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The Honorable Greggor Ilagan, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Thirty-third State Legislature
Regular session of 2025
State of Hawai'i
January 26, 2025

RE: HB 22 Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government

Dear Chair Ilagan:

HB 22 limits the involvement of state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the federal government in specific immigration situations. Our Office supports HB 22.

As the smallest of the State's County law enforcement team, our Office does not have the resources to spare to enforce civil immigration detainers. In addition, we share concerns about due process violations in enforcement of these orders.

For these reasons, our Office supports HB 22.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HB NO.22 RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Honorable Committee Members,

The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) **SUPPORTS THIS BILL WITH AMENDMENTS**

We support the intent of the legislature to place reasonable limits on collaboration with the federal government in instances where individual rights enshrined in the state constitution and statute are implicated.

As noted in Section 1 of the bill, the federal courts have recognized the questionable constitutionality of civil immigration detainers. These are not criminal charges. They are for individuals *suspected of violating civil immigration law*, which is not a crime. To the individuals who are impacted, they are in custody and their lives in the United States are in jeopardy; the differentiation of federal and state law is an abstraction.

Through executive, legislative, and county action, the state of Hawaii has protected the human rights of immigrants for decades. The OPD supports the continuation of this precedent on behalf of our clients and diverse employees.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Delete Section 2(b).

Warrants are common in law enforcement, simple to procure, and necessary for due process concerns. There is no need for a warrantless exception in the instance an individual is a convicted felon as that individual is likely already flagged by the federal government, on parole, or has engaged in activity in which a warrant would be easily obtained. There is no need for a warrantless exception for an individual who has “engaged in terrorist activity” as there are numerous federal, state, and county charges which could lead to a warrant.

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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

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DATE: February 27, 2025
TO: House Committee on Economic Development and Technology
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member
Council District 2
SUBJECT: HB 22

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB22, which allows state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Federal law does not require state and local entities to collect or share information with ICE. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." Requests from ICE to hold a person of interest after the time when they are legally released from local custody, is just that, a request. Our LEAs have no obligation under federal or state law to respond affirmatively.

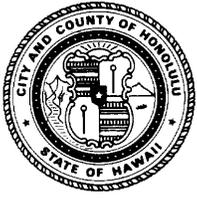
It is critical that our local law enforcement agencies maintain the trust and confidence of the residents that live here by clearly delineating their role. When police officers become entangled with Department of Homeland Security, immigrants will not come forth as witnesses, women feel they cannot report domestic violence, victims cannot come forward, and the security of entire communities is threatened.

Finally, Hawai'i LEAs are struggling with personnel and resource shortages to perform their mandated actions to serve and protect our communities. This bill protects our LEAs from additional strains on our county budgets and protects them from civil liability for potentially violating individual's Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure.

Mahalo,

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Jenn Kagiwada



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January 27, 2025

House Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

RE: HB22 - Relating To Collaboration With The Federal Government

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members,

I write in support of House Bill 22, which establishes procedures to facilitate a positive working relationship between all levels of government. Through my current role at the City and as a former deputy prosecuting attorney, I see the need for continued cooperation and collaboration between law enforcement agencies to keep our community safe, and I applaud the sacrifice and service of men and women that serve at the local, state, and federal levels. As we look at the needs of our community, it is imperative that we focus our resources on meeting the immediate needs of our community and acknowledge the different roles and responsibilities of different levels of government.

Representing areas from Waipahu to North Shore to Kahalu'u, I see the risk to public safety that a reduction in first responder resources could produce. As the community asks for increased community policing and patrol, and as we work to implement measures to increase staffing and decrease response times, I see HB22 as a means to prioritize collaboration on issues that pose a direct public safety risk - situations involving a felony, a judicial warrant, or others - while ensuring that City law enforcement resources be most focused on our obligations under our City Charter - enforcing our City and State laws and responding to the immediate needs of our community. With increasing responsibility being placed on our local police as new laws and regulations are passed, I also see HB22 as allowing our local law enforcement to continue positive relationships with other law enforcement agencies while also being able to keep their focus on their primary responsibilities under our City Charter so that they are not burdened with additional responsibilities that could interfere with their ability to positively engage with our local community.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Matt Weyer
Councilmember, District 2
Honolulu City Council



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Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawai'i
Regular Session of 2025
House Committee on Economic Development

Testimony by IATSE 665
January 29th, 2025

HB 22 – Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the House Committee on Economic Development,

My name is Tuia'ana Scanlan, president of IATSE 665 and IATSE International Trustee. Our union represents technicians and artisans in the Live Event, Tradeshow, and Film/TV sectors of Hawai'i's Entertainment industry. **Local 665 strongly supports HB 22 – Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government.**

The residents of Hawai'i and our immigrant communities have long been a cornerstone of our economy, our culture, and our way of life. If we do not act, the current presidential administration will wreak havoc on our communities. Neighbors, businesses, and even school children will be directly impacted. In light of the current federal administration's priorities, it is imperative that Hawai'i enacts bold legislation for the protection of its residents. There is no affirmative duty for state and local governments to share nonpublic information, and there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of non-public information either. The burden of time, energy, and resources to investigate and discover information should be borne solely by federal entities. We thank the architects of this bill for their courage and foresight. **Local 665 strongly supports HB 22.** We urge your committee to pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

In Solidarity,

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Tuia'ana Scanlan (he/him)

President, IATSE Local 665

IATSE International Trustee



Statement Before The
Wednesday, January 29, 2025
10:00 AM
Conference Room 423 & Videoconference

in consideration of
HB22

RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Chair ILAGAN, Vice Chair HUSSEY, and Members of the
House Economic Development & Technology Committee

The Legal Clinic (TLC) supports HB22, which allows state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

TLC is a Hawai'i nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. TLC is a direct legal services provider, representing those in Hawai'i who meet income eligibility guidelines without regard to immigration status, national origin, ethnic background, race, religion, ideology, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability. TLC works alongside immigrants so they can attain authorization to work and live with dignity, reunite with their families after years of separation and escape horrific violence to find refuge in the United States. TLC recognizes that every person needs and deserves to feel a sense of trust, welcome, and belonging.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Hawai'i is the most diverse state in the nation. See <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/567625-hawaii-california-and-nevada-are-most-diverse-states-in-the-us-census/> (retrieved 1/14/2025). In 2023, Hawai'i had about 256,000 immigrants, which is approx. 18% of the State population. See <https://usafacts.org/answers/how-many-immigrants-are-in-the-us/state/hawaii/> and <https://data.census.gov/profile/Hawaii?g=040XX00US15#populations-and-people> (retrieved 1/14/2025). The top countries of origin for immigrants were the Philippines (45 percent of immigrants), China (9 percent), Japan (8 percent), Korea (6 percent), and the Pacific Island Nations (4 percent). See https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants_in_hawaii.pdf (retrieved 1/14/2025).

There are between 41,000 -50,500 undocumented immigrants in Hawai'i. See <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/12/data-dive-hawai%CA%BBi-deportation-cases-hit-quarter-century-high/> (retrieved 1/14/2025). Hawai'i is the only state where undocumented women (55%) outnumber men. See <https://mchb.tvvisdata.hrsa.gov/Narratives/Overview/a0ac94c0-8538-417e-85c9-da6ac5c06603> (retrieved 1/14/2025).

Federal law does not require state and local entities to collect or share information with ICE. There is no affirmative duty for state and local governments to collect or share citizen or immigration status

information, and there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of other non-public information. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual."

An ICE civil immigration detainer -- or "immigration hold" -- is a written request to a local law enforcement agency to detain an individual for an additional 48 hours after the person's release date to provide ICE with extra time to decide whether to take the individual into federal custody for removal purposes.

These civil immigration detainers are problematic and imprison people without due process and, in many cases, without any charges pending or probable cause of any violation, which raises serious constitutional questions. Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas Co., No. 3:12-cv-02317-ST *17 (D.Or. April 11, 2014); see also Morales v. Chadbourne, 996 F. Supp. 2d 19, 29 (D.R.I. 2014). Local law enforcement agencies run the risk of litigation and damages liability when they honor ICE civil immigration detainer requests.

Further, honoring civil immigration detainers can damage good community policing goals by eroding trust between law enforcement and immigrant communities, making it difficult for police to work with immigrant communities and for immigrants to report crimes.

HB22 provides that a state or local law enforcement agency should not comply with an ICE civil immigration detainer unless accompanied by a judicial warrant. However, TLC is concerned that HB22 does permit a state or local law enforcement agency to detain an individual for up to 48 hours with only an ICE civil immigration detainer if the individual has been convicted of a felony within five years prior to the day of the official request or if there is probable cause to believe that the individual has or is engaged in terrorist activity. Given that a state or local law enforcement agency may detain a person based on concerns of terrorist activity, this may give rise to racial profiling or other overreach. We respectfully request that HB22 be amended to delete the provision allowing for civil detention based on probable cause.

HB22 also provides that a state or local law enforcement agency should not comply with ICE requests for non-public information about an individual, such as a person's release date, home address, or work address, unless accompanied by a judicial warrant or if the person has been convicted of a felony within five years prior to the date of the official request or if the person has been convicted as a repeat offender of any misdemeanor specified in HRS Sec. 706-606.5(5) within three years prior to the date of the request.

HB22 provides that a state or local law enforcement agency should limit immigration / citizenship status information collected from individuals to that necessary to perform its duties. Further, counties may provide for stronger standards and protections.

This bill will ensure that people are afforded the necessary protections under the law, families and communities are preserved, and our human rights and dignity are respected. To ensure that this bill is followed, TLC recommends an amendment including an enforcement provision if provisions are violated.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB22, with two minor suggested changes, and TLC respectfully urges the Committee members to pass HB22 out of your Committee. If you have questions of me, please contact me at sma@tlchawaii.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma

Sandy Ma
Community & Policy Advocate
The Legal Clinic

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 8:29:11 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa H. Gibson	Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Indivisible Hawaii strongly supports HB22.



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Testimony of Liza Ryan-Gill
In SUPPORT of HB22 with Recommendations for Amendments
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Representative Gregor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai‘i Coalition for Immigrant Rights (HCIR) in strong support of HB22, with suggested amendments to further strengthen its protections and align with Hawai‘i’s values of aloha, equity, and inclusion.

Hawai‘i is home to one of the most diverse populations in the nation, with nearly 18% of our residents being immigrants, many of whom contribute significantly to our economy, culture, and communities. Among these are undocumented individuals—estimated between 41,000 and 50,500—who often live in fear due to their immigration status. Hawai‘i is unique as the only state where undocumented women outnumber men, highlighting the need for policies that protect vulnerable populations and keep families together.

At HCIR, we advocate for immigrant rights rooted in justice and compassion. We believe HB22 is critical to ensuring that our state and local law enforcement agencies prioritize community trust and safety over immigration enforcement, which remains a federal responsibility.

When local law enforcement collaborates closely with ICE it is difficult for victims of crime, including domestic violence survivors, to determine whether or not they can call the police for support. Broken trust leads to unsafe communities.

While the bill provides much-needed clarity on collaboration with federal immigration authorities, certain provisions raise concerns about due process, racial profiling, and potential misuse.

We specifically highlight the following concerns:

1. **Civil Immigration Detainers:** Allowing detainment based on an ICE civil immigration detainer without a judicial warrant, particularly in cases of alleged terrorist activity, may lead to racial profiling and overreach. We respectfully request that this provision be removed to avoid eroding community trust. Trust is foundational to effective law enforcement and public safety. When immigrants fear interacting with police, crimes go



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unreported, making everyone less safe.

2. **Non-Public Information Sharing:** We support the bill's limitation on sharing non-public information, such as release dates and home or work addresses, unless accompanied by a judicial warrant. However, the allowance to share such information for individuals convicted of certain offenses risks broad interpretation and unintended consequences. We recommend narrowing this provision to ensure safeguards against misuse.
3. **Stronger Enforcement and Accountability:** The inclusion of an enforcement provision is necessary to ensure compliance and to uphold the spirit of this bill. Without enforcement, the protections outlined risk becoming aspirational rather than actionable.

HB22 represents an opportunity for Hawai'i to lead with dignity and humanity, ensuring protections for immigrants while upholding public safety and constitutional principles. It is a critical step in preserving our communities, ensuring that families remain together, and fostering trust in the institutions meant to serve and protect us all.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I respectfully urge the Committee to pass HB22 with these recommended amendments to ensure its intent is fully realized.

Mahalo for your support and consideration.

Liza Ryan-Gill
Executive Director
Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights



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The Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawaii
The House of Representatives
Committee Economic Development and Technology

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

January 29, 2025

H.B. 22 — RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the intent of H.B. 22, which allows state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

We represent state law enforcement officers organized in bargaining unit 14 that would be impacted by this measure. Given the drastic and extreme shift in our federal government policy on immigration, we appreciate the intent of this measure which aims to clarify the scope of our state's involvement on immigration. Our state law enforcement officers are already stretched thin in their existing services to the public. We find that it would be inappropriate and a disservice to taxpayers, to direct resources to a nonissue to accomplish an individual's political agenda. Pocketbook issues like cost of living and the development of more affordable housing, health and our homeless crisis, and public safety, among others, are significant challenges that our state faces. Immigration is not one of them.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.

To: House Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Re: HB 22 Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government

Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 423 & Via Videoconference
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10:00 AM

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members,

On behalf of HCANSpeaks!, I am writing in support of HB 22, relating to collaboration with the federal government. This bill aims to allow state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Federal law does not require state or local entities to collect or share information with ICE. Law enforcement agencies (LEAs) are not obligated to gather or disclose information about a person's citizenship or immigration status, nor are they prohibited from withholding other non-public information. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." ICE's requests to detain individuals beyond their legally required release time are purely voluntary. Local law enforcement agencies (LEAs) have no federal or state legal obligation to comply with these requests.

Immigrant communities face increasing risks and threats, leading many families to fear that any interaction with local police could put themselves or their loved ones at risk. To maintain trust and confidence, it is essential for our local law enforcement agencies to clearly define their role and responsibilities to the community.

Furthermore, this bill shields our local law enforcement agencies and the counties that fund them from civil liability, even when they potentially violate individuals' Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure.

I urge you to support this bill. Maintaining a clear distinction between our local police and federal immigration agents is essential for the safety and well-being of Hawai'i's children and families in immigrant communities. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 22.

Kind regards,
Noreen Kohl, Ph.D.
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January 27, 2025

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Technology

**Re: H.B. 22 H.D., Collaboration with Federal Government, SUPPORT
Hearing: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10 a.m. Conf. Rm. 423**

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee:

Background

It can happen here. And it did.

A detention camp. An Internment Camp. A concentration camp. **Honouliuli Internment Camp, Sand Island Detention Camp, U.S. Immigration Station, Waiakea Prison Camp, Kilauea Military Camp, Maui County Jail, Haiku Military Camp, Lana‘i City Jail, Kaunakakai County Jail, Kaunakakai County Courthouse, Wailua County Jail, Kalaheo Stockade, Waimea Jail, Lihue Plantation Gymnasium.**

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/students/internment-camps-hawai%E2%80%98>

After the Empire of Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, FDR ordered the internment of the Japanese Americans, regardless of their citizenship two months later. Executive Order 9066. The War Relocation Authority (WRA) was established on March 18th to organize their removal. **“These prisoners were never even charged with a crime, let alone convicted. Two-thirds of them were U.S. citizens, born in the U.S.—the remainder could not have become citizens because at that time people of Asian origin were prohibited from naturalization.”** <https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/untold-story/resources> [Emphasis added]. See also Michi Weglyn’s landmark **Years of Infamy, The Untold Story of America’s Concentration Camps**, and the NBC-produced documentary **“Guilty by Reason of Race.”**

- ❖ Fueled by suspicions of disloyalty with military personnel and local authorities collaborating on arrests, the U.S. government interned **2,270 people of Japanese ancestry in Hawai‘i**. The “internees” were at first confined to the local internment camps, with most being sent to O‘ahu’s U.S. Immigration station before being transferred to internment camps on the mainland.
- ❖ Thus, **more than 2,000 of the 120,000 or so Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned during the war came from Hawai‘i**. “Surrounded by barbed wire and armed sentries, they were held for the duration of the war - allegedly to prevent any attack on U.S. strategic installations, although not a single incident of a Japanese American attempting to aid the enemy was ever documented.”

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/sites/default/files/Participation%20in%20Democracy.pdf>

What was it like?

- As the round-up proceeded, the [Dorothea Lange] photographs show people ripped from their lives on short notice, forced to sell property at great losses, to give up homes &

furnishings, leave jobs and schools; lined up, registered, tagged like packages; waiting, waiting, often guarded by armed soldiers; allowed to bring only what they could carry.

- The greatest injury was often the humiliation. . . At the **Tanforan** assembly center in San Bruno, a former racetrack, the internees lived in horse stables. They are surrounded by prison regulations: no cameras, no books or magazines in Japanese, meals in large mess halls with food often ladled out from garbage cans, collective toilets, whole families sleeping in one “room” barely partitioned off from adjoining families, singles sleeping in huge wards with long rows of cots.
- The snow-covered Sierras looking down from the east did nothing to cool the 100-degree-plus heat, and there were neither trees nor hills to break the fierce winds, whether icy or hot. Lange was awed by the hostile environment: “meanest dust storms ... and not a blade of grass. And the springs are so cruel; when those people arrived there they couldn’t keep the tarpaper on the shacks.” . . . Unlike the other camps, **Manzanar** needed no high barbed fence or guards—as with Alcatraz, geography formed the prison walls.

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org>

“Resistance to the incarceration at Manzanar soon led to a prison uprising that the Army put down by shooting 11 prisoners, killing two. Afterward, internees were forced to complete a questionnaire to identify and segregate those who were disloyal to America.” **A Racist Purge Almost Destroyed My Family. Another One Is Coming. Timothy Soseki Kudo**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/18/opinion/immigration-trump-ww2-japanese-internment.htm](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/18/opinion/immigration-trump-ww2-japanese-internment.html)
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Now

America is now poised to allow a new version of the same profound injustice that nearly destroyed the Japanese in America. Donald Trump has vowed that he will move immediately to begin **rounding up as many as 20 million immigrants — including U.S. citizens born here and granted birthright citizenship — and deport them**. “If he achieves his goal, approximately **one in 16 people living in America could be imprisoned and deported** over the next four years. The time between President Roosevelt’s executive order and the first arrival to the Manzanar War Relocation Center was 30 days.”

Conclusion

With this history embedded in our minds of the simply horrific violations of law, the U.S. Constitution and especially our Hawai’i State Constitution¹, our law firm² **supports H.B. 22**, provided the **amendments recommended by The Legal Clinic** are incorporated in the next draft of this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Elizabeth Jubin Fujiwara

1 See, e.g., **State of Hawai’i v. Christopher L. Wilson**, 154 Hawai’i 8, 543 P.3d 440 (2024.) Justice Eddison emphasized that State constitutions provide a “double security” for the people’s liberty. The Federalist No. 51, at 321 (James Madison) . . . Per the Constitution’s design, the Hawai’i Constitution supplies an *additional* guarantee of individual rights. See, e.g., *State v. Tanaka*, 67 Haw. 658, 661, 701 P.2d 1274, 1276 (1985) (“We have not hesitated in the past to extend the protections of the Hawai’i *Bill of Rights* beyond those of textually parallel provisions in the Federal *Bill of Rights* when logic and a sound regard for the purposes of those protections have so warranted.”).

2 My law firm has fought for civil rights and specialized in employment law as plaintiffs’ attorneys since 1986.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:22:10 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin Haleyalpiy	COFACAN	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB22 COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025 Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of HB22, which allows state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances. Our officers already have the arduous task of keeping our communities safe within the confines of their normal standards of conduct. The federal government should pull from their own resources before they look to deplete more than they already have of what little resources we have. The state should look into cleaning up the systems that we have in place already before it thinks to add a whole other facet to an already failing system. I urge you to support this bill. Help protect those who protect our communities. Keep Hawai'i police officers Hawai'i's police officers. Thank you for your consideration and all the work you folks do for our Austin Haleyalpiy President/Re-Founder, COFACAN

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 1:40:16 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter A In	North Hawaii Community Action Network	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee,

I support HB22 which protects immigrants rights. As a descendant of immigrants I ask you to vote YES on this measure.

Respectfully, Peter A. In, M.D.



Committee: House Economic Development & Technology
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 10:00am
Place: Conference Room 423 & Via Videoconference
Re: **Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in SUPPORT of H.B. 22 Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government**

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members:

The ACLU of Hawai'i strongly supports H.B. 22, which would provide important and basic protections to residents of Hawai'i. Regardless of citizenship status, all people in the United States are entitled to due process protections.¹ This has long been established for the 4th Amendment², 5th Amendment³, 6th Amendment⁴, and 14th Amendment⁵, among others. The actions threatened by the new administration pose a serious risk to the rights and liberties guaranteed under the Constitution. The passage of H.B. 22 is important to limit the potential violations of resident rights, and is well within the rights of the State to resist federal commandeering in violation of the 10th Amendment.

H.B. 22 is necessary to protect Hawai'i individuals and communities:

The new presidential administration has promised massive, indiscriminate deportation operations. Some operations have already begun. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") will likely rely on local law enforcement, especially sheriff's departments, to provide information in support of mass raids and "at-large" arrest operations. These predatory operations create fear in communities regardless

¹ *Shaughnessy v. United States ex rel. Mezei*, 345 U.S. 206, 212 (1953) ("Aliens who have once passed through our gates, even illegally, may be expelled only after proceedings conforming to traditional standards of fairness encompassed in due process of law.");

Yamataya v. Fisher 189 U.S. 86 (1903) ("An alien who has entered the country, and has become subject in all respects to its jurisdiction, and a part of its population, although illegally here" cannot "be arrested and deported without giving such alien an opportunity, appropriate to the case, to be heard upon the questions involving his right to be and remain in the United States.")

