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TESTIMONY BY RODERICK K. BECKER
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1195, H.D. 1

March 19, 2019
1:35 p.m.
Room 229

RELATING TO FEDERAL WORKERS

House Bill (H.B.) No. 1195, H.D. 1, establishes the Federal Furlough Loan Program within the Department of Budget and Finance to provide interest-free loans to furloughed or excepted federal workers to help them cover rent or mortgage payments during the federal government shutdown and provides an undetermined amount of general funds in FY 19 to fund the loans.

The department appreciates the intent of the measure but believes that it is no longer necessary given that funding has been provided to all federal agencies for federal fiscal year 2019.

Prior to the temporary reopening of the federal government, the Office of the Governor was working to establish a contingency loan program in partnership with local financial institutions to provide emergency loans to the affected federal workers. Unlike the department, these entities already have the staff, infrastructure, and expertise to evaluate applications and disburse small loans to qualified individuals. This contingency loan program can be set in motion should the need arise again in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

HB-1195-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2019 8:52:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Testifying for Mr. Brandon Leong	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 3/16/2019 3:49:02 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Testifying for Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support HB1195. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Board Member, Rainbow Family 808

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Submitted on: 3/16/2019 8:10:54 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 1:49:56 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Kerr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Federal workers are already favored over the private sector in pay & benefits and espec. job security. I urge you to work on protecting and supporting workers who do not have those advantages.

It's not like federal workers do not get all their back pay. By opposing this you will actually encourage federal workers to save for the eventual shutdowns and be more personally responsible.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 12:17:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Government is not a bank. This is government overreach. Banks fulfill this function. Do not compete with the banks. Vote no.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 4:51:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toby Rushforth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The State has no business doing this. We're already broke!! It is NOT THE STATE'S Business.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 5:07:21 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/18/2019 11:56:04 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/19/2019 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Snow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: