in calling on Gov. David Ige to appoint a Ho'okipa Commission to ensure a safe, secure, and welcoming community for everyone, including immigrants of every status, to promote respectful relations and collaboration between community members and agencies providing public safety services.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.

Sincerely,  
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Judiciary Committee  
2:15pm March 23, 2017

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Testimony in support HCR 125/ HR 76  
Testimony submitted by  
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Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members of the committee

I am representing, Filipino-Americans Advocacy Network (FAN) in strong support of HCR 125/HR 76. FAN advocates for equity, diversity and inclusion. We support these resolutions because it expresses our shared values and our aspirations. FAN is very concerned that members of the Filipino community, many who are recent immigrants, will face even more barriers to equal and full participation. In 1906 fifteen males came from the Philippines to Hawai'i to work on the plantations. Since then thousands of Filipinos, their children and grandchildren have become citizens and residents of the state. Filipinos (alone and mixed) are now the second largest ethnic group in the state (after White/Caucasians). Since the 1965 amendments to the US Immigration law, Filipinos continue to be the largest immigrant group arriving in the state annually. One estimate is that 40% of the undocumented people in our state are from the Philippines. Many are in mixed status households (a spouse or a child may be a US citizen or legal resident), most are Catholic and some are Muslims. They are your neighbors, colleagues, students, workers, caregivers and taxpayers.

Immigrants (both documented and undocumented) are “crucial” to the welfare of our nation and our state. The Star Advertiser (3/9/17) article based on the Pew Research Center reports that “America’s workforce will only grow over the next two decades if new immigrants arrive to replace retiring baby boomers...Pew projected that the US working-age (25-64) population will grow to 183 million in 2035 from 173 million in 2015, with new immigrants accounting for all the growth.. Without them, the number of working-age Americans would drop to 168 million in 2035. As baby-boomers retire, the number of US born working age adults with US born parents will account for a smaller share of the working-age population: 66 percent in 2035, down from 74 percent in 2015. THE PEW REPORT ECHOES WHAT MANY ECONOMISTS HAVE BEEN SAYING: THE US NEEDS IMMIGRANTS TO REPLACE RETIREES, AND AN UNUSUALLY LARGE SHARE OF WORKING-AGE AMERICANS CHOOSE NOT TO LOOK FOR WORK.”

HCR 125/HR76 is inclusive and acknowledges that the contributions of immigrants are part of Hawaii history and future. We should not use state or city resources to help enforce federal laws that are based on hate and discrimination. This resolution will keep families together, help our economy and keep us more secure. Please vote for this resolution. Maraming salamat.



March 23, 2017, 2:15pm  
Committee on Judiciary  
Testimony in support of HCR 125/HR 76

Submitted by: Faye Kennedy, chair  
Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights  
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Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members of the Committee

Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR) strongly support HRC 125 /HR 76 declaring Hawaii to be a Ho'okipa (Welcoming) State. HFCR is committed to equal rights and non-discrimination. HFCR supports these resolutions because they are consistent with goals for diversity and inclusion of all persons in our state.

As an 85 year old African American woman, I am painfully aware of historical and current events in our state and in our nation when segments of our society were and are unfairly treated and excluded from full and equal participation. Civil rights for individuals and respect for the many groups that call Hawai'i home, encourages better work relationships in a multicultural workforce, improves our economy, creates a safe environment and enhances our cultural life. We thank our host indigenous Native Hawaiians, immigrants and the children/grandchildren of immigrants for all their sacrifices and for sharing their talents.

Let us learn from historical mistakes and historical successes and accept our responsibilities to protect individuals and groups that are targets of hate. I respectfully urge you to support HCR 125/HR 76.

**LATE**

March 23, 2017

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 125**

I am the Chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association – Hawaii Chapter (“HAILA”). HAILA promotes fair and reasonable immigration law, policy and practices. As such, HAILA supports the HCR 125 because responsibilities to properly enforce federal immigration law should remain responsibilities of federal authorities. We support HCR 125 also because Section 287(g) arrangements between the state law enforcement and federal authorities have shown to create various problems such as potential enforcement of federal immigration law by state law enforcement without sufficient understanding and training of immigration law, racial profiling, deterioration of relationships between community and law enforcement, unnecessary creation of fear in local community and among Hawaii residents, not to mention increased burden on the state’s resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Asako C. Shimazu, Chair

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION – HAWAII CHAPTER

## LATE TESTIMONY

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**HAKIM OUANSAFI**  
Chairman

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Statement of  
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The Muslim Association of Hawaii

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**THURSDAY, March 23, 2017**  
**2:15 PM**  
**Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**HCR 125**  
**RELATING TO RECYCLING**

Honorable Chair Scott Y Nishimoto, Vice Chair. Joy A. San Buenaventura and Members of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR 125 declaring Hawaii to be a Ho'Okipa State.