² *Cotzokay v. Holder*, 725 F.3d 172, 181 (2d Cir. 2013) ("[I]t is uncontroversial that the Fourth Amendment applies to aliens and citizens alike."); *Melendres v. Arpaio*, 695 F.3d 990, 1000-01 (9th Cir. 2012) (applying Fourth Amendment to immigration arrests); *Ortega v. ICE*, 737 F.3d 435, 439 (6th Cir. 2013) ("transfer[ring] [a prisoner] from home confinement to prison confinement" based on an ICE detainer "amounts to a sufficiently severe change in conditions to implicate due process.")

³ *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 693 (2001) ("Once an alien enters the country, the legal circumstance changes, for the Due Process Clause applies to all persons within the United States, including aliens, whether their presence is lawful, unlawful, temporary, or permanent.")

⁴ *Wong Wing v. United States*, 163 U.S. 228, 238 (1896) ("Applying this reasoning to the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, it must be concluded that all persons within the territory of the United States are entitled to the protection guaranteed by those amendments.")

⁵ *Yick Wo v. Hopkins*, 118 U.S. 356, 369 ("The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution is not confined to the protection of citizens....these provisions are universal in their application, to all persons within the territorial jurisdiction, without regard to any differences of race, of color, or of nationality; and the equal protection of the laws is a pledge of the protection of equal laws.")

of citizenship status and operate based upon racial bias.⁶ Hawai'i need not be complicit in such acts of violence against its own populace.

Nearly one in five Hawaii residents is an immigrant, while one in seven residents is a native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent.⁷ Further, 40% of Hawai'i immigrants are not U.S. citizens, while more than a third are eligible for naturalization.⁸ Foreign-born residents also represent a vital share of the state's labor force in many sectors: over a third of healthcare support workers are immigrants, as are nearly two-fifths of the state's farmers, fishers, and foresters. Immigrants make up a third of Hawai'i's workers in the tourism industry and just under 40 percent of its farm workers, and many of these workers are undocumented. Immigrants in Hawai'i contributed \$17.6 billion to the local economy in 2018, with over \$874 million going to state and local taxes.⁹ More recent reporting notes that undocumented immigrants in Hawai'i contributed **\$157.2 million** in state and local taxes in 2022.¹⁰

As neighbors, business owners, taxpayers, and workers, immigrants are an integral part of Hawaii's diverse and thriving communities and make extensive contributions that benefit all.

Creating an oppressive environment of fear where Hawai'i residents cannot trust their own State and local government is destructive to Hawai'i's culture, communities, and fiscal well-being.

H.B. 22 is squarely within Hawai'i's legal authority:

The ACLU of Hawai'i is concerned that without the passage of H.B. 22 and similar bills, Hawai'i will be more vulnerable to unconstitutional actions by the federal executive. The provisions of H.B. 22 itself, on the other hand, are well supported by legal precedent.

First, the Tenth Amendment precludes federal government from commandeering state or local governments to use their resources to enforce a federal regulatory program, like immigration.¹¹

Hawaii Attorney General Lopez, along with 10 other state attorneys general, affirmed this on January 23rd, 2025.¹² H.B. 22 authorizes the state and localities to resist federal coercion that runs afoul of the constitution.

⁶ <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/12/immigrant-community-braces-for-trump/>;

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/immigrants-protected-legal-status-trump-era-rcna188754>

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2025/01/25/hawaii-immigrants-rising-fears-after-white-house-says-deportations-started/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2025/01/26/politics/chicago-immigration-trump-ice/index.html>

⁷ https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants_in_hawaii.pdf

⁸ <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/video/2024/08/20/40-hawaii-immigrants-are-not-us-citizens-more-than-third-are-eligible-be-naturalized/>

⁹ <https://research.newamericaneconomy.org/report/hawaii-immigrants-contributors-workforce-economy/>

¹⁰ <https://hiappleseed.org/blog/hardworking-undocumented-immigrants-support-hawaii-economy-communities>

¹¹ See *Printz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898, 923-24 (1997); *City of Chicago v. Sessions* (2017); *City of Philadelphia v. Sessions* (2017)

¹² JOINT STATEMENT FROM 11 STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL: STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CANNOT BE COMMANDEERED FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (“It is well-established—through longstanding Supreme Court precedent—that the U.S. Constitution prevents the federal government from commandeering states to enforce federal laws. While the federal government may use its own resources for federal immigration enforcement, the court ruled in *Printz v. United States* that the federal government cannot ‘impress into its service—and at no cost to itself—the police officers of the 50 States.’”)

Further, there is **no affirmative duty for state and local governments to collect or share information about non-citizen residents**. Similarly, there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of other non-public information, such as when a detained individual will be released or the individual's address. This is consistent with 8 U.S.C. § 1373. Compliance with immigration detainer orders has been found by the courts to be voluntary for state and local governments.¹³ Moreover, multiple federal courts have found detention by local agencies based on ICE detainers to be unconstitutional as conducted in the past.¹⁴

By limiting when Hawai'i will honor ICE detainers and the information that law enforcement agencies collect, H.B. 22 provides protection to vulnerable communities and signals that its law enforcement officers will not be weaponized against their neighbors.

The ACLU Hawai'i joins the many community members and organizations working to assist our undocumented and immigrant neighbors and asks that you support H.B. 22. Doing so upholds Hawai'i's constitutional rights against federal interference and shields the civil rights of our residents.

Sincerely,

Nathan Lee
Policy Legislative Fellow, ACLU Hawai'i

C: Carrie Ann Shirota, Policy Director
Salmah Rizvi, Executive Director

The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization founded in 1965 that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds.

¹³ See *Galarza v. Szalczyk*, 745 F.3d 634, 645 (3d Cir. 2014).

¹⁴ *Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas County*, No. 3:12-cv-02317-ST, 2014 WL 1414305 (D.Or. April 11, 2014); *Jimenez-Moreno v. Napolitano*, No. 1:11-cv-05452, Docket Entry 230 at 16-17 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 30, 2016); *Morales v. Chadbourne*, 996 F. Supp. 2d 19 (D.R.I. 2014) aff'd in part, dismissed in part, 793 F.3d 208, 215-216 (1st Cir. 2015); *Mercado et al. v. Dallas County*, No. 3:15-CV-3481 (N.D.Tex filed Jan. 17, 2017); *Orellana v. Nobles County*, No. 0:15-cv-03852 (D. Minn. Jan. 6, 2017).

HB-22

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Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
amy agbayani	hawaii friends of civil rights	Support	In Person

Comments:

Co-chairs Amy Agbayani and Paatricia McManaman the Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights. strongly supports hb22.

Our state has over 250,000 immigrants and less than 50,000 are undocumented. The top countries of origin were from the Philippines (45%), China (9%), Japan (8%), Korea (6%) and the Pacific island nations (4%). Most ICE arrests were from China and the Marshall Islands. Significant numbers of immigrants live in mixed status households where some members are US born or naturalized citizens, and permanent residents. Immigrants They continue to be part of our community and contribute to our economy and cultural fabric.

Please support this bill that ensures immigrants are afforded the necessary protections and due process.



House Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of HB22, HB73, HB438 and HB457 for hearings on January 29, 2025

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

UNITE HERE Local 5 represents 10,000 working people in the hotel, food service and health care industries across Hawaii.

The United States is founded on the ideas of freedom. Migration is freedom. The ability to move freely to pursue a better life is freedom. The ability to safely leave a place and safely arrive in a new place is freedom of movement. When that freedom is threatened, we must act on our values and protect those people from policies designed to restrict human freedoms.

Hawaii, as a melting pot of immigrants and their descendants, is a beneficiary of that freedom to migrate. Many of our union members are immigrants or children of immigrants, they are the working-class families, friends and neighbors that make up the fabric of our Hawaii communities.

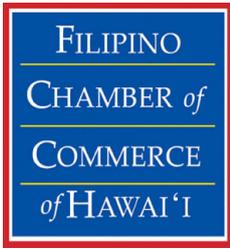
We support HB22 as it clarifies how Hawaii will treat non-judicial warrants. As noted in the preamble, there are legitimate concerns about the constitutionality of civil immigration detainers, as opposed to criminal warrants issued by a judge with probable cause. HB22 also provides reasonable and thoughtful exceptions in certain scenarios.

We support HB73 as it protects our already limited state and county public lands from being developed into detention centers. We have far more pressing economic development needs in Hawaii, such as affordable housing.

We support HB438 as it provides due process and legal representation for individuals facing proceedings in immigration court. Due process is a foundation of our court systems. If an individual has a viable claim for their immigration status, but is denied it for lack of representation, then that is a failure of our democratic system. HB438 provides eligibility requirements ensuring those with insufficient financial means are given fair trial at court.

We support HB457 as it provides transparency, public access and public participation in immigration matters between federal agencies and Hawaii state law enforcement. HB457 also provides that people in custody of law enforcement are informed of their rights. Public access to information and informing people of their rights are basic democratic principles we support.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

29 January 2025
10 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 423

In Consideration of
H.B. 22

RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey and members of the Committee, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (FCCH) supports **HB22** which allows state and county law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Federal law does not require state and local entities to collect or share information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). There is no affirmative duty for LEAs to collect or share citizen or immigration status information, and there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of other non-public information. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." Requests from ICE to hold a person of interest after the time when they are legally released from local custody, is just that, a request. Our LEAs have no obligation under federal or state law to respond affirmatively.

In this time of heightened fear among immigrant communities many individuals believe that any interaction with local police could endanger themselves or their family members. It is critical that our local law enforcement agencies maintain the trust and confidence of the residents that live here by clearly delineating their role.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
HB22 RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 10:00 am, State Capitol Conference Room

Honorable Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee

While State and Local government entities are not required to collect or share information with Federal law enforcement agencies, it is imperative that our State and Local government entities put the safety and well-being of our citizens first and foremost.

Submitted in **STRONG OPPOSITION** by Jamie Detwiler, President, Hawaiian Islands Republican Women for the following reasons:

1. Allowing our law enforcement to work with the federal government for immigration in only “limited” or “specific circumstances” prohibits them from removing all “illegal” immigrants from our country.
2. Illegal immigrants drain the resources of our state include welfare, food stamps, and Medicaid benefits intended for U.S. Citizens. They also occupy jobs that should be available for U.S. Citizens.
3. Criminal illegal immigrants who are involved in illegal activities such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, and forced labor should be arrested and deported.

