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Date: 03/29/2021

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, Conference Room 325

Committee(s): JHA

Title of Bill: SB2022

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi and Committee Members :

Kanu Hawaii is providing testimony in SUPPORT of SB2022 RECOGNIZING APRIL AS VOLUNTEER MONTH IN HAWAII.

April became National Volunteer Month as part of President George H. W. Bush's 1000 Points of Light campaign in 1991. This bill seeks to recognize Volunteer Month in the State of Hawaii. This request mirrors that of National Volunteer Month, which also encompasses National Volunteer Week (always in the month of April).

Although National Volunteer Week has been celebrated every year since 1974 by Presidential Proclamation, Hawaii only officially recognized the week beginning in 2018 when the legislature passed HCR153\_SD1.

Through the support of that resolution in 2018, the community held over 60 events across 5 islands. Now, in its fifth year, Volunteer Week in Hawaii 2022 is being celebrated by over 200 organizations hosting over 250 events across 6 islands engaging thousands of volunteers.

Volunteer Week Hawaii is now the largest volunteer focused campaign in Hawaii and the largest state level celebration of National Volunteer Week in the United States. Recognition of Volunteer Month Hawaii in the state would provide a larger opportunity for us to further engaged residents and visitors in supporting Hawaii's local organizations and to actively practice aloha in our communities.

We hope the committee finds this opportunity to positively engage people in positive action worthy of passage.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Keone Kealoha", written in a cursive style.

Keone Kealoha  
Executive Director, Kanu Hawaii

**SB-2202-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/28/2022 12:00:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/29/2022 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Perkinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I'm on the board of Kanu Hawai'i, and I would like to express my support for designating April as volunteer month. Designating a special month of service helps non-profits work together to tackle big projects, reach new constituents, and build relationships that can last well beyond the simple month. This process has proven success, so I hope you support it.

Mahalo, Robert Perkinson

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 12:20:34 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Breanna Rose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members:

I am in strong support of SB 2202 to designate April as Volunteer Month. 2022 marks the 5th annual Volunteer Week Hawai'i, which has become the largest volunteerism-focused campaign in Hawai'i and is connected to National Volunteer Week. Designating each April Volunteer Month would emphasize the importance of community service and civic engagement and build on existing momentum around Earth Day with a focus on action. Volunteer Month will bring positive benefits to Hawai'i's communities, environment, and business and tourism efforts across the pae'āina. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of this important opportunity.

Breanna Rose

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 12:29:38 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Anne Weber-Yarbrough	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi and Committee Members :  
Kanu Hawaii is providing testimony in SUPPORT of SB2022 HD1 RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MONTH.

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