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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 1903 H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO DATA ABOUT SNORKELS AND MASKS**

REPRESENTATIVE AARON LING JOHANSON, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE  
Hearing Date: 3-1-2022 1pm Room Number: 329/VideoConf

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Funding estimated at \$100,000 would be needed for the Department of  
2 Health to implement this measure including, medical records system changes, training and data  
3 analysis and reporting. The Department requests that passage of any appropriations in this  
4 measure does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Department's  
5 supplemental budget request.

6 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the intent of H.B. 1903 H.D. 1  
7 that requires first responders to record in the incident report for each water rescue event the type  
8 of snorkel and mask, if any, worn by the person who was rescued or recovered. The Department  
9 is providing comments in regard to emergency medical services only.

10 Every year an average of 66 Hawaii residents and visitors experience snorkel related drowning  
11 events. Approximately twenty are fatal. Understanding snorkel use can lead to better public  
12 health messaging and improvements in snorkel design.

13 For data to be collected, analyzed, and reported, changes need to be made to our existing pre-  
14 hospital emergency medical services (EMS) record system to collect the additional data.

15 Providing EMS personnel a convenient way to document in the pre-hospital medical record is  
16 preferred.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 27, 2022

Re: **SUPPORT** for **HB1903 SD1** Relating to Data About Snorkels and Masks

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea (MPW) is a Hawai'i non-profit organization founded on the North Shore of O'ahu in 2005. Our mission is "working to replenish and sustain the natural and cultural resources of the Pūpūkea and Waimea ahupua'a for present and future generations through active community stewardship, education, and partnerships." For eighteen years, we have focused our stewardship and education efforts on the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD), one of only three MLCDs on O'ahu and eleven statewide.

Due to the Pūpūkea MLCD's extreme popularity as a premier snorkeling destination and our constant presence there, we see first-hand the unfortunate number of snorkeling-related rescues conducted by our City and County lifeguards. Often, in the moment of an in-water emergency, whatever mask a victim was wearing is tossed aside as resuscitation measures are taking place and there is no documentation of gear type.

We **support HB1903 SD1** to require first responders to document which type of mask a victim was wearing when the emergency occurred because we indeed notice that far more in-water snorkeling emergencies happen with people wearing full-face masks in comparison to the traditional two-piece mask and snorkel. Collecting this data would allow the Hawai'i Department of Health to assess the risk of certain equipment, and ultimately take action to inform and protect the thousands of people who snorkel throughout Hawai'i each day.

Voting in favor of HB1903 SD1 would enable updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for much-needed snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Mahalo nui,

Jenny Yagodich  
Director of Educational Programs &  
Makai Watch Coordinator  
Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Andrea Loasby	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

**IN SUPPORT OF HB1903**

I am testifying in favor of HB1903. This bill was introduced in honor of my dad, David Loasby, who died due to using a full-face snorkel mask at Chang’s Beach in Maui just this last December. During the search for my father, every first responder I communicated with mentioned significant concerns about full-face snorkel masks and explained that they’ve been seeing an increase in drownings for those using full-face snorkel masks throughout the last several years. Once the search for my father concluded, I wanted to know how many people have died while using full-face snorkel masks versus standard snorkels and masks in Hawaii but was told this data is not currently collected in a meaningful way or available for analysis.

Collecting this data is crucial to analyzing and responding to the risk related to specific snorkeling equipment.

Please vote to pass HB1903 including the funding necessary for data collection so data-driven change can be taken to avoid other families from experiencing the pain mine and many others unfortunately have.

Respectfully,

Andrea Loasby

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Donna Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**IN SUPPORT OF HB1903**

I am testifying in favor of HB1903. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

Please vote in favor of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Donna Richardson

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Katelyn Maher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Katelyn Maher

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**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Suzann Lavington-Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**IN SUPPORT OF HB1903**

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Please vote in favor of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis. **SUPPORT OF HB1903** I am testifying in favor of HB1903. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

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Suzann Lavington-Speer

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Beverly Rowntree



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Michael Speer

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Santo Neri

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jessica Varsek	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF HB1903

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Please vote in favor of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Jessica Varsek

**HB-1903-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 3:37:27 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sarah Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sarah Speer

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Nathan Hesser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF HB1903

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Nathan Hesser

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kimberly Burger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Please vote in favor of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Thank you,

Kimberly Burger

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**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Theodore Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in FAVOR of HB1903. It is imperative to have data on snorkleing equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on presumptive risks.

Please vote in FAVOR of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Theodore T Meyer

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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Testimony for CPC on 3/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Catherine Loasby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This Bill is very important to help save lives.