Therefore, it would be in the best interest of Hawaii to cooperate and work with Federal law enforcement agencies such as U.S. Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

For these reasons, please vote NO on HB22. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Jamie Detwiler, President
Hawaiian Islands Republican Women



Re: Urgent Support for HB 22, Relating to Immigration; Collaboration with Federal Government; Law Enforcement Agencies

To: Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair Rep. Daniel Holt Rep. Chris Todd Rep. Adrian K. Tam Rep. Lauren Matsumoto Rep. Shirley Ann Templo

Hrg: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10:00, Conference Room 423

Esteemed Senators Ilagan, Hussey, Holt, Todd, Tam, Matsumoto, and Templo,

As the founding director of Maui Roots Reborn, I've witnessed firsthand the resilience and vulnerability of our migrant and immigrant community. Forged in the fires of the 2023 Maui wildfires, our organization, comprised entirely of bilingual and bicultural migrants and children of immigrants, has become a lifeline for over a thousand individuals. We are trusted, we understand the cultural nuances, and we share the lived experiences of those we serve.

This is why we at Maui Roots Reborn strongly support HB22. The current Presidential administration's proposed Department of Homeland Security policies and the looming threat of ICE agents arriving in Hawai'i to carry out mass deportations are deeply alarming. Our immigrant families, already traumatized by the 2023 wildfires, now face the terrifying prospect of detention and deportation.

We cannot allow a repeat of past abuses in which immigrants were subjected to discriminatory targeting, family separation, indefinite detention without charge, and denial of due process rights. These actions are unacceptable and have no place in our society.

Collaborating with ICE is not only fiscally irresponsible but also deeply concerning for another crucial reason: it undermines the trust we have worked so hard to build. We have spent countless hours rebuilding our community's faith in institutions and organizations after the trauma of the wildfires. Most recently, we have carefully and deliberately

worked to foster a sense of safety and trust between our immigrant community and the police department, assuring them that they can rely on law enforcement for protection and assistance. Forcing our police to act as ICE agents would shatter this fragile trust, undoing years of hard work and jeopardizing the safety and well-being of our community.

Furthermore, it would divert resources from our local law enforcement agencies and force them to participate in actions that fall outside their jurisdiction. Allowing ICE to conduct mass deportations sets a dangerous precedent, undermining the civil liberties of all residents of our state. The Fifth Amendment guarantees due process protections for all persons, including immigrants, and these rights must be upheld.

Immigrants are vital members of our communities, contributing to our economy, enriching our culture, and strengthening our social fabric. They deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, not fear and persecution.

Roots Reborn urges Hawai'i to stand strong against these harmful policies. We must prevent mass deportations that would devastate our communities and tear families apart. By passing HB22, we can reaffirm our commitment to protecting the rights and well-being of all Hawai'i residents, regardless of immigration status.

Sincerely,

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Veronica Mendoza Jachowski
Executive Director
Roots Reborn



Randy Perreira
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The Thirty-Second Legislature
House of Representatives
Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

January 29, 2025

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB22 - RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 74 affiliate labor organizations representing over 68,000 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 HB22, which limits state and county law enforcement agencies' collaboration with federal immigration authorities to specific circumstances. Recent federal actions on immigration enforcement have created uncertainty for many immigrant workers, who play a vital role in Hawaii's economy. These workers are critical to sustaining key industries, and unnecessary entanglement between local law enforcement and federal immigration agencies risks creating fear and instability that harm not only individuals but also the broader workforce.

Providing clear boundaries for collaboration allows Hawaii to prioritize its own needs and focus on addressing challenges like worker shortages and economic growth. Ensuring that all workers feel secure contributes to stronger workplace environments and a more resilient economy overall.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Randy Perreira
President

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 2:31:59 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nadine Ortega	Tagnawa	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Tagnawa is an organization of Filipino language experts, mental health professionals and community organizers working toward an equitable recovery from the Lahaina fire. Tagnawa testifies **in strong support** of H.B. 22 as a critical measure to protect the Lahaina and statewide Filipino community from further trauma and displacement.

Mahalo,

Nadine Ortega, J.D.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB22:
RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

TO: House Committee on Economic Development & Technology
FROM: Tina Andrade, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: Wednesday, 1/29/25, 10:00 am; Room 423 & Videoconference

Chair Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair Ikaika Hussey and Members, Committee on Economic Development & Technology:

Catholic Charities Hawai'i **Supports HB 22, Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government**, which allows state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes **in only limited, specific circumstances**.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i. We service over 113,000 people each year throughout the state. We are a Department of Justice (DOJ) Recognized Organization and our General Immigration Service Program provides legal immigration services with staff who are accredited through the DOJ.¹

Federal law does not require state and local entities to collect or share information with ICE. There is no affirmative duty for LEAs to collect or share citizen or immigration status information, and there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of other non-public information. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." Requests from ICE to hold a person of interest after the time when they are legally released from local custody, is just that, a request. Our LEAs have no obligation under federal or state law to respond affirmatively.

In this time of heightened fear throughout immigrant communities, we want to reassure our immigrant clients that local law enforcement will not be sharing or assisting ICE except in cases where individuals are considered a serious threat to society.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i urges your support for this bill.

If you have any questions, please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson, at (808) 5274813.

¹ <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/942306/dl#HAWAII>



HB 22, RELATING TO RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

JANUARY 29, 2025 · ECD HEARING

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: Imua Alliance **supports** HB 22, relating to collaboration with the federal government, which allows state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Imua Alliance is a victim service provider for survivors of sex trafficking, **including numerous migrant survivors**. Over the past 15 years, we have provided comprehensive direct intervention (victim rescue) services to over 200 victims, successfully emancipating them from slavery and assisting in their restoration, while providing a range of targeted services to over 1,000 victims and individuals at risk of sexual exploitation. During the pandemic, demand for services to our organization skyrocketed by 330 percent, driven in part by a fivefold increase in direct crisis calls.

Many of the victims we have assisted have suffered from complex and overlapping trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety, dissociation, parasuicidal behavior, and substance abuse. Trafficking-related trauma and trauma-coerced attachment can even lead to a complete loss of identity and significant memory loss. Our survivor-clients require a tremendous amount of psychological, medical, and occupational support once outside of the commercial sex industry, as they painstakingly progress toward recovery.

Countless human trafficking survivors are migrants. Our state's migrant survivor population is difficult to estimate, but exceeds 500-1,000 people annually. These individuals are exploited in local storefront brothels (such as fake massage parlors and relaxation therapy establishments), on local farms, and in our fishing industry, where they are forced to endure inhumane conditions and are stripped of any documentation and identification materials they may have.

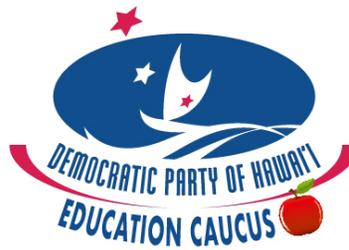
We should provide assistance and a path to citizenship for immigrants, not punishment and fear. According to a report published by the American Immigration Council in 2020, Hawai'i is home to over 266,000 immigrants, including 45,000 thousand undocumented immigrants. As a society, we treasure our immigrant heritage, from which we have developed a legacy of multicultural cooperation and an abiding respect for the limitless value of diversity.

President Donald Trump has signaled his intent to implement a draconian, arbitrary, and cruel system of enforcement when it comes to immigration. Already, immigration raids have been initiated throughout the country, including in our island home. On January 27th, Hawai'i News Now reported that the local office of Homeland Security Investigations posted photos on social media of officers from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Drug Enforcement Administration arresting immigrants on our shores. Trump officials have also begun issuing quotas to ICE officers to ramp up arrests, according to the Washington Post.

Advocates and, of course, immigrants themselves—both documented and undocumented—are justifiably concerned about these mass deportation actions. As the American Immigration Council stated in its “After Day One” factsheet: “The initial wave of executive actions scales up a “mass deportation” operation that everyone without legal status in the United States will be highly vulnerable to on the first day these practices go into effect. Indeed, by invoking the registration provision, the Trump administration is threatening to turn all immigrants into criminals by setting them up for the ‘crime’ of failing to register,” which they have no way to do.

From a historical perspective, we are all immigrants. We urge your committee to act with haste to defend the many immigrants who make our communities proud and call the Aloha State home.

Contact us at imuaalliance.org/contact.



HOUSE BILL 22, RELATING TO COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

JANUARY 29, 2025 · ECD HEARING

POSITION: Support.

RATIONALE: The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus **supports** HB 22, relating to collaboration with the federal government, which allows state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Hawai'i understands the value of immigration and cultural diversity. Our island home—like the United States—is defined by immigration and a legacy of migrant labor that has bestowed upon us a rich social tapestry, multifaceted economy, and an everlasting respect for the principles of democracy and pluralism. As Barack Obama once said, “What makes someone American isn’t just blood or birth, but allegiance to our founding principles and faith in the idea that anyone—from anywhere—can write the next chapter of our story.”

Today, however, we are witnessing a cruel campaign of mass deportation being implemented throughout the country—including in our state—which is undermining the roots of communities in which migrants are celebrated members. Recently, the Trump administration has removed restrictions that prevented Immigration and Customs Enforcement from conducting raids at so-called sensitive locations, including schools (as well as houses of worship and hospitals).

We cannot sit idly by while Donald Trump enacts a campaign of fear against our immigrant neighbors. These actions will not prop up the American economy. On the contrary, immigrant labor is essential to the preservation of our society's financial well-being. Immigrants boost overall economic growth by expanding the labor force and increasing consumer spending. The foreign born also start new businesses at higher rates than U.S.-born individuals. Immigrants were involved in the development of 30 percent of patents in strategic industries in recent years and more than 40 percent of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants.

Higher-than-expected immigration is driving job growth and productivity and *was* projected to continue doing so in the coming years: The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that a greater level of immigration expected between 2024 and 2034 *could have* boosted gross domestic product (GDP) by \$8.9 trillion. Yet, these gains will be jeopardized by the Trump Administration's inhumane mass deportation actions, which harken back to the race-based policies of the 19th and early 20th Centuries and draw frightening parallels to the policies put in place by violent authoritarian governments throughout history, including the Nazi regime.

Immigrants exist in our neighborhoods, our schools, our workplaces, and all other spaces in our state. They empower our society to thrive, despite the social and political violence with which they are forced to endure. As a state, we have a responsibility to protect their well-being. If we fail, history will remember our complicity in the annihilation of human rights and civil liberties, and our unwillingness to do what is right to preserve the most fundamental tenets of our democracy.

Contact: educationcaucusdph@gmail.com

Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. No. 22 – Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government

January 28, 2025

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our strong support for H.B. No. 22, which seeks to limit state and local law enforcement's collaboration with federal immigration authorities to narrowly defined circumstances.

Hawai'i has always been a place where diversity thrives and where people from all walks of life come together to build a community rooted in mutual respect and aloha. Immigrants, whether documented or undocumented, have played a crucial role in shaping the culture, economy, and history of our state. This deep-rooted multiculturalism is a defining characteristic of Hawai'i's identity.

