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BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER MOST

**TO: Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance**

**FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)**

**DATE/LOCATION: February 5, 2020; 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR HB 2537 – RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

**We support HB 809 which appropriates operating and capital improvement grants for fiscal year 2020 and offer comments.**

We understand that HB 2537 appropriates operating and capital improvement grants for fiscal year 2020 and provides the guidelines and provisions for the funding of critical services throughout Hawaii. Many of Hawaii's nonprofits have identified key issues that need attention and support. Grant-In-Aid's help to address these intervention and prevention activities, along with capital to improve facilities. Continued support from the Legislature allows for innovation and capacity building strategies that support our families, individuals, and the environment. We appreciate that the legislature continues to make these key investments in initiatives that enhance, improve and uplift our communities.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 18 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for **HB 2537**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org](mailto:rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.