There is no better place than our great Aloha state to send a message of inclusion to all its residents and to our nation that was built and thrived because the immigrant. Not only because immigrants contribute positively to the society but more importantly because to those that God gave much, much is expected. And God has given us American much and we need to share the aloha, kindness and compassion with the vulnerable and those who come to this country to better themselves.

Passage of this resolution will also send a message that our police offices will not act as judge and jury and keep in custody vulnerable people to please ICE. This practice has proven to create many problems, hardship, profiling, increase of distrust and decrease of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and affected communities.

We are grateful for our law makers for showing our Aloha State's inclusiveness and care for all people and we urge you to pass this resolution.

Thank you for allowing to provide this testimony.



# Filipino American Citizens League

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Testimony in strong support of HCR 125  
Declaring Hawai'i to be a Ho'okipa (Welcoming) State  
House Judiciary Committee  
March 23, 2017, 2:15 p.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 325

To: Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Members of House Judiciary Committee

From: Charlene Cuaresma, Vice President, Filipino American Citizens League

Subject: Ho'okipo State; Federal Immigration Laws

I am proud to submit our full support of this House Concurrent Resolution. My name is Charlene Cuaresma, vice president of the Filipino American Citizens League. The Filipino American Citizens League was formed nearly twenty years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

We support this resolution and stand in solidarity with other immigrant and refugee groups to be welcomed to live, work, raise their families, prosper, and give back likewise as good stewards of Hawai'i's civil society without the fear of state agencies assisting Immigration and Customs Enforcement and federal agents to enforce wrongful deportation of individuals.

As we approach the 111<sup>th</sup> year since Filipinos first arrived in Hawai'i as contract sugarcane workers in 1906, we owe a deep gratitude to our Native Hawaiian brothers and sisters, who have welcomed us here, in keeping with Ho'okipa, which is grounded in the values of a healthy and civil society. As Filipinos, we gained the privilege to learn to be good stewards of Hawai'i's diverse land and people. Since then, Filipinos contributed with each generation, serving in the fields of sugarcane, pineapple, coffee, health care, medicine, business, law and more. As a result, Filipinos have had the privilege to step up and serve the people of Hawai'i in many first roles, including the first Filipino governor.

As Filipinos, we share a common history with Native Hawaiians of being conquered people, who were exploited, betrayed, and annexed as United States territories under the Treaty of Paris in 1898. My grandfather, who was born in the Philippines in 1903 told me, "You cannot get to where you are going without looking to where you came." Lessons learned show that Hawaiians' way of Ho'okipa can strengthen disparate people and foster unity and cooperation for families to thrive and strive toward social justice, cooperation, mutual aid, and peaceful co-existence.

Thank you for hearing this resolution. We urge our lawmakers to champion, welcome and protect our immigrant and refugee communities with the provisions of this measure.

Very Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma

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Testimony in strong support of HCR 125  
Declaring Hawai'i to be a Ho'okipa (Welcoming) State  
House Judiciary Committee  
March 23, 2017, 2:15 p.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 325

To: Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Members of House Judiciary Committee

From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDA  
President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

Subject: Ho'okipo State; Federal Immigration Laws

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. I am humbled to submit our strong support for this bill as the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.). NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

I am proud to strongly support this bill. As a registered voter and constituent in District 32, Salt Lake, and as a nurse, most of my NAMI nursing colleagues and I are humbled and grateful to become naturalized American citizens from the Philippines. As a result, we have had the privilege to live, work, raise our families, prosper, and contribute to making Hawai'i one of the best health care systems in the nation. Given this, we urge our lawmakers to lead by example to establish Hawai'i as a Ho'okipa State, as consistent with the provisions laid out in this resolution.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to submit testimony to encourage its passage.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos Razon, RN, FACDA, President  
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March 23, 2017

**Board Members**

Alison Kunishige  
President

To: Committee Chair Gilbert Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

Kent Walther  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

From: Alison Kunishige  
President, Japanese American Citizens League – Honolulu Chapter

Jacce Mikulanec  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Re: SUPPORT OF HCR No. 125 and HR No. 70 DECLARING HAWAII TO BE A  
HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE.

Liann Ebesugawa  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

Geoff Sogi  
Treasurer

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is the oldest Asian civil rights organization in our country. We seek to protect and defend the rights of all Americans. Over many years, we have supported those who are under-represented in the seats of government or who may take controversial stands in defense of liberty.