In the 1830s, King Kamehameha III brought Mexican cowboys to Hawai'i, whose skills gave rise to the paniolo traditions still celebrated today. Similarly, Chinese immigrants, who began arriving in the mid-1800s to work on sugar plantations, became an integral part of Hawai'i's history. Their contributions extended beyond labor, influencing the islands through Chinese medicine, cuisine, and business, with many becoming entrepreneurs who helped shape Hawai'i's economy. Puerto Rican workers who arrived in the early 1900s brought culinary and cultural influences, while Mexican and Central American laborers continue to support Hawai'i's world-renowned Kona coffee industry. These stories highlight the invaluable contributions of immigrant communities. Contributions that continue today, as immigrants make up over 20% of Hawai'i's workforce, including vital roles in agriculture, hospitality, healthcare, and entrepreneurship. However, this legacy of inclusion and shared prosperity is at risk when local law enforcement collaborates with federal immigration authorities like ICE. These practices not only perpetuate fear within immigrant communities but also rely on racial profiling, disproportionately targeting individuals based on their appearance, language, or perceived ethnicity. Hawai'i cannot stand idly by while such discriminatory practices take root in our state.

Racial profiling and ICE's sweeping enforcement tactics create a climate of suspicion and distrust that extends beyond undocumented immigrants. Mixed-status families, many of which include U.S. citizens, live in constant anxiety over the possibility of separation. The trauma inflicted on children, who are often U.S. citizens themselves, leaves lasting emotional scars, affecting their mental health, education, and sense of security.

This fear does not stay confined to one group; it echoes across entire communities. Asian and Pacific Islander communities are also vulnerable to these policies. Allowing local law enforcement to assist ICE undermines the trust essential for community safety. Victims of domestic violence, for example, may avoid seeking help, and witnesses to crimes may remain silent out of fear that any interaction with law enforcement could result in deportation for themselves or their loved ones.

Moreover, ICE detainers are issued without judicial oversight and lack the probable cause required for criminal warrants. By involving local law enforcement in enforcing civil immigration detainers, we risk violating constitutional rights and diverting resources from genuine threats to public safety. H.B. No. 22 ensures that Hawai'i's law enforcement agencies focus on protecting our communities, rather than supporting unconstitutional practices.

This bill strikes a fair and thoughtful balance. It allows for collaboration with federal authorities in cases involving clear public safety risks, such as recent felony convictions or probable cause of terrorism, while ensuring that families can live without the constant fear of being torn apart.

As a state that exemplifies the benefits of multiculturalism and inclusion, Hawai'i has a responsibility to stand against policies rooted in racial profiling and fear. Passing H.B. No. 22 aligns with the values of aloha, justice, and respect for all people, ensuring that our state remains a place where diverse communities can thrive together.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of H.B. No. 22. We urge you to pass this measure and protect the rights, dignity, and safety of all Hawai'i residents.

Mahalo,

A.L.O.H.A. Latinos

Victoria Magaña Ledesma

Marlen Villatoro

Graciela Del Rio

Armando Rodriguez

Karina Rodriguez

Anna Marie Smith

Maria Alejandra Cisneros Zavala

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HAWAII WORKERS CENTER

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January 28, 2025

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Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Economic Development & Technology
Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair
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RE: SUPPORT for H.B. 22 Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government

Dear Chair Rep. Ilagan, Vice-Chair Rep. Hussey, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology:

The Hawaii Workers Center (HWC) envisions a Hawaii in which all workers are empowered to exercise their right to organize for their social, economic and political well-being.

It is a resource of information, education, training and organizing for Hawaii's workers.

The HWC stands in **support of H.B. 22** which allows state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes **in only limited, specific circumstances.**

Our base of workers include immigrant and migrant low-wage workers who often do not have direct access to much needed legal resources. The current political climate and recent policy changes at the federal level on the issue of immigration have created confusion, fear, and uncertainty for many of these workers. H.B. 22 strengthens our state's jurisdiction in its constitutional right to determine policies that most impact its residents.

Thank you for your consideration in support of H.B. 22.

Sincerely,

Sergio Alcubilla
Executive Director

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 5:23:54 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE any Bill in which the State would attempt to defy the deportation efforts of the federal government to enforce our immigration laws. We need to take care of legal citizens and residents in Hawaii first, not illegal aliens who are criminals by definition. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 7:44:53 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Being in Hawaii illegally is in violation of Federal Law. Federal Law supercedes State Law. Obvisously, HB22 was drafted to counter President Trumps mandate to remove individuals who are in our country illegally. If passed, HB22 could very well threatened the millions of dollars of Federal Funds our Law Enforcement Agencies receive that help keep our communities and roadways safe. I strongly oppose HB22.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 2:43:41 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alika Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB22.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 12:25:27 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judi Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against this bill

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 1:28:07 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB22, which allows state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances. It is critical that our local law enforcement agencies maintain the trust and confidence of the residents that live here by clearly delineating their role. Please pass this measure and mahalo.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 3:59:11 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nandita Sharma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this legislation as it is a first step in safeguarding people in Hawaii against the predations of Trump's unlawful (in respect to both national and international laws on asylum) and anti-immigrant agenda.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 4:01:12 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 4:35:14 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorna Farnum	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is the job of the Federal government to do the Federal governments work. It is NOT the State of Hawaii's job to assist turning over immigrants legal or otherwise to the Federal government. It's not in our budget; heck the budget for the Federal government hasn't been approved by Congress for this illegal Mass Deportation edict signed by president # 47. It has already started in other states WITHOUT regard for an individual's citizenship & often WITHOUT a valid (if any) warrant. Additionally, there is NO DUE PROCESS given to the individuals taken which violates The Rule of Law upon which this country is based. Those detained in New Jersey for example contained American Citizens & the ICE agents even ridiculed one of the individuals when he showed them that he was a VETERAN & a CITIZEN. Some of the American Citizens were from Puerto Rico. Despite the way DJT treated Puerto Rico during his last term in office, Puerto Rico is an American Territory which makes all Puerto Ricans American Citizens. In a thwarted raid, a school principal would NOT allow ICE agents on school grounds to take minors who may or may not be citizens as they did NOT have a warrant & School Officials CANNOT legally release children to just anyone without their parents' permission. To go to a school is wholly abhorrent, illegal, & without due process for the children. Many of those children may NOT even know their citizen status (I was a teacher in CA for 24+ years) & schools do NOT ask this information as it is their duty to provide an education to ALL children within their school districts.

Testimony in Support of HB22

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Committee: Economic Development and Technology

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB22, which seeks to regulate collaboration between Hawaii's state and county law enforcement agencies and federal immigration authorities. This bill will send a reassuring message to our immigrant neighbors, family, and friends that our state is doing all that it can to protect their safety, that we value their contributions to our state, and that the citizens and state government will not go along with the misguided federal policy of mass deportations.

Immigration raids by federal authorities would tear families apart, disrupt our economy, and lead to an atmosphere of fear and mistrust. This bill would take a stand against that and serve to insulate our state, to the extent possible, from this divisive agenda of turning neighbor against neighbor.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass this important legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown
Waialua, HI

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 6:16:30 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denise L Martinez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. Immigrants are a vital part of our community here in Hawaii and a rich part of our past. Hawaii would not be Hawai'i without immigrants.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 8:52:51 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Caringer, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB22

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair

Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB22, which allows state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Federal law does not require state and local entities to collect or share information with ICE. There is no affirmative duty for LEAs to collect or share citizen or immigration status information, and there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of other non-public information. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." Requests from ICE to hold a person of interest after the time when they are legally released from local custody, is just that, a request. Our LEAs have no obligation under federal or state law to respond affirmatively.

In this time of heightened fear among immigrant communities many individuals believe that any interaction with local police could endanger themselves or their family members. It is critical that our local law enforcement agencies maintain the trust and confidence of the residents that live here by clearly delineating their role. When police officers become entangled with Department of Homeland Security immigrant women feel they cannot report domestic violence, victims cannot come forward with information, and the security of the entire community is threatened.

As a child psychologist, I am also extremely concerned about the impact on immigrant children, and want children to feel they can go to our local police for assistance, rather than fear all law enforcement.

Lastly, this bill protects our local law enforcement agencies and the countries that fund them from civil liability for potentially violating individuals' Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure.

I urge you to support this bill. It is imperative that we keep the distinction between our local police and federal immigration agents.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Ellen R. Caringer, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 9:43:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Takayuki Harada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB22

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair

Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

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I urge you to support this bill. It is imperative that we keep the distinction between our local police and federal immigration agents.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Takayuki Harada

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB22
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

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Lastly, this bill protects our local law enforcement agencies and the countries that fund them from civil liability for potentially violating individuals' Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure.

I urge you to support this bill. It is imperative that we keep the distinction between our local police and federal immigration agents.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Hugh Jones
Kailua, Hawaii

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 10:43:16 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As I write this, I am watching news reports of removal of immigrants. Colombia will not grant the US flights to enter its airspace. I believe what the President is doing is illegal. Citizens, veterans, have been caught in these sweeps. I am a native born citizen but realize, as Felon Trump does not, that we are all sons and daughters of immigrants. We must fight back. Please move this bill forward.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 11:43:52 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy D Moser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB22.

Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee,

This measure addresses the **due process** necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure.

Mahalo,

Nancy Moser

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 12:01:51 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a granddaughter of a Mexican immigrant who came to the US for a better life and achieved it by becoming an entrepreneur and providing jobs for Americans, I support any measures to protect hard working immigrants in Hawaii.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 1:29:16 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

North Hawaii Community Action Network supports HB 22 to protect Hawaii's immigrant community and the rights of us all.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 2:02:15 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DORIEN MCCLELLAN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. They have become part of the fabric of these islands. Their work is support of our commerce, our families and our health care.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 2:26:29 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patti Cook	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha ECD Chair Illagan and Committee Members: This bill deserves immediate approval given recent actions at the federal level that are spreading toxic fear in our Hawai'i communities and threatening unconstitutional actions against residents who are an integral party of our communities. Please expedite passage. MAHALO, Patti Cook 808-937-2833

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 2:53:53 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB22

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair

Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

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Lastly, this bill protects our local law enforcement agencies and the countries that fund them from civil liability for potentially violating individuals' Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure.

I urge you to support this bill. It is imperative that we keep the distinction between our local police and federal immigration agents.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Gail Morrison

Honolulu, Hawaii

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 3:52:57 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chelsea pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB22.

Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure.

Thank you

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 4:41:56 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Delaney	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB22. Please vote yes and protect human rights.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 5:02:48 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are a nation of IMMIGRANTS. The rich tapestry of our community, culture and life is a testament to the value of immigrants. They deserve to be protected!

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:10:12 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JOAN JACKSON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote to protect our rights as residents of Hawaii. Protect our families. Protect due process.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:30:07 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juvana Soliven	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:31:06 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Harvey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in opposition to this measure

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 8:18:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beppie Shapiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

For all the reasons HB22 details, I am in full support. Please pass this bill.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 10:47:22 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Josh Fowler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony on HB22 – Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government
OPPOSE**

I strongly oppose HB22, which seeks to limit state and county law enforcement agencies' ability to collaborate with federal immigration authorities. This bill undermines the enforcement of federal laws and prioritizes those who violate immigration laws over the safety and well-being of Hawaii's residents.

