



# HAWAI‘I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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To: The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair  
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

Re: S.C.R. No. 55 / S.R. No. 17

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai‘i’s laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai‘i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights.

Article I, section 5 of the Hawai‘i Constitution provides:

No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor be denied the equal protection of the laws, ***nor be denied the enjoyment of the person’s civil rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, religion, sex, or ancestry.***  
(emphasis added).

**The HCRC supports S.C.R. No. 55 / S.R. No. 17, urging the City and County of Honolulu to name a street after Martin Luther King, Jr.** Naming a street after Dr. King will reflect our community commitment to civil rights and celebration of diversity.