Sean Ibara  
Secretary

Susan Arnett

Della Au Belatti

House Concurrent Resolution No. 125 and HR No. 70 both propose that Hawaii and its political subdivisions recognize that local law enforcement agencies should decline to work with federal immigration agencies in the enforcement of immigration laws and decline to expend state or county funds by entering into agreements with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Alphonso Braggs

Shawn Benton

Bernadette Fo

David Forman

Hawaii is a special place with a diverse population made up of both native Hawaiians and a wide range of immigrants. We have a rich history of immigration reaching back to the Kingdom of Hawaii with diverse plantation laborers. Our tradition of welcoming others from all over the world- regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion – continues today. JACL Honolulu supports this community and any actions taken to preserve and nurture this diversity.

Hana Fulghum

AJ Halagao

Trisha Nakamura

Kenyon Tam

Jamie Yamagata

Recent efforts to discriminate against Muslims threatens our tradition of welcoming immigrants of all backgrounds. Hawaii is all too familiar with the injustices that come with judging people by their country of origin rather than their content of character. The internment of Japanese Americans during World War II is a black mark in United States history, but we must remember how the people of Hawaii resolved to stand up for their neighbors and against racism. We have the opportunity to show that same resolve today.

**Legal Counsel**

Benjamin Kudo

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We applaud our lawmakers for memorializing our state's inclusiveness and diversity in these resolutions and thank you for the opportunity to comment on these resolutions.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maxine Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill as a resident and constituent of Hawaii. Despite the backlash after the recent immigration ban ruling, Hawaii remains a progressive, welcoming place for all of our diverse cultures.

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T.J. Davies	Individual	Support	No

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Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to support the Ho'ookipa Resolution (HCR 125, HR 76). Helping those in need is among the basic principles of humanity across cultures. We in Hawaii must do all we can to uphold this principle by declaring us a Ho'okipa / Sanctuary city and state.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii can not take care of is own Homeless problem. If they are not capable of this then they should not be bring in more Illegals to this State and Expect the people of Hawaii to take car of them. If you decide to do this then it should come out of your pockets not ours. We will hold you accountable for all problems Especially for theft, Rape and Murder witch you will be held accountable for. We the people of Hawaii do not want to have anything to do with this Welcome state Resolution. We Oppose.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have talked to Hundreds of people form the Big Island In the last week most did not know about this HCR No 76 to be come a Welcoming State But all are AGAINST this 100% they can not belive the State of Hawaii who can not even take care of the Homeless problem in Hawaii would look to invite even more Trouble with no thought to the People of Hawaii who are going to Have to deal with this. You politicain's Have No right to put Us in jeopardy. We can not support this people you want to bring IN. I can not belive you guys are that Stupied. The Federal Gov. is clear on this Hawaii will not get any funding If we go this Route. We Oppose this Resolution.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katharine Beutner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important resolution!

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Dear Members of the Hawai`i House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for HR76 and its companion resolution, HCR 125, and to ask you to support these resolutions as well.

The State of Hawai`i is rightfully being celebrated across the nation and the world for its ethical stance against President Trump's "Muslim Ban" (as he himself termed it). Attorney General Doug Chin's successful suit for a Temporary Restraining Order against this unconstitutional ban has given hope to many immigrants and to those of us who don't wish to see our friends and neighbors rounded up.

However, President Trump's other executive order on immigration – that which increases deportations of undocumented immigrants – has gotten much less attention from legislators. This is a serious oversight, as this Trump executive order is devastating for undocumented immigrants who live in the United States as well as for their families, many of whom are US citizens or have Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card) status. President Trump's executive order on enhanced deportation efforts will devastate these families, the economy, and the general fiber of society by creating an atmosphere of distrust and fear. It will encourage the scapegoating of the most vulnerable in our communities. Indeed, there has been a documented increase in hate-crimes with an anti-immigrant bias.

Trump's executive order blames undocumented immigrants and their families for an immigration system that does not sufficiently address the economic and social needs of US society or the needs of people fleeing violence and poverty. For instance, it is simply not possible for workers in agriculture, construction, or hospitality (to note just a few) to get a green card on the basis of their skills in these economic sectors.

Most disturbingly, President Trump's EO revives a program under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357) that deputizes state and local law enforcement officers to participate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws. This will make all of us less safe, as undocumented immigrants will be much less likely to report crimes to police or come forward with much needed evidence because of their legitimate fears that the local law enforcement authorities will turn them over to federal immigration authorities for deportation. Creating this fear destroys the trust in local law enforcement agencies, a trust that is very difficult to regain.

However, as you know, immigration regulation is not a state function, but a purely federal one. Local law enforcement agencies work with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) is completely optional. Moreover, it is not funded by the federal government.

I strongly believe that the HO`OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE Resolution is the best thing that legislators can do for the safety of our communities. It asks that states direct their Local law enforcement agencies to not enforce federal immigration laws. Consistent with Hawai`i's history, we should practice the spirit of Ho`okipa and be welcoming to immigrants, regardless of their status or documentation.