Here are the key reasons for my opposition:

- **Terminology Matters:**
 - The term "undocumented immigrant" is misleading. These individuals are in violation of federal law, making them illegal immigrants. To call them anything else is to distort reality. It's like someone stealing from Walmart and insisting they're just an "unreceipted customer."
- **Public Safety Concerns:**
 - Restricting law enforcement from honoring detainer requests could lead to the release of individuals with criminal records, including felons, back into our communities.
 - California's sanctuary policies have shown how these decisions can lead to tragic consequences, such as preventable crimes committed by individuals who should have been detained or deported.
- **Federal and State Cooperation is Critical:**
 - Immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility, but state and local cooperation is essential for public safety. States like Texas and Arizona have demonstrated the benefits of strong collaboration with federal authorities to enforce immigration laws effectively.
 - Hawaii should focus on solutions that ensure safety and respect for legal immigrants rather than creating barriers to federal-state collaboration.
- **Fairness to Legal Immigrants:**
 - This bill disrespects those who follow the legal process to immigrate and settle in Hawaii. Supporting individuals who knowingly break the law undermines fairness and the rule of law.
- **Financial Burden on Local Resources:**

- Non-cooperation shifts the financial burden onto the state and local law enforcement agencies, which are already operating with limited resources. This could lead to increased costs for Hawaii taxpayers.

I urge the legislature to reject HB22 and focus on policies that:

- Empower law enforcement to work with federal authorities.
- Prioritize public safety and accountability for those who violate immigration laws.
- Support and promote legal pathways to immigration.

Hawaii is a welcoming state, but that welcome must not come at the expense of safety, fairness, and the rule of law. Please oppose HB22.

Mahalo,
JD Fowler

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:32:20 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:36:27 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judy McCluskey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB22 has my enthusiastic support.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:08:17 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Delaney	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB22. Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:00:51 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Bellamy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our immigrants in Hawai'i who contribute to our economy and local communities.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:40:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
dana edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protet immigrants in Hawaii. Please support this!

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:41:19 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. They provide needed services, pay taxes and are members of our ohana. The current administrations policies are cruel and unnecessary.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 12:35:30 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah G. Nehmad	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB22. This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote **YES** on this measure."

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 12:45:17 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
roberta cestare	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB22, which allows collaboration with the federal government for immigration purposes in only very limited and specific circumstances.

Trust and confidence in our local law enforcement agencies is critical to the public well being in Hawaii. Lack of trust and confidence in local law enforcement can easily translate to individuals being afraid to come forward in domestic abuse cases and other acts of violence.

HB22 makes a very clear distinction between our local police and federal immigration agents and I urge you to support it.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 2:59:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beth McDermott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 22 to protect Hawaii's immigrant community and our police. Our police officers should not be forced to do anything more than what is legally required. Immigrants need to know they can trust our police should they need their protection in the event of a crime. Asking our police to carry out additional ICE enforcement action will destroy our immigrants faith in our police and threaten the goodwill they enjoy in our communities. Please vote for this bill

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:18:08 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea L W Fruggiero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support the HB 22 bill being voted on tomorrow. Vote YES!

Mahalo for considering all of our residents in Hawaii.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:28:45 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support protecting immigrants

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:33:41 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Linde	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly in support of this bill in its original form. We are a state with a rich history of welcoming immigrants, and we are absolutely better off for it. Meanwhile, our social services are already overburdened so that the additional tasks of accomodating ICE requests of questionable validity would have clear negative impacts on all residents. This bill clearly delineates appropriate actions that should be taken by state and local authorities, and it should be passed.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:52:05 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Iris Mendoza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Iris and I am a resident of Honolulu on the island of Oahu. I am writing in strong support of HB22, which limits state and county law enforcement agencies' (LEAs) collaboration with federal immigration authorities to specific, clearly defined circumstances.

Federal law does not require state or local agencies to collect or share information with ICE. Under Title 8 U.S. Code Section 1373, states are only restricted from prohibiting communication about an individual's citizenship or immigration status. This does not obligate LEAs to collect or share this information or respond affirmatively to ICE detainer requests. ICE's requests to hold individuals beyond the time they are legally released are just that—requests, not mandates.

At a time when fear is high within our immigrant communities, we must ensure that local law enforcement agencies remain trusted allies rather than sources of intimidation or harm. When local police are perceived as extensions of federal immigration enforcement, immigrant families often feel too afraid to report crimes or cooperate with investigations. Survivors of domestic violence may suffer in silence, witnesses to crimes may withhold critical information, and the safety of entire communities can be compromised.

HB22 also safeguards our local law enforcement agencies and the counties that fund them from potential civil liability for violating individuals' Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful searches and seizures. By maintaining a clear distinction between the role of our local police and that of federal immigration agents, we can protect the rights and safety of all Hawai'i residents.

I urge you to support this measure to ensure that our communities remain safe, secure, and inclusive for everyone who calls Hawai'i home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Iris Mendoza

Honolulu, Hawaii

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:57:20 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Morgan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i. I am vey concerned about the federal government's abominal, unethical deportation of many friends, acquaintances, students, and business owners in my district, Ka'u. Please pass this bill to protect them.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:24:12 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
vivienne aronowitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

in STRONG SUPPORT of HB22. Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:43:51 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary M. McNamara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:24:32 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to vote against this measure. Anyone here illegally should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Why are we protecting illegals more than our own citizens? This should not even be a bill!

sincerely,

law abiding citizen

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:02:02 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Esteemed Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for HB22, a bill that thoughtfully clarifies the limited and specific circumstances under which our state and county law enforcement agencies (LEAs) may collaborate with the federal government on immigration matters.

It's important to understand that federal law *does not* mandate our local law enforcement to act as immigration agents. There's no requirement for them to collect or share immigration status information, and they are perfectly within their rights to limit the sharing of other non-public information. While federal law (specifically, 8 USC 1373) prevents state and local governments from *restricting* communication about immigration status with federal authorities, it doesn't *require* such communication. Even requests from ICE to detain someone beyond their legal release from local custody are just that – *requests*, not obligations. Our LEAs are not legally bound to comply.

In today's climate, many in our immigrant communities live with a heightened sense of fear. They worry that any interaction with local police could put themselves or their loved ones at risk. It's absolutely vital that our law enforcement agencies maintain the trust and confidence of *all* residents. This trust is built on clearly defining the role of local police, separating it from federal immigration enforcement. When local police become entangled with Department of Homeland Security immigration enforcement, it has devastating consequences. Immigrant women may be too afraid to report domestic violence, victims of other crimes may be too scared to come forward, and the safety of our entire community is jeopardized. As Beverley Tobias of Kauai so eloquently put it, community safety is threatened when trust is broken.

Furthermore, HB22 offers crucial protection for our local law enforcement and the counties that fund them. It shields them from potential civil liability for Fourth Amendment violations related to unlawful search and seizure – a very real concern in these situations.

I strongly urge you to support HB22. It's essential that we maintain a clear and distinct separation between our local police and federal immigration agents, ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lum

‘Ewa Beach, Hawai‘i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:09:40 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bailey Aughe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:10:05 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malcolm Mearu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:16:16 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karissa Rowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i".

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:40:27 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew J Aughe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:11:54 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:15:59 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruben Juarez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support.

The proposed bill effectively allocates state and local resources by limiting the financial and operational burdens that federal immigration enforcement places on Hawaii's law enforcement agencies. Immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility, and when local agencies are required to comply with non-mandatory federal requests, such as civil immigration detainers, the resulting costs—both in terms of personnel time and resource allocation—detract from critical public services. These financial inefficiencies are particularly detrimental in Hawaii, where state resources are already stretched thin to address essential issues such as housing, healthcare, and education. By narrowing the circumstances under which local agencies collaborate with federal authorities, the bill ensures that local funds and efforts are prioritized for community needs, contributing to overall economic stability and efficiency in public spending.

Furthermore, this legislation supports Hawaii's diverse labor market, heavily reliant on immigrant contributions across sectors such as tourism, agriculture, and healthcare. Fear and distrust of law enforcement, stemming from local agencies' perceived role in federal immigration enforcement, can drive immigrant workers into the shadows, reducing their economic participation and willingness to report crimes or violations that harm the broader community. By fostering trust and cooperation between immigrant populations and law enforcement, the bill strengthens community cohesion and productivity. This, in turn, enhances economic resilience by safeguarding Hawaii's labor force and preserving the state's reputation as an inclusive and welcoming place for workers and businesses alike.

Please pass HB22

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:22:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Elyse Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

Deuteronomy 27:19: Cursed is anyone who deprives a foreigner of justice

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 1:45:31 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea Janas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 6:59:07 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:11:02 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharee Orr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Illegal sliens are illegal therefore do not and should not get any support. Come through the border the correct way. There's a process.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:14:58 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:32:44 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I deeply oppose this bill

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:45:43 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Back in Kamehameha's day, you had to ask permission to stay. Bills like these are saying you don't need permission and anyone can stay, which puts a huge burden on already overtaxed citizens. The bill is not pono.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:48:10 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill, local law enforcement in any capacity should not be limited in it's duties to assist their federal partners in the enforcement of immigration. Limited and specific circumstances is absolutely wrong.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:55:39 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juliet	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No illegal immigration!! We need them vetted . These immigrants need to put in the work and to be legal USA citizens! We cannot afford to be a sanctuary state as law abiding citizens/ tax payers cannot even afford to put a decent meal on the table or afford rent as it is!

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:56:53 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Anne Bell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We must get control of housing and the homeless communities have erupted, even spread all across Maui.

HI must work with the Federal Government and Ice and all other agencies to protect us from the illegal immigrants that have flooded our State. We welcome legal immigrants but we must reset the process and use every Avenue to execute the mandate given Nov 5.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:59:25 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emerson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No, hawaii government has hurt the people enough. This is where it ends. The people are on to you. We are taking hawaii back.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:01:21 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:02:14 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

As a concerned citizen in Hawai'i, I write in strong support of HB22, which allows state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Federal law does not require state and local entities to collect or share information with ICE. There is no affirmative duty for LEAs to collect or share citizen or immigration status information, and there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of other non-public information. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." Requests from ICE to hold a person of interest after the time when they are legally released from local custody, is just that, a request. Our LEAs have no obligation under federal or state law to respond affirmatively.

In this time of heightened fear among immigrant communities many individuals believe that any interaction with local police could endanger themselves or their family members. It is critical that our local law enforcement agencies maintain the trust and confidence of the residents that live here by clearly delineating their role. When police officers become entangled with Department of Homeland Security immigrant women feel they cannot report domestic violence, victims cannot come forward with information, and the security of the entire Beverley Tobias of Kauai community is threatened.

Lastly, this bill protects our local law enforcement agencies and the counties that fund them from civil liability for potentially violating individuals' Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure.

I urge you to support this bill. It is imperative that we keep the distinction between our local police and federal immigration agents.

Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham

Makiki, Hawai'i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:05:59 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB22 because in the matters of illegal immigration, the federal government has to do its job enforcing immigration laws, even if it means deportation.

Illegal immigration is wrong. Hawaii may be the Aloha State, but that does not mean that we should disregard the fact that illegal immigration is wrong. It's dangerous to our communities and must be dealt with the way it should be.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:06:20 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cristina Rothwell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Many immigrants live in the United States, true. Do not break the law coming in. Disrespecting our laws to get in is a crime. Do it the proper way like the millions who are here legally. Hawaii cannot take care of its own citizens let alone illegal undocumented people. Do not further burden our state with criminals.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:14:35 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:19:28 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie West	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:22:59 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradle Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB22, a bill that seeks to limit local law enforcement engagement with federal agents regarding immigration matters. While I understand the intent behind this legislation, I believe it poses significant risks to public safety and undermines the rule of law.

First and foremost, collaboration between local law enforcement and federal agencies is crucial for maintaining public safety. Federal agents often possess resources, expertise, and jurisdictional authority that local law enforcement agencies may lack. By restricting this collaboration, HB22 could hinder efforts to combat serious crimes, including human trafficking, drug smuggling, and terrorism.

Furthermore, limiting cooperation with federal immigration authorities could create a safe haven for individuals who pose a threat to our communities. It is essential that law enforcement agencies have the ability to share information and work together to apprehend dangerous individuals, regardless of their immigration status.

Additionally, HB22 could lead to confusion and inconsistency in the enforcement of immigration laws. Local law enforcement officers may be uncertain about their responsibilities and the extent to which they can cooperate with federal agents. This lack of clarity could result in uneven enforcement and potential legal challenges.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider HB22 and recognize the importance of maintaining strong partnerships between local law enforcement and federal agencies. Public safety should be our top priority, and this bill could jeopardize the well-being of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bradley Lindsey

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:28:05 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. These illegal aliens should be deported immediately ! If they want to return, then they can apply the legal way. It is shameful that you politicians are actively trying to create these bills to break the law by harboring these illegals. The new administration will not take kindly to your attempts help and harbor these illegals and you will all be held accountable. I intend on sending this information to Mr. Thom Holman, the new Border Czar. Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:36:06 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyce Dodge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

It is imperative that we keep the distinction between our local law enforcement agencies and federal immigration agents.

This bill protects our local law enforcement agencies and the counties that fund them from civil liability for potentially violating individuals' Fourth Amendment rights against unlawful search and seizure.

This bill may also preserve community trust in our police. This bill might protect immigrants' and citizen's private information and rights. I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii, and by extension all of our Constitutional rights.

Mahalo,

Alyce Dodge

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:38:52 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marla Carino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii should not be going against the Presidents plans to deport all immigrants back to where the came from, they should not be allowed to stay in Hawaii unless they have gone through the proper process. That way we can make sure we are not harboring criminals which could harm our people.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:50:19 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Ann Peralta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ONLY LIMITED is too wide a range. They had yrs to get their paperwork illegally in this country or state. Needs to be deported immediately and they can apply to re enter legally! That would be the best incentive to return exponentially.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:50:44 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justyce Torres	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in OPPOSE to HB22, Any and all IILEGAL persons should not be limited to any and all Specific circumstances.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:59:08 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB22. Please vote NO

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:02:39 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
karen Mountain	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aa a taxpayer, I do not want my tax dollars limited. We need to work with the federal government as needed without restriction.

January 29, 2025

Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Hawai'i State Legislature

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bill 22 / Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government

Dear Representative, Greggor Ilagan and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology,

I am here to express my strong support for House Bill 22 / Relating to Collaboration with the Federal Government, currently under consideration in the Hawai'i State Legislature. As an immigrant in the United States for over thirty years and who has called Hawai'i home for the last 10 years, I appreciate the opportunity to share my opinion on this legislation that aims to balance helping with immigration enforcement while protecting local resources and maintaining community trust.

Like any other state in our country, Hawai'i represents a melting pot of numerous diverse cultures and traditions brought by immigrants from different parts of the world. The principles of aloha and ohana remind us that diversity is a source of strength and a fundamental part of what makes our island unique. HB22 represents these ideals by addressing a meeting point of state and federal immigration responsibilities while focusing on the well-being and rights of all people, regardless of their immigration status.

My support for HB22 stems from a personal understanding of the challenges immigrants face in Hawai'i. As an immigrant myself, at one point in my life, I had to face significant barriers, such as language access, fear of discrimination, and a lack of understanding about my rights. While collaboration with the federal government may simplify processes and improve services, it is critical that such initiatives do not harm or marginalize.

I am extremely concerned about the negative consequences if this legislation is not implemented carefully with the proper measures to protect immigrant communities. Collaboration with federal agencies should not result in increased surveillance, fear, or unjustified enforcement actions against law-abiding residents. Immigrants make significant contributions to Hawai'i's economy, culture, and social structure, and policies that jeopardize their security and trust might have profound consequences for the entire state.

HB22 provides an opportunity to demonstrate that Hawai'i's approach to immigration is grounded in respect, fairness, and humanity. To that end, I respectfully urge lawmakers to

guarantee that the bill includes measures to protect immigrants' privacy and avoid misusing the information shared with government authorities. Prioritize transparency and provide tools and support services to help immigrants understand their rights and obtain the appropriate assistance.

As an immigrant and naturalized citizen of this great country, I am deeply invested in the outcome of this legislation. I have experienced the challenges and opportunities of building a life in the United States of America, which, during the past 10 years, has been in this breathtaking state. The recent images of immigrants on the continent being deported back to their countries are causing fear and worry in our states' immigrant population.

HB22 has the potential to set a positive example for how states can work with the federal government while safeguarding the rights and dignity of all residents.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony and for your dedication to making decisions that reflect our state's principles of inclusion and compassion. I urge you to pass HB22 with the necessary protections to assure its effectiveness in supporting our immigrant community and honoring Hawai'i's core values.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Olga Velez

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:10:55 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Camlyn Pola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:17:51 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Jeremiah	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill HB 22 because it would lead to the diversion of local law enforcement resources away from addressing local crime and public safety issues, and towards enforcing federal immigration laws. This could result in decreased effectiveness in addressing local priorities, such as reducing violent crime, improving traffic safety, and responding to emergency calls.

As the saying goes, you can't fix anything until you fix yourself. Instead of trying to tackle complex federal immigration issues, Hawaii needs to focus on fixing its own house first. We need to address our own unique challenges and priorities, such as improving our economy, protecting our environment, and supporting our local communities. By doing so, we can create a stronger, more resilient Hawaii that is better equipped to thrive in the face of national and global challenges. Let's prioritize our own needs and focus on building a brighter future for all Hawaiians, rather than getting entangled in federal immigration enforcement efforts.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:20:00 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hunter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We already have a housing crisis here and keeping and helping people break the law is not the governments job or what our tax dollars are for. Do not get in the way of the federal goverment trying to deport criminals.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:24:50 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Giles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I appose HB22

Paul Giles

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:25:12 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:26:20 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J S	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed.

Follow the law.

January 28, 2025

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Re: HB73

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support of HB73**, Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already has. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration's agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.

I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Aloha,



Gail Breakey, RN, MPH

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:33:18 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stongly oppose

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:37:17 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ailie Souriolle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is illegal to be in this country without proper documents and vetting. This is against the law.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:39:12 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janice Giles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We shouldn't be supporting illegal aliens. Our money should be focused on US citizens and residents of Hawai'i.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:40:07 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose!

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:44:18 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
G L Hutchinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support measure to protect immigrants in our state of Hawai'i

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:44:50 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Text

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB22
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB22, which allows state and county law enforcement (LEAs) to collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Federal law does not require state and local entities to collect or share information with ICE. There is no affirmative duty for LEAs to collect or share citizen or immigration status information, and there is no prohibition against preventing the communication of other non-public information. Federal law, under title 8 United States Code section 1373, instead, limits state and local governments from restricting communication with federal immigration authorities concerning "information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual." Requests from ICE to hold a person of interest after the time when they are legally released from local custody, is just that, a request. Our LEAs have no obligation under federal or state law to respond affirmatively.

Hawai'i law enforcement needs the trust of the community to engage in effective policing. The last thing it needs are commands and dictates from the Federal Government on public safety. The interests are at stake for Hawai'i and the Federal Government are simply not in alignment.

Accordingly, I urge you to support this bill. It is imperative that we keep the clear distinction and bright line between our local police and federal immigration agents.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Carl Bergquist, William S. Richardson School of Law, Class of 2019
Advisory Committee Member, The Legal Clinic
Former resident of Mānoa, Oahu.
Ottawa Hills, Ohio 43606

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:58:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie A Carter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:58:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken Ancheta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Ken Ancheta and I am speaking today on behalf of myself to oppose HB22, a bill that seeks to limit the collaboration between state and county law enforcement and federal immigration authorities.

Public Safety Concerns: One of the primary arguments against this bill is the potential impact on public safety. Limiting cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities could inadvertently allow dangerous criminals to remain at large, as these agencies often work together to ensure that individuals who pose a threat to our communities are dealt with appropriately. By restricting this collaboration, we might be compromising our ability to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Fragmentation of Law Enforcement Efforts: HB22 would introduce a fragmented approach to law enforcement, where different jurisdictions operate under different rules regarding immigration enforcement. This not only complicates the work of law enforcement but might also lead to inefficiencies and gaps in our legal system's ability to manage immigration-related issues effectively. Local law enforcement should be able to use all available resources, including federal partnerships, to maintain law and order.

Moral and Ethical Implications: From a moral standpoint, the bill suggests a disconnect between local and federal responsibilities in managing immigration. Immigrants, regardless of their legal status, contribute to our communities in numerous ways. By limiting cooperation to only "specific circumstances," we might be sending a message of exclusion rather than inclusion, which contradicts the spirit of community and support that we should uphold.

Legal and Resource Challenges: Furthermore, this bill could lead to legal ambiguities. What constitutes "limited, specific circumstances"? This lack of clarity could lead to inconsistent application of the law, potentially opening up avenues for legal challenges that could drain resources better used elsewhere. Moreover, local law enforcement agencies might find themselves unprepared or under-resourced to handle complex immigration issues without federal support.

Economic Considerations: Economically, immigration enforcement is not just a matter of law; it's about recognizing the contributions of all residents to our economy. Restrictions that do not consider these contributions might hinder economic growth, as businesses often rely on a diverse workforce, including immigrants.

Conclusion: In conclusion, while the intent to safeguard civil liberties is commendable, HB22, in its current form, risks undermining community safety, creating legal confusion, and potentially harming economic stability. I urge this committee to reconsider the implications of this bill and work towards solutions that respect both the rule of law and the rights of all individuals within our state. We should be fostering a system where local and federal agencies can work hand in hand to ensure safety, justice, and prosperity for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ken Ancheta 1/28/25

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:00:37 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Langton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in strong opposition of this bill. This is completely against the beliefs of the people and is another effort to fight against the current administration and use our money to do so.

We do not approve of this and remind you that we will remove you if you continue to act against our beliefs.

Regards,

Laurie Langton

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:05:23 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia J. Goto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:14:56 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lolita Keni	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do support law enforcement being used, but what would the special circumstances be? I believe law enforcement should be available, as needed by the federal government.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:26:06 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Yvonne Alvarado Oppose Bill HB22

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Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:36:33 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayme Kealoha-Dacuycuy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill Hawaii people should be first.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:48:09 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:45:45 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB22.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:51:25 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop protecting criminals and wasting our money on them.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 12:15:41 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My wife Deborah and I are strongly in favor of this legislation.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 1:31:02 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norma J Sizemore	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The bill should exclude: "in only limited, specific circumstances". WHY?

FOLLOW THE LAW! The people are here **ILLEGALLY!** Americans don't get the exemption that you are trying to give to foreigners that are here illegally. Trust me there is no way that any other country will be kind to illegal Americans in their country. I know because I've lived in foreign countries and I had to follow their laws. There were no exceptions & we shouldn't have any either!

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 1:41:49 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Philip	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We want all illegals out. Hawaii does not need anymore problems. Problems that you democrats create

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 2:51:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Law enforcement should be able to work freely with federal agencies with no restrictions to promote the enforcement of our laws. Quit trying to interfere. November 5th the people spoke! You need to listen, and quit trying to circumvent the law!

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:37:00 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kamakani de dely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I suppose this bill.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:41:22 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I suppose this bill.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 4:29:46 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Monohon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do not allow ANY restrictions on police helping federal government with immigration. ICE are professionals and use local police to coordinate. Do not hamper ICE's job in deporting criminal aliens out of our country by restricting police involvement.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 5:13:45 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 5:59:56 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaori-Lei Hanohano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

‘O Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano ko‘u inoa. No Maui mai ‘au a ka no na‘e noho au ma Ka‘a‘awa O‘ahu. Mahalo ‘au i ku‘u mau kupuna i kūpa‘a no kākou āpau.

My name is Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano. I‘m from the island of Maui but currently live in Ka‘a‘awa O‘ahu. I thank my ancestors who were steadfast!

I support this testimony today in allowing state and county law enforcement agencies to collaborate with federal government for immigration purposes in only limited, specific circumstances.

Mahalo for listening and for your time.

Na‘u no,

Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:43:49 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ilagan and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB22 and of Hawai'i's immigrant community, which requires our support and protection during these trying times. We must act together to support due process and to protect the constitutional rights of all who call Hawai'i home. This bill will help ensure appropriate boundaries around federal agencies and that state and county resources are not depleted for federal immigration functions.

I request that you pass HB22.

Thank you.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:48:46 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mia Larsen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB22 to pass so that state and county law enforcement agencies collaborate with the federal government for immigration purposes is only noted for specific circumstances.

Testimony in Support of HB 22

Victoria Magaña Ledesma

Aloha, my name is Victoria Magaña Ledesma, and I am here today to share firsthand what anti-immigrant policies do to families—because I grew up with undocumented parents.

I grew up in Honaunau on the Big Island. Local kid, local Mexican kid. I am thankful to be Hawai'i raised, in a place where community is palpable—where families and keiki are loved, cherished, and nurtured to give back. But despite this, my family lived with constant fear and uncertainty. I always knew my parents' status, and I never knew if a routine day would turn into the day my family was torn apart.

When I was 11, my parents flew to O'ahu for my sister's medical appointment. That night, when they didn't return, I cried, convinced they had been taken. My aunt reassured me it was just a delay. But the next morning, my mom told me the truth—they had been detained at the Honolulu airport and questioned about their immigration status. The fear I had imagined was real.

My father worked hard to build a life in Hawai'i. For nearly three decades, he contributed to the Kona coffee industry—managing farms, creating jobs, and building a business he loved. But his undocumented status meant that no matter how much he contributed, he was never safe. In 2017, despite a judge acknowledging he was an asset to the community, my father was deported—just 30 days before I turned 21 and could have petitioned for him to stay. Today, my mother is a U.S. resident, which is why I feel safe to speak out.

The day he left, my life shattered. For years, I lived in survival mode, later realizing I had been battling major depression. Family separation isn't just policy—it's trauma. It also breaks my heart knowing my siblings were only 12 and 14 when they lost their father. For the past eight years, they've only seen him on short trips once or twice a year. Time cannot be undone. And this is still happening to families today.

That's why HB 22 is so important. This bill ensures that Hawai'i's law enforcement will not be used for immigration arrests unless there is a warrant. No local agency should be forced to tear families apart over federal immigration enforcement. My father was

taken from us because of policies that prioritized deportation over people. HB 22 is a step toward protecting families like mine—families who call Hawai'i home.

No family should have to live with the fear and uncertainty I did. I am here to vouch for them. Hawai'i is built on community, on diversity, on aloha. **I urge you to stand with immigrant families. Pass HB 22 and ensure that no more families are torn apart in the place they call home.**

Mahalo for your time.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:46:45 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Monisha Das Gupta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB #22: I write in support of this bill. As a scholar who studies US immigration, states and local authorities are under no affirmative obligation to collect and pass on information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status to federal immigration enforcement authorities. Nor are jails and prisons required to honor detainers unless there is a memorandum of agreement between local authorities and a federal enforcement agency. Similarly, jails and prisons are not obligated by law to notify immigration enforcement agencies about the release of a person in custody unless there is an agreement to share data with federal enforcement authorities. Information about existing MOAs should be made public, and any proposal for MOAs should be open to public comment.

Detainers have long been criticized for violating due process. Without state legislation, detainers are likely to be used with impunity to harm immigrants further. I strongly object to the use of state and local resources for immigration enforcement the responsibility for which lies with the federal government.

I also object to the prolonged detention of immigrants who have been convicted of a felony within the five years prior to the official detainer because the person has already gone through the criminal legal process and because of the expanded definition of felonies and terrorism legislated by the 1996 IIRIRA and AEDPA. I do not support the disclosure of a person's citizenship or immigration status if the person has a record of juvenile arrests or delinquency.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:11:27 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

While Hawaii is a place of mixed cultures, it is a state and should act cohesively with Federal govt to help protect its legal citizens safety, financial livelihoods, & enjoyment of our own life here. Creating a place where more & more people who are not legal citizens will come to- will put more of a burden on many situations that are already lacking and stretched thin -such as education system, health care, police and fire, housing, jobs that locals need & more. If they are not legal citizens then they may undercutting local jobs and not be contributing their fair of taxes to our state when they know they can get away with it. If Hawaii is an increasingly lax state on immigration, it will attract more of the negatives that come with that. I don't think most tax paying citizens want that unless they have something to gain from it.

There has been an ongoing push to have the "Real ID" with the gold star on our licenses go through. I thought this was to help with cross state communication & safety? It seems this protection of illegal immigrants will go against the ability for that to work. More wasted tax dollars. It seems the only reason this is being done is because of who is now in the white house. It also seems Hawaii govt is picking and choosing when it's ok to act within our laws and when they don't want to. Interesting.....

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:24:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Garris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

against this bill

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 6:39:06 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chase	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:46:25 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yumi Moore	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I strongly oppose HB22, which limits cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. This bill undermines public safety by restricting officers' ability to assist in immigration enforcement, creating a loophole for individuals who may pose a risk to our communities. Law enforcement should be allowed to work freely with federal agencies to ensure that immigration laws are upheld. Protecting national security and enforcing immigration laws are critical responsibilities, and I urge you to vote NO on HB22.

Mahalo,

Yumi Moore

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:18:36 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madeleine D Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE this bill to make Hawaii Sanctuary City. I am a LEGAL immigrant and this is NOT FAIR! Each person coming into Hawaii needs to be vetted the right way! It's not fair to those that come here legally.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:21:31 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adrean	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is facing critical challenges, and we cannot afford policies that prioritize those who enter the U.S. illegally over our own citizens. These bills are not about fairness they're about straining resources that should be used to support American citizens and those who come to this country the right way, legally.

HB22: Limits law enforcement's ability to collaborate with immigration officials, making it harder to enforce the law.

HB73: Prohibits detention facilities on public land essentially removing a necessary tool for immigration enforcement.

HB438: Provides taxpayer-funded legal representation to individuals here illegally, diverting resources that could be used for American citizens.

HB457: Makes immigration interviews voluntary, undermining accountability and due process.

Hawaii is already struggling with a housing crisis, rising costs of living, and limited resources. These policies will only make it harder for citizens to access affordable housing, jobs, and social services.

We need to stand up for what is right: **Legal immigration or leave.**

Lets prioritize legal immigration and ensure our resources go to the people who contribute to this country fairly and lawfully.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:40:15 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Jess Sobocinski and I am writing in strong support of this bill. As an educator and community member, I am deeply invested in public safety and believe that public safety relies on the safety, agency, and trust of all individuals within a community. I strongly support limited cooperate with ICE and other federal agencies that deal with immigration. It is my belief that hasty deportations split up families, and leave children who might be legal citizens without guardians/caregivers. This makes them vulnerable to predation and puts an major burden on our already stressed fostercare system. I also believe that asking schools, employers, and other state agencies or businesses to collect and share data on immigration status infringes upon an individual's right to privacy and discourages vulnerable members of our community from sending their children to school, seeking medical attention, and cooperating law enforcement officers if they witness crimes. When members of our community are sick, uneducated, and unable to help uphold the rule of law, it has major impacts on public health and safety.

I thank Senator Ilagan for bringing forth this legislation that reflects the values and history of Hawai'i, and I implore the State of Hawai'i to do everthing in its power to protect our immigrant community members, regardless of their status. Additionally, I would love to see our legislature help connect these members of our community with pathways towards citizenship.

Mahalo,

Jess

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:13:17 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB22.

Reason for this being, immigration laws are set forth. This bill would allow circumventing of federal law. Hawaii is a part of the United States of America last I recall. I also find it disturbing that the introducer of this proposed bill clearly uses the term, "undocumented immigrant". The correct term is, "illegal immigrant". It doesn't matter how you try to twist or manipulate the wording to mask it, bottom line it is in fact illegal.

Which leads me to say, that any individual with the intent to immigrate to the USA to become a citizen should know what they need to do in order to accomplish that task. There's no ifs, ands, or buts. It's not fair not to mention insulting for those who did it the right way and went through the legal process. Everything from filling out the required paperwork/documents, paying for processing fees, and waiting for approval/confirmation. It's simple, do it legally and there won't be legal woes to worry about. On the other hand if one chooses to do so illegally, there will be legal consequences/ramifications. Deportation being the highest of punishment.

HB-22

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:48:35 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Troy Maruoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose hb22

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Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:39:16 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bart Burford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO AID, ABET, OR SUPPORT ANYONE IN THIS COUNTRY ILLEGALLY - NO!