## IN SUPPORT OF HB 1903

My name is Julie Urbon. I *strongly* support HB1903 which would require first responders to document what type of snorkel equipment is used during rescue and recovery incidents. It is my understanding that this information is not currently collected in a consistent or standardized manner which cripples the Dept. of Health's understanding of the true risks of full-face snorkel masks.

This bill was introduced in honor of David Loasby, who died while using a full-face snorkel mask in December 2021. I was there with his family just before the incident occurred. I see daily the pain this has caused his family.....Not just that Dave lost his life, but the added anger and guilt because it very well could have been prevented. Since the tragedy, we have done digging and found, through studies on these masks, that carbon dioxide can build up and can render the user unconscious. But apparently no one is willing to *definitively* say that there is a direct link to increased drowning? I think it is safe to say that going unconscious while in the water will increase your risk of drowning. This seems like such a basic request... when a snorkeler dies, document what type of equipment the victim was using. Studies, like those that have been done, can only go so far. The studies show that there are concerns. Once the product is on the market, any "additional data" is unfortunately gathered after an incident occurs. We cannot let this valuable information go uncollected. Those incidents can be deadly.

Many tourists who come to the islands only snorkel a few times a year and don't know a great deal about the differences in the types of masks that are sold. There are snorkel tours on Maui that ban those masks on their boats. Why would they do that if they didn't see the connection? They are the ones most familiar with the equipment. If THEY are nervous about the masks... we should all take notice and listen. There should be a heightened awareness to locals and visitors alike. That awareness won't happen until they definitively link the mask to an increased risk of drowning. And that can't happen if we don't collect the information! Had we gone on a snorkeling tour, we might have heard about the risk through the tour operator, but instead we snorkeled at the beach near our accommodations. A beautiful vacation turned into a horrific nightmare because "not enough information is there to conclude those masks are dangerous" ? **Then we need to collect the information!** It is simply one more question for first responders to ask or determine if possible. In a car accident, isn't it documented whether the passengers were wearing seat belts? It harms no one to collect this information. I think it sends a horrible message if the state is unwilling to take a simple step to be more thorough in the investigations into these drownings to safeguard its residents and the tourists that are such a part of the local economy. I appreciate your time. Imagine it was a member of your family....

Mahalo,

Julie Urbon / julieurbon@gmail.com



**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jon DeSmidt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jon DeSmidt

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jennifer Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jennifer Moore

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Blake Hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

Blake J. Hansen

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael Molezzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

I am testifying in favor of HB1903. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks. Please vote in favor of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Sincerely,

Michael Molezzi

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Marcela Molezzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Marcela Molezzi

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**Marcy Clarke**

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*Carl Michalewski 2/28/22*

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*Susan Michalewski*

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**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
ashly sheild	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you!

Ashly Sheild

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Mark Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Mathew Speer	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF HB1903

I, Mathew Speer, testify in favor of HB1903. After being personally affected by the tragic death of my father-in-law I strongly feel it is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those who are never recovered. Without this information it is impossible for the Hawaii Dept. of Health to assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks. While I understand this will not change the past I believe this is Hawaii's opportunity to lead the way in ocean safety.

Please vote in favor of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Kind regards,

Mathew Speer

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jeff Becker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha -

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Moe Maldonado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Mike Erickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**IN SUPPORT OF HB1903**

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Mike Erickson



**HB-1903-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:32:45 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Christina Becker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-1903-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:35:20 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Dar Carlson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-1903-HD-1**

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Testimony for CPC on 3/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Amy Stockman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jim Stockman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for CPC on 3/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a wast of time!!

**HB-1903-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:41:42 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Eric Loasby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please save lives, these masks have been banned and recalled already without a bill passed. Plenty of evidence and studies to back this faulty design.

Thank You,

Eric Loasby

**HB-1903-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:04:06 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sonia Bohn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sonia Wasniak-Bohn

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Emilee Kaminski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Emilee Kaminski



**LATE**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Megan Wasserman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Megan Wasserman

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**LATE**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Patrick Wasserman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

Patrick Wasserman

**LATE**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Craig Olson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Craig Olson

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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Alecia Schmitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB1903**

DATE: 3/1/2022

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

**IN SUPPORT OF HB1903**

I am deeply saddened by the necessity to testify in support of SB3206. David Loasby was a friend of mine who recently drowned wearing a full face mask. In the hope of preventing more tragedies of this kind as happened to David and his surviving family, it is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those who are never recovered. Without this information it is impossible for the Hawaii Department of Health to assess the risk of equipment, such as full face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

Please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Alecia Anderson Schmitz

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**LATE**

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Sue Peterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sue Peterson

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**LATE**

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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Testimony for CPC on 3/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Jeff Teske	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**LATE**

**HB-1903-HD-1**

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Elizabeth Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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