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The Thirty-Third Legislature  
The Senate  
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony by  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

February 21, 2025

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB194 HD1 - RELATING TO MARITIME DAY

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 76 affiliate labor organizations representing over 69,000 union members across Hawaii in industries including healthcare, construction, hospitality, entertainment, transportation, and government. The AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for the rights of working families, promoting fair wages, ensuring safe working conditions, and supporting policies that strengthen Hawaii's workforce.

We are in support of HB194 HD1, which designates May 22 as Maritime Day to recognize the essential role of maritime workers in Hawaii's economy.

The maritime industry is the backbone of Hawaii's supply chain, ensuring the transport of goods and materials that sustain Hawaii. From dockworkers and seafarers to shipbuilders and port operators, these workers provide critical services that keep Hawaii running. Designating Maritime Day is a meaningful way to acknowledge their contributions and the challenges they face in keeping commerce flowing to and from our shores.

We encourage the committee to advance this measure and formally recognize the indispensable role maritime workers play in Hawaii's economy and daily life.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

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The Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawai'i  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony by  
Hawaii Nurses Association

**Testimony in Support of HB194 HD1 - RELATING TO MARITIME DAY**

**February 21, 2025, 2:00 P.M.**

**Conference Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol**

Aloha Chair Tarnas and Vice Chair Poepoe,

**The Hawai'i Nurses Association – OPEIU Local 50 is affiliated with the AFL-CIO, was founded in 1917, and represents 4,000 nurses in the State of Hawai'i.** Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of HB1244.

The Hawai'i Nurses' Association **strongly supports** HB194 HD1, recognizing the vital contributions of Hawai'i's maritime workers. These dedicated individuals are essential to our islands' supply chain, ensuring the steady flow of goods and resources that sustain our communities and economy. Their work is often challenging, requiring resilience in the face of demanding conditions to keep commerce moving. By designating a day to honor maritime workers, this measure provides well-deserved recognition for their critical role in Hawai'i's economic stability and well-being. We urge the legislature to pass HB194 HD1 in appreciation of their invaluable service.

Respectfully,

Carol Philips  
Legislative Specialist  
Hawaii Nurses' Association

**HB-194-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2025 11:11:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/21/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	Pride at Work – Hawai‘i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i is an official chapter of [Pride at Work](#) which is a national nonprofit organization that represents LGBTQIA+ union members and their allies. We are an officially recognized constituency group of the AFL-CIO that organizes mutual support between the organized Labor Movement and the LGBTQIA+ Community to further social and economic justice.

Pride at Work – Hawai‘i fully supports HB 194 HD 1.

We ask that you support this needed piece of legislation.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)

President

[Pride at Work – Hawai‘i](#)



The House Committee on Higher Education  
February 21, 2025  
Room 325  
2:00 PM

RE: **HB 194, HD 1, Relating to Maritime Day**

Attention: Chair David Tarnas, Vice Chair Mahina Poepoe, and members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), the exclusive bargaining representative for all University of Hawai'i faculty members across Hawai'i's statewide 10-campus system, **supports HB 194, HD 1**, relating to Maritime Day.

As an island state, Hawai'i's maritime industry, and its workers, have played an essential role in the State's economy. The industry operations provide the majority of all basic necessities relied upon by Hawai'i's people, including, but not limited to food, construction materials, and fuel. By establishing May 22 as Maritime Day, the State, in a meaningful way, recognizes the contributions and challenges faced by Hawai'i's maritime workers.

UHPA supports and requests the passage of HB 194, HD 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian L. Fern  
Executive Director  
University of Hawaii Professional Assembly



# **IATSE Local 665** **HAWAII'S TECHNICIANS**

for  
**FILM, TELEVISION, STAGE AND PROJECTION**  
Since 1937



**INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES, MOVING PICTURE TECHNICIANS, ARTISTS AND ALLIED CRAFTS  
OF THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND CANADA, AFL-CIO, CLC**

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State of Hawai'i  
The Thirty-Third Legislature  
House of Representative  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Friday, February 21, 2025  
2:00PM – Conference Room 325  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB194, HD1 – Establishing Maritime Day**

Aloha, Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe and Members of the Committee –

The IATSE represents approximately 168,000 members in the United States and Canada and 800 of those members across the Hawaiian Islands. We are the artists and technicians who work behind-the-scenes in film, television, live events, tradeshow and conventions, and we are grateful for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB194, HD1, which proposes the establishment of May 22<sup>nd</sup> as Maritime Day in Hawai'i.

Hawai'i's history is deeply intertwined in the sea, dating back to the early Polynesian voyagers who navigated vast distances to find the Hawaiian Islands to the skilled mariners who guide modern-day vessels into our harbors. Being the furthest distance from any other land mass on the planet, Hawai'i relies heavily on the maritime industry for domestic and international goods such as food, fuel and supplies. It sustains our local economy and contributes to our local culture.

As we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polynesian Voyaging Society this year, and the global recognition of the 60-foot double-hulled canoe, "Hōkūle'a", it would be fitting to designate May 22<sup>nd</sup> as Maritime Day as an annual reminder of the importance of the maritime industry to Hawai'i.

We fully support HB194 HD1 to preserve and honor our seafaring history and ensure future generations understand the vital contribution of maritime operations to Hawai'i's prosperity and way of life.

Respectfully,

Irish Barber  
Business Representative

**HB-194-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2025 8:33:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/21/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katherine Gravesen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for **HB1194**, which aims to establish permanent regulations for midwifery practice in Hawai‘i. This legislation is crucial for ensuring the safety and well-being of mothers and infants by setting clear standards for midwifery care.

**Key Benefits of HB1194:**

- **Enhanced Safety:** By defining the scope of practice and licensure requirements for certified midwives, the bill promotes high-quality care for expectant mothers and their babies.
- **Cultural Respect:** The bill acknowledges and preserves traditional Hawaiian birthing practices, ensuring that cultural practitioners can continue their important work without unnecessary legal barriers.
- **Professional Accountability:** Establishing licensure and continuing education requirements fosters a community of well-trained midwives committed to ongoing professional development.

I believe that HB1194 strikes a thoughtful balance between safeguarding public health and respecting cultural traditions. I urge you to support this bill to improve maternal and infant health outcomes in our state.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely, Katherine Gravesen