

**SCR-11-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/16/2019 8:34:47 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Khan	Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	No

Comments:

The Affirmative Action Committee of the Oahu County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii supports SCR 11 SD1 Reaffirming the Use of the Term "deaf-blind" by the State of Hawaii and the Counties, for all of the reasons stated in the S.C.R. and because this is the preferred term of the deaf-blind community.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair; the Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair; and members of the Committee on Judiciary:

The O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee submits its testimony in support of SCR 11, SDI as federal laws define and refer to individuals who are deaf and blind with the term "deaf-blind" written in lowercase with a hyphen between the words, "deaf and blind." Referring to Federal law as precedent, and for purposes of uniformity, the citizens of the State of Hawai`i should also use the term "deaf-blind" when referring to persons who are hearing and or sight impaired.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SCR11, SD1.

Mahalo nui loa.

Melodie Aduja

Chair, O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Darlene Ewan	Aloha State Association of the Deaf	Support	No

Comments:

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**From:** Eleanor Macdonald <elemacdonald8@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 2:04 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Cc:** Roderick J. Macdonald  
**Subject:** Please votes "Yes" on SCR 11 SD1

To The Honorable Representative Chris Lee:

I am writing to urgently ask you to pass SCR11 SD1 to reaffirm the spelling of "Deaf-Blind" for State of Hawaii agencies and its counties. This complies with the federal use of the term "deaf-Blind" to identify individuals who are both deaf and blind.

Please vote yes to pass this important resolution. Mahalo.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Macdonald  
Oahu resident

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**From:** Eileen Chiwa <echiwa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 7:42 PM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** SCR11 SD1 Testimony

Testimony of Eileen Chiwa

Submitted to the Hawaii House, Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair

The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair

Re: SCR11 SD1 REAFFIRMING THE USE OF THE TERM "DEAF-BLIND" BY THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTIES.

April 17, 2019, 3:00 pm Conference Room 325

Ms. Chair, Ms. Vice Chair, Members:

I am writing to ask that you SUPPORT passage of SCR11 SD1.

I am Deaf and am a supporter of the Deaf-Blind community. I believe it's very important how the Deaf-Blind consumers want to be identified themselves. And very important how this word should be spelled out: Deaf-Blind. "Deaf-Blind" is who and what they are, and they wish to be respected as such. I ask that you support reaffirming their identity by PASSING SCR11.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Chiwa  
Mililani, HI

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**From:** Suzanne Gray <topsail1996@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 7:19 AM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** SCR11 SD1

Testimony of Suzanne Gray, mother of Deaf-Blind adult from Big Island;  
Testimony of Meghann Gray, Deaf-Blind adult from Big Island

Submitted to the Hawaii House, Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair

The Honorable Joy A. Buenaventura, Vice-Chair

Re: SCR11 SD1 REAFFIRMING THE USE OF THE TERM "DEAF-BLIND" BY THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTIES.

April 17, 2019, 3:00 pm Conference Room 325

Ms. Chair, Ms. Vice Chair, Members:

I am writing to ask that you SUPPORT passage of SCR11 SD1.

Suzanne and Meghann Gray  
Ninole, HI  
Hawai'i County

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**From:** Rod Macdonald <rjmacdonald@hawaiiintel.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 8:48 AM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Cc:** rjmacdonald@hawaiiintel.net  
**Subject:** JUD Testimony of Roderick Macdonald Re: SCR11 SD1 - Reaffirming the use of the Term "Deaf-Blind"

Testimony of Roderick J. Macdonald

Submitted to the Hawaii House of Representatives, Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair

The Honorable Joy A. Buenaventura, Vice-Chair

Re: SCR11 SD1 REAFFIRMING THE USE OF THE TERM "DEAF-BLIND" BY THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTIES.

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 3:00 pm  
Conference Room 325  
Hawaii State Capitol

Mr. Chair, Madam Vice-Chair, Members:

My name is Roderick Macdonald. I represent the Hawaii Association of the Deaf-Blind. I am writing to ask that you SUPPORT passage of SCR11 SD1.

I am both Deaf and Blind, and for as long as there has been Federal legislation on the subject my community has been called "Deaf-Blind". Hawaii State statutes use "Deaf-Blind", and so do most organizations serving this population. I served as President of the American Association of the Deaf-Blind, and am currently acting in the position of President of the Hawaii Association of the Deaf-Blind until our new organization can be fully established.

In 1989 a gentleman from Italy circulated a letter in which he proposed removing the hyphen from the name. He argued that this would make it easier to do fundraising - making it clear that "deafblind" is a single disability. For the most part educators of Deaf-Blind children embraced this name change; for the most part Deaf-Blind consumers did not. In 1994 the membership of the AADB voted on the matter: 60% were in favor of keeping the hyphen; 25% said they did not care; and 15% voted to remove the hyphen.

In the late 1990s some local organizations of Deaf-Blind people decided that "DeafBlind" served better. This was largely in parallel to the Deaf community's insistence on capitalizing "Deaf" at all times.

And so it is that today we have three separate spellings in use. Here in Hawaii Deaf-Blind consumers have chosen to go with what they are familiar with - "Deaf-Blind". This is our identity; this is how we refer to ourselves; this is how we prefer others to refer to us.

And yet certain entities - State contractors, to be precise - have been trying to change the spelling to "DeafBlind", without consultation with the Deaf-Blind community. We strongly resist this attempt.

"Deaf-Blind" is who and what we are, and we wish to be respected as such. We ask that you support reaffirming our identity by PASSING SCR11.

Thank you for your support.

Rod Macdonald



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**From:** Brenda Nakamoto <bwitch75@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 4:31 AM  
**To:** JUDtestimony  
**Subject:** SCR11 Sd1 Testimony

Testimony of Brenda J. Nakamoto

Submitted to the Hawaii House, Committee on Judiciary

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair

The Honorable Joy A. Buenaventura, Vice-Chair

Re: SCR11 REAFFIRMING THE USE OF THE TERM "DEAF-BLIND" BY THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTIES.

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Mr. Chair, Ms. Vice Chair, Members:

I am writing to ask that you strongly SUPPORT the passage of SCR11 Sd1.

I am deaf and I have friends who are deaf-blind. We feel that it should be solely left up to the deaf-blind community to decide on how they want to be referred to, and that is to be referred to as "deaf-blind". It would be respectful not to use any term other than "deaf-blind".

This issue is similar to the deaf community who has been struggling to get rid of the "hearing impaired" term for a long time. We prefer to be referred to as "deaf" or "hard-of-hearing" but not as "hearing impaired".

Please honor the wishes of our deaf-blind community by passing SCR11. Mahalo nui loa.

Respectfully yours,

Brenda J. Nakamoto

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Darlene Ewan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Anthony Momosea-Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-11-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eva Momosea	Individual	Support	No

Comments: