

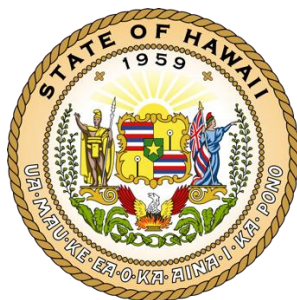
HB-1355-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia	DHS	Support	Yes

Comments:



‘O kēia ‘ōlelo hō’ike no ke
Komikina Kūlana Olakino o Nā Wāhine

Testimony on behalf of the
Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women

Prepared for the House Committee on Finance

In Support of HB1355 HD1

Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Members,

The Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women supports HB1355 HD1, which would appropriate funds to the Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women to offset one-time salary adjustments.

The Commission is the oldest commission of its kind – the very first state women’s commission in the United States. The Commission was created in state law by the Legislature in 1970 to “aid in the implementation of its recommendations, to develop long-range goals, and to coordinate research planning, programming, and action on the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Hawaii. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for a statewide program, on a permanent and continuing basis, on the status of women in Hawaii.” (HRS § 367-1)

For over 50 years, the Commission has served as the main consultant to policymakers and as the central clearinghouse for women’s resources. The Commission has also been instrumental in coordinating the three county commissions on women, producing statewide research, and supporting community programs on the most marginalized issues affecting women and girls.

This measure is critical to maintain the Commission’s budget by correcting and offsetting one-time salary adjustments that occurred in 2017 (Executive Director) and 2018 (permanent Secretary II) through unanimous vote by the Commission. An appropriation of \$18,888 would compensate for the salary adjustments. Accordingly, the Commission respectfully urges the Committee to pass this measure.

Sincerely,
Khara Jabola-Carolus

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Monk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Luke and members of the Finance Committee:

I support this funding bill plus the amendment, which adds \$18,888 in order to fund the current salary levels of the two employees of the Commission on the Status of Women. As with most commissions, the two staff people work to fulfill the day-to-day function of the Commission as defined in HRS Chapter 367 (1970), and provide all logistical and programmatic support for 7 commissioners from 4 islands. This commission continues its important work to improve the lives of women and girls throughout the State.

I respectfully request your support of this funding request.

Sincerely,

Amy Monk

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann S Freed	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and members,

I am strong support of robust funding for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women.

They are a needed champion for the women of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Ann S. Freed

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judy Kern	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee on Finance Members,

I am writing in strong SUPPORT of HB1355 HD1, to appropriate funds needed to correct for one-time salary adjustments for the Director and Secretary II of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission is a vital voice and resource for not only Hawaii's women and girls, but for everyone in our communities. The funding provided by HB1355 will help ensure that the Commission can continue to wisely use its modest operating budget to support education, outreach, and advocacy efforts to improve the status of girls and women in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Judy Kern

(Note: I currently serve as a Commissioner on HSCSW, but am submitting this testimony as an individual.)