If you were to pass this resolution, you would join the over 600 jurisdictions across the United States who have not only passed resolutions declaring that they will not enforce federal immigration laws, but have passed actual laws to this effect. Evidence shows that these jurisdictions are safer for everyone, including US citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this serious and urgent matter. I wish you the best in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Warfield	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Re: H.C.R. No. 125; H.R. No. 76 - Declaring Hawaii to Be a Ho'okipa (Welcoming) State I am very much in favor of these resolutions, not just for fiscal reasons, but more importantly because I do not want my neighbors living in fear of ICE. This is something I worry about all the time now. I feel very strongly that undocumented Americans are Americans too. They contribute to our economy and our quality of life. I do not want my neighbors' families torn apart based on a technicality. DREAMers are real heroes to me, so their status, and that of their families, is especially important to me. But I also support just about anyone who has made a life here. Deporting violent criminals is one thing, but it is just plain crazy – and a waste of taxpayer funds – to deport someone because they used a fake id, or paid tax dollars into the US Treasury under a fake social security number, or because of policing policies that target immigrants. Turning away undocumented Americans is also disrespectful to our own ancestors, most of whom came from somewhere else too. I cannot emphasize enough how deeply I feel this issue. Please pass these resolutions and do whatever else you can to regularize the situation of our undocumented Americans. Many thanks for all your good work!

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL HCR 125, HD1  
A BILL RELATING TO THE DECLARING HAWAII TO BE A HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE;  
HO'OKIPA STATE; FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:30am

BY

DARLENE KILOGLU

Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Buenaventura and Committee Members.

Aloha - I am Darlene Kiloglu, testifying as a public constituent of House District 9.

I AM TESTIFYING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR 125.

I am in agreement with Hawaii being justifiably proud of its diverse immigrant heritage, which has woven the many people of this State into a rich tapestry of races, ancestral groups, religions, cultures, and languages from all over the world; and its unique spirit of inclusiveness allows its diverse people to live in relative harmony because of our respect and aloha for each other and our commitment to peace and justice; and I believe that our state and county governments should continue to cultivate a culture of inclusion when they ensure that all people in our communities receive equal protection under the law and respectful treatment, without regard to their race, national origin, ancestry, or citizenship status;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in **SUPPORT** of HCR 125.

Darlene Kiloglu



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# Supporting Testimony for HR 76 and HCR 125

Thomas S. Dye

March 22, 2017

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HR 76 and HCR 125, which declare Hawaii to be a Ho‘okipa (Welcoming) State.

I am concerned about the federal government’s efforts to deport immigrants who have established themselves in our island community. Many of these immigrants are "over-stayers" who entered Hawai‘i with a valid visa and did not leave. There are an estimated 20,000–40,000 undocumented immigrants in the state. It is also estimated that about 50% of the undocumented immigrants—10,000–20,000—have family members who are US citizens. This is an issue that affects very many of our neighbors and fellow citizens.

News reports from the mainland document deportation of parents whose children are US citizens, breaking apart the families of US citizens. I find this extremely disturbing and believe that we here in the Aloha State need to speak out in support of island families that include undocumented immigrants.

Further, I believe it is counter-productive for our law enforcement agencies to subsidize the efforts of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) to deport undocumented immigrants in this way. Immigration enforcement is a strictly federal issue and its costs should not be passed down to the states. Further, our law enforcement agencies require a bond of trust with the public to carry out their important work; subsidizing ICE’s activities will sow distrust among the 20,000–40,000 undocumented immigrants and their US citizen families. This is a strong practical reason to make the legal choice not to subsidize ICE activities with local funds and personnel. I believe it is important for the state to resolve not to participate in the voluntary section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357) that deputizes state and local law enforcement officers to participate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws. This is a decision made by more than 600 municipalities throughout the country and by 5 other states.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rev. Stanley Bain	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in Support of HCR 125 Honorable Chair Scott Nishimoto and Members of the House Judiciary Committee I testify in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 125 because 40 years ago my family and I were beneficiaries of Ho'okipa when we moved to Kauai from the state of Virginia. For the past six years as an organizer with FACE and the Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights/Immigration Reform I have been an active advocate for civil rights and opportunities for all immigrants – including those without required documents. Thanks to support from you, the legislators, DREAMers can now enroll in the University of Hawaii system and pay the same tuition as citizens. Residents without papers who were denied the opportunity to apply for driver licenses so they could legally transport their families can now apply for a limited purpose drive license (for driving purposes only). Hopefully neighbor islanders who need to upgrade their immigration status will no longer be required to travel to Honolulu when we are successful in persuading the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) to provide service in all Hawaii counties. Mahalo to the 2016 session of the Hawaii Legislature for passing a resolution calling on USCIS to expand its service. These measures are Ho'okipa in action – may it ever expand. Thank you for the opportunity to play a role in Ho'okipa. Respectfully submitted , The Rev.Stanley Bain

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March 22, 2017

Re: Support for HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE resolutions

Dear Members of the Hawaii House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for HR76 and its companion resolution, HCR 125. I believe this resolution strongly reflects much of what makes Hawai'i unique. Increased crackdowns against migrants in Hawai'i tear apart families and communities and do severe damage to our ohana. We have a responsibility to treat all who live and reside on these islands with dignity and respect.

Respectfully yours,

Keith G. Scott



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Annie Koh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There's been a lot of fearmongering around immigrants on the mainland, but here in Hawai'i we know that immigrants are not alien beings. Immigrants are our grandmothers, our uncles, our friends, our classmates and our coworkers. Undocumented immigrants include Filipino aunties who came to help their Hawai'i-born-and-raised nieces who just gave birth to their second child. Undocumented immigrants include construction and farm workers brought by companies scrambling to meet the demand on work sites. Undocumented immigrants here in Hawai'i include college students who (under DACA) are pursuing their dreams of contributing to the future of our community. Please don't cave to the hateful rhetoric and blustery threats of national politicians. Please uphold the Ho'okipa resolution.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sang-hyoun Pahk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of HR76 and HCR125. Local cooperation with federal immigration forces erodes trust in local police and undermines community safety. Notably, this practice also encourages unlawful police practices, including racial profiling and illegally extended detentions. Please help to end these practices. Thank you.

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Aloha lawmakers, and mahalo for hearing this important bill.

The Hawai'i I love is brave and principled, welcomes all, and sticks up for the little guy. We have a fearless civil rights history for immigrants and refugees seeking a better life. Our entire modern history is built by immigrant labor, immigrant leadership - and the vibrant sharing of cultures has led to amazing communities, unique in the U.S. and unique in the world. Most importantly, Hawaii has often led or inspired the nation in important civil rights movements - like the right to collective bargaining to protect the working class, a woman's right to choose abortion, and equal rights for women and men alike. And we've faced dark hours before. Our participation in the horrific wartime internment and property seizure of Japanese Americans, makes today's people of Hawai'i especially unnerved by nakedly xenophobic proposals coming like a drum beat out of Washington. The unacceptable, blatant attacks on Muslims and refugees by the Trump administration give us another opportunity to shine.

This bill, which would recognize that our local law enforcement agencies should decline to work with federal immigration agencies, and ask Governor Ige to appoint a Ho'okipa Commission to ensure safe, secure, and welcoming opportunities for everyone, including immigrants, is not just sound fiscal policy (ICE involvement by law enforcement diverts precious police dollars and opens the State up to litigation), it's sound moral policy - we are the land of aloha, and this bill helps us "walk the talk." Strongly support this bill - and all the work by Governor Ige and A.G. Chin to fight paranoid, fear-based policy targeting race and religion and seeking closed-border nationalism. We are not that.

The Hawai'i I love is, I hope, here to help uphold the best of ourselves and the best of America once more, come hell or high water.

Mahalo,

Kit Grant

Dear Members of the Hawaii House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for HR76 and its companion resolution, HCR 125.

I am very proud of the State of Hawaii for its ethical stance against President Trump's "Muslim Ban" (as he himself termed it). I'm also grateful that the Federal Court recognized that it was unconstitutional and issued a Temporary Restraining Order against its implementation.

However, President Trump's other executive order on immigration – that which increases deportations of undocumented immigrants – has gotten much less attention from legislators. This is a serious oversight, as this Trump executive order is devastating for undocumented immigrants who live in the United States as well as for their families, many of whom are US citizens or have Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card) status. President Trump's executive order on enhanced deportation efforts will devastate these families, the economy, and the general fiber of society by creating an atmosphere of distrust and fear. It will encourage the scapegoating of the most vulnerable in our communities. Indeed, there has been a documented increase in hate-crimes with an anti-immigrant bias.

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If you were to pass this resolution, you would join the over 600 jurisdictions across the United States who have not only passed resolutions declaring that they will not enforce federal immigration laws, but have passed actual laws to this effect. Evidence shows that these jurisdictions are safer for everyone, including US citizens. Thank you for your attention to this serious and urgent matter. I wish you the best in your deliberations.

Sincerely,  
Sanna King  
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Sincerely,

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Testimony in favor of HCR125: DECLARING HAWAII TO BE A HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE

My name is John Robert Egan, I am a resident of the State of Hawaii and work as an Immigration Lawyer. Because of my work, I have seen first-hand that immigrant communities have been upset and are afraid of increased levels of enforcement in the area of Immigration. It serves no positive end to promote fear and foreboding in the hearts of our neighbors and friends, regardless of their immigration status. Our immigration laws must of course be enforced, but this can be done with compassion and with preserving the human dignity of all.

HCR125 is carefully worded to promote these values without engaging in needless division between the various parts of our local, state and federal governmental system. Please pass this measure.

**John Robert Egan, Attorney at Law, LLC**

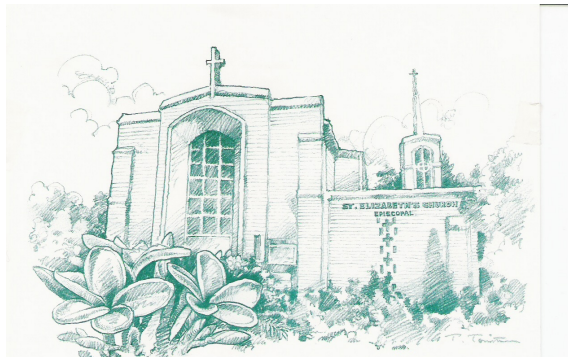
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The Rev. David J. Gierlach  
Rector

## St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

March 22, 2017

I strongly support HB 76 and urge your committee's passage of this bill. Providing refuge for the vulnerable and needy has its roots deep in our Judeo-Christian heritage and in the long history of these islands. The current administration in Washington does not seem to understand that its fear-based policies are harming the very people our country has traditionally cared for. Today more than ever it is important for our states to stand against the current climate of unreasonable suspicion and over reaching paranoia and this bill is a step in the right direction.

Yours in Christ,

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The Rev. David J. Gierlach, SCP  
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March 21, 2017

**Re: Support for HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE resolutions**

Dear Members of the Hawaii House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for HR76 and its companion resolution, HCR 125.

I am very proud of the State of Hawaii for its ethical stance against President Trump's "Muslim Ban" (as he himself termed it). I'm also grateful that the Federal Court recognized that it was unconstitutional and issued a Temporary Restraining Order against its implementation.

However, President Trump's other executive order on immigration – that which increases deportations of undocumented immigrants – has gotten much less attention from legislators. This is a serious oversight, as this Trump executive order is devastating for undocumented immigrants who live in the United States as well as for their families, many of whom are US citizens or have Lawful Permanent Resident (Green Card) status. President Trump's executive order on enhanced deportation efforts will devastate these families, the economy, and the general fiber of society by creating an atmosphere of distrust and fear. It will encourage the scapegoating of the most vulnerable in our communities. Indeed, there has been a documented increase in hate-crimes with an anti-immigrant bias.

Trump's executive order blames undocumented immigrants and their families for an immigration system that does not sufficiently address the economic and social needs of US society or the needs of people fleeing violence and poverty. For instance, it is simply not possible for workers in agriculture, construction, or hospitality (to note just a few) to get a green card on the basis of their skills in these economic sectors.

Most disturbingly, President Trump's EO revives a program under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1357) that deputizes state and local law enforcement officers to participate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws. This will make all of us *less safe*, as undocumented immigrants will be much less likely to report crimes to police or come forward with much needed evidence because of their legitimate fears that the local law enforcement authorities will turn them over to federal immigration authorities for deportation. Creating this fear destroys the trust in local law enforcement agencies, a trust that is very difficult to regain.

However, as you know, immigration regulation is not a state function, but a purely federal one. Local law enforcement agencies work with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) is completely optional. Moreover, it is not funded by the federal government.

I believe that the HO'OKIPA (WELCOMING) STATE resolution, is the best thing that legislators can do for the safety of our communities. It asks that states direct their Local law enforcement agencies to not enforce federal immigration laws. Consistent with Hawaii's history we should practice the spirit of Ho'okipa and be welcoming to immigrants, regardless of their status.

If you were to pass this resolution, you would join the over 600 jurisdictions across the United States who have not only passed *resolutions* declaring that they will not enforce federal immigration laws, but have passed actual *laws* to this effect. Evidence shows that these jurisdictions are safer for everyone, including US citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this serious and urgent matter. I wish you the best in your deliberations.

Sincerely,  
Nandita Sharma,  
Associate Professor, Sociology of Racism and Migration  
University of Hawaii at Mānoa

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**HCR125**

Submitted on: 3/22/2017  
Testimony for JUD on Mar 23, 2017 14:15PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul M Chandler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write in support of HCR125. It is very important in the most diverse place in the nation to take care of our immigrant population. The police should NOT be allowed to share information with ICE. Being undocumented is a civil matter, not a criminal matter. People should thus be treated respectfully. We do not want families in Hawaii torn apart by hateful and racist policies. Mahalo nui loa.

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March 22, 2017

Committee on Judiciary  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair  
Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

RE: HCR125 Declaring Hawaii to Be a Ho'okipa State

Dear Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you very much for granting this hearing. I am in strong support of declaring Hawaii a Ho'okipa State. In doing so, Hawaii will join many jurisdictions across the United States, including California, Colorado, Massachusetts, New York City, and DC, who have offered meaningful sanctuary for their undocumented residents.

I support the civil rights of immigrants and refugees regardless of their status, religion, gender, age, or country of origin. I believe that protecting undocumented people strengthens the entire community by increasing trust, public safety, and access to healthcare and education, while decreasing crime, poverty, and unemployment.

On behalf of over 150 other local citizens who have signed a petition in support of sanctuary state status, I would like to express our support of HCR125. I will bring this petition to the hearing for your review.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,  
Jill Yoshicedo

## **DECLARE HAWAII A SANCTUARY STATE & HONOLULU A SANCTUARY CITY**

Dear Governor Ige, Mayor Caldwell, and Hawaii State Legislators:

We call on you to declare Hawaii a Sanctuary State and Honolulu a Sanctuary City. In doing so, Hawaii will join many jurisdictions across the United States, including California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Colorado, New York City, and DC, who have offered meaningful sanctuary for their undocumented residents.

We believe in immigrant and refugee rights regardless of one's status, religion, gender, age, or country of origin. We believe that protecting undocumented people strengthens the entire community by increasing trust, public safety, and access to healthcare and education, while decreasing crime, poverty, and unemployment.

Declare Hawaii to be a Sanctuary State and Honolulu to be a Sanctuary City by:

- Not using city or state tax dollars to enforce federal immigration laws
- Prohibiting police or other city employees from inquiring about a person's immigration status
- Not revealing immigration status information to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials
- Not turning over individuals for questioning, warrantless arrests or holds, or permit raids over undocumented immigration issues

## ***MORE INFO***

### **What is a Sanctuary City/State?**

- A city or state that does not use city or state tax dollars to enforce federal immigration laws
- A city or state that prohibits local officials from asking people about their immigration status
- A city or state that protects undocumented immigrants from deportation
- A city or state that ensures all residents have access to city services, regardless of immigration status

### **Why Support Sanctuary Status?**

- Sanctuary cities build trust between local law enforcement and the community, which enhances overall public safety and lowers crime
- Sanctuary cities encourage a stronger economy by increasing labor force participation, decreasing unemployment, and decreasing reliance on public assistance
- Sanctuary cities encourage residents to report crimes, seek appropriate healthcare, and enroll children in school
- Hawaii declaring itself as a Sanctuary State embodies the spirit of Aloha in welcoming every individual and respecting their worth regardless of race, gender, religion, age, or national origin

***SIGN THE PETITION!***

**DECLARE HAWAII A SANCTUARY STATE &  
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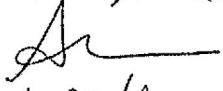


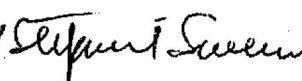

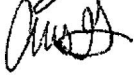



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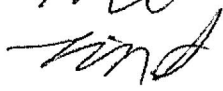
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March 22, 2017

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Chair Representative Scott Nishimoto  
Vice Chair Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Committee on Judiciary

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 125**

Currently all state, county, and local law enforcement agencies across the United States are required, by federal law, to electronically submit the fingerprints of all arrested persons to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). ICE then checks the fingerprints against its databases and if there is a match, the local ICE office is notified. The local ICE office may then issue a custody request to the jail/prison asking that that ICE be notified when the person will be released from jail/prison. This is commonly known as a detainer. In many instances, ICE will also ask that the jail/prison hold the individual for extra time – past their normal release date – so that ICE can come to arrest them. This is often referred to as an “ICE hold.” Local governments are not reimbursed for ICE holds. Some courts have found ICE holds to be illegal.

In addition to this program, the federal government is currently and actively seeking state, county and local partnerships for its 287 (g) program. Partners under the 287 (g) program would enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with ICE and receive delegated authority to enforce federal immigration laws within their local jurisdictions. Local officers, who would be deputized to enforce immigration laws, may then be authorized to: interview individuals to ascertain their immigration status; check DHS databases for information on individuals; issue immigration detainers to hold individuals until ICE takes custody; enter data into ICE’s database and case management system; issue a Notice to Appear (NTA), the official charging document that begins the removal process; make recommendations for voluntary departure in place of formal removal proceedings; make recommendations for detention and immigration bond; and transfer noncitizens into ICE custody.

In short, the 287(g) program asks states and local governments to perform federal law enforcement functions which may lead to the deportation/removal of individuals who have committed only non-violent petty misdemeanor or misdemeanor offenses such as theft or simple drug possession.

Currently, Hawaii is facing broad federal cuts to programs including Medicaid, Public Housing, non-profit legal services for the poor, Meals on Wheels and others. In the face of looming federal revenue losses in the millions, Hawaii cannot afford to support federal law enforcement initiatives beyond what is mandated by current law.

HCR 125 may be further strengthened by requesting the Department of Public Safety and the Chiefs of Police of the City and County of Honolulu and Counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii to submit a report to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2017 identifying all policies, agreements, or programs they have with ICE, the number of detainer requests and ICE holds they responded to in the most recent fiscal year, together with any other information or relevant data.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Patricia McManaman

From: dasguptafirst@gmail.com on behalf of Monisha Das Gupta <dasgupta@way.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 5:22 PM  
To: JUDtestimony  
Subject: HCR125/HR76

**I am writing in the strongest support of HCR 125 to ensure that local law enforcement agencies decline to work with federal immigration agencies in the State of Hawaii and request that Gov. Ige** to appoint a Committee charged with ensuring the safety and security of our immigrant and refugee communities and promoting a healthy relationship of trust between community members and public safety officers. Our state has shown a lot of leadership in standing up against unjust laws that are forcing immigrant and refugee communities to live in constant fear and insecurity. But the legislature is yet to join in these efforts by signaling that our state will stand up and protect its residents within the bounds of law.

I am asking our legislators to support this legislation and send out a strong message as a pro-immigrant state.

Also, as a tax payer, I object to my tax dollars being misused to terrorize the people who are dear to me. It is NOT the job of local law enforcement or public safety officers to voluntarily do the job of federal immigration enforcement.

**Monisha Das Gupta  
Honolulu, HI 98815**

# Testimony HCR125



Alan Cota <alancota@hawaii.edu>

Thu 3/23/2017 9:21 AM

To: JUDtestimony <judtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;

Aloha,

This email is to urge the house committee to pass HCR125 which would allow Hawaii to be a welcoming state. I believe as the Aloha state we should welcome everyone with open arms in times of need. It is of vital importance to continue being an example for the rest of the country.

Mahalo,

Alan Cota

March 23, 2017

**LATE**

To: **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Chair  
Representative Joy A. Buenaventura, Vice Chair

Re: **HR76 and HCR125**

**STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Buenaventura and members of your committee,

Just as President Trump's travel ban challenged us to confirm key American and Hawaiian values, so a second executive order compels our reply. In this case, however, we need not be a solo David to Goliath — hundreds of Davids have already said "no" to the federal government's stepped-up efforts to pursue millions of undocumented immigrants living peacefully in the United States.

HR76 and HCR125 identify Hawaii as a Ho'okipa State, where our enduring aloha welcomes immigrants and celebrates their unique contributions to our marvelous, inclusive melting pot. The resolutions ask that we adopt policies and practices supporting community members who may be the targets of draconian deportation measures. It is a simple matter of saying "no," when doing so is perfectly permissible.

By law, immigration is the kuleana of the federal government. Across America, hundreds of cities and counties, plus five states, have strongly declared that it should remain so — that they will not do the work of the government's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE). In adopting HR76 and HCR125, we will be joining these jurisdictions who have declared their local values to be beyond sacrifice.

Estimates of Hawaii's undocumented immigrant population range up to 45,000. Nearly half of them are Filipinos, and an additional 15% are Japanese. Most have overstayed their visas, which is not a crime. They live and work in our islands, they pay taxes, and their crime rate is lower than that of U.S. citizens. Do we want our local law enforcement officers to round them up, destroying families? Do we want them to live in constant fear? I think not, and I hope you agree with me.

Mahalo nui loa.

Aloha,



Peter Gellatly



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**PO Box 88022 • Honolulu, HI 96830**

**LATE**

Honolulu, March 23, 2017

To: Chair Representative Scott Nishimoto  
Vice Chair Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Committee on Judiciary

### **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 125**

My name is Beatriz Cantelmo and I am a resident of the State of Hawai'i. I am writing to you in support of HCR 125 because this measure is committed to value one of the most special values that Hawaiian culture is known for and admired across the globe: ho' okipa. I also support HCR 125 because it ensures that immigration laws are enforced without breaching people's most basic human rights, and without jeopardizing the enforcement of current laws that are in place to ensure that anyone who violates criminal laws, regardless of their immigration status, can continue to be held accountable.

I don't support the United States' executive branch of the federal government decision to revive a program under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act that allows a state or local law enforcement entity to partner with the Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE) division of the Department of Homeland Security to receive delegated authority for immigration enforcement within their jurisdictions, for several reasons.

287 (g) program has several problems. A study by the University of North Carolina School of Law and American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina stated that "287 (g) program encourages, or at the very least, tolerates racial profiling and baseless stereotyping, resulting in the harassment of local residents, and the isolation of an increasingly marginalized community". <http://www.law.unc.edu/documents/clinicalprograms/287gpolicyreview.pdf>

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Honolulu, March 23, 2017

To: Chair Representative Scott Nishimoto  
Vice Chair Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura  
Committee on Judiciary

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 125**

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