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To: The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

LATE

Re: H.B. No. 766, H.D. 1, Relating to Service in Non-Criminal Proceedings

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai‘i’s laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai‘i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sec. 5.

H.B. No. 766, H.D. 1, creates a temporary task force within the Judiciary to review and seek input on amending the procedure for the giving of notice or service of legal process in civil proceedings in the district, circuit, and family courts and in administrative proceedings by allowing documents to be served upon parties by electronic mail. The HCRC supports the intent of this measure.

As technology progresses, legal practice changes. Many parties would accept service by electronic mail, if it is allowed. H.B. No. 766, H.D. 1, proposes studying the possibilities and procedures necessary for this change.

The HCRC supports the intent of exploring the alternatives to be explored pursuant to this bill.