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Comments:

To the Honorable Mathew S. LoPresti, Chair; the Honorable Beth Fukumoto, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on **HCR59 / HR 47 Proposed HD 1** relating to the proposed Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018, H.R. 5233; S. 2522, currently pending before Congress.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **HCR59 / HR 47 Proposed HD 1** and support its passage.

**HCR59 / HR 47 Proposed HD 1** is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it supports American citizenship for foreign-born adoptees who were adopted by American parents and raised in the United States under the proposed Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018, H.R. 5233; S. 2522.

The DPH Platform states that "We believe that our nation should have a fair immigration policy that recognizes the diversity of our country and the contribution that immigrants make and have made in the sciences, arts, and culture. We support an immigration policy that provides a reasonable and timely path to citizenship for immigrants who follow the rule of law. We support a path to US citizenship for Dreamers (children of undocumented citizens.) (Platform of the DPH, P. 5, Lines 224-229 (2016)).

We oppose racial profiling, and encourage policies that avoid the militarization of our borders, and deplore policies that would deny education and health and human services to immigrant children. We need to ensure that immigrant children, . . . , are treated with fairness and respect in our schools and in our healthcare system. (Platform of the DPH, P. 5, Lines 233-236 (2016)).

Given that **HCR59 / HR 47 Proposed HD 1** supports American citizenship for foreign-born adoptees who were adopted by American parents and raised in the United States under the proposed Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2018, H.R. 5233; S. 2522, it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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