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Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair  
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 2:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 325  
HCR 129/HR 116 -- Relating to Volunteer Week

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

On behalf of the Kanu Hawaii, a primary organizer of Volunteer Week in Hawaii, I would like offer support for HCR 129/HR 116, recognizing April 7--13, 2019 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii.

Kanu Hawaii is an non-profit organization that focuses on building community relationships as the foundation to implementing sustainable practices and civic engagement among other endeavors.

This week, which takes place at the same time as National Volunteer Week, which has happened by presidential proclamation every April since 1974, is getting ready to kick off it's first year being officially celebrated in Hawaii. The concurrent resolution HCR129 will be supporting Volunteer Week again in 2019 at which time we hope to have enough momentum around the week to look at what it will take to obtain an HRS designation. In the interim, being able to reference this resolution as a show of support for the importance volunteerism will help to facilitate more participation and impact in Hawaii.

Kanu Hawaii, along with other non-profits, businesses, individuals and community partners see Volunteer Week as an opportunity to not only celebrate the impact of volunteer service locally, but to do so in concert with a larger effort that stretches across many other states at the same time.

As of 2015, and based on a report from the Corporation for National Community Service, Hawaii ranks near the bottom states in volunteerism at 45th with 22%<sup>1</sup> per capita participating. We see this annual week of service as an opportunity to grow our level of service, year after year, with the hope this attention will positively impact volunteerism during the months in between.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this meaningful and worthwhile resolution.

Malama pono,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Keone Kealoha", written in a cursive style.

Keone Kealoha  
Executive Director, Kanu Hawaii

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nationalservice.gov/vcla/state/Hawaii>

**HCR-129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and members of the committee,

I support HCR129 -- establishing April 7 - April 13, 2019 as Volunteer Week here in Hawaii. This is an opportunity to recognize the great work that volunteers do.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching / Honolulu



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

I would like to offer support for HCR 129/HR 116, recognizing April 7--13, 2019 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii.

With the 2nd Annual Kauai Volunteer Week coming up, we are excited to gain support and recognition for volunteer efforts, understanding the importance in engaging with your community, giving back to your moku, and recognizing the collective impact of service across the island.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this resolution.

*Mahalo,*

Julia Black  
Volunteer Coordinator - AmeriCorps VISTA  
Malama Kaua'i

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

I would like offer support for HCR 129/HR 116, recognizing April 7-- 13, 2019 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawai'i.

Connecting individuals and families to our land is an important part of promoting health and well-being. Volunteer Week holds the opportunity to create widespread and long-lasting impact, especially if it occurs annually. We have a unique opportunity here to encourage volunteerism and civic engagement on a large scale by supporting HCR 129/ HR 116.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this resolution.

Sincerely,  
*Molly Mamaril*

Engagement Lead  
Blue Zones Project  
McCully, Mo'ili'ili, Manoa and Makiki



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

On behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, I would like express **support of HCR 129/HR 116**, relating to Volunteer Week.

Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) is a statewide, sector-wide professional association of nonprofits. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i. Our member organizations provide essential services to every community in the state and across all missions.

In these times of scarce funding, our resources – human and otherwise – need to be leveraged in creative ways. Volunteerism is one such way to mobilize toward common goals of community strengthening.

HANO joins with Kanu Hawaii, Hands in Helping Out (HIHO) and other community partners to:

- Broaden and strengthen relationships between individuals, business and community organizations through volunteerism, sharing best practices to build greater capacity for all.
- Increase participation in volunteerism during the week itself and going forward.
- Share stories of the contributions of volunteers.
- Collect and report back on a shared set of metrics to capture our collective impact.

We look forward to meeting these goals this year and into 2019, and appreciate the Legislature's recognition of this important week.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Mahalo,  
Lisa Maruyama  
President & CEO

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Melodie Aduja	the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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The Oahu Economic Development Board supports HCR 129/HR 116, recognizing April 7-13, 2019 as Volunteer Week in the State of Hawaii.

Each year, the Oahu Economic Development Board receives inquiries and requests from individuals who are interested in volunteering with our organization. Often times I think when people reach out to volunteer their time and services, they are seeking to make an impact, or to learn and be a part of something in which they see value or importance. When they are mentored and supported, after the volunteer service is over they carry the experiences of what the organization does, as well as how and why they do it. Volunteer programs and opportunities provide a space to engage and build relationships with a wide range of people.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pono Shim  
President and CEO  
Oahu Economic Development Board



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David Howe	Individual	Support	No

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