

**HCR-72**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nelson K Heekahaunaele	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Kila, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

I am writing to express my strong support for HCR72 and HR65 which urges the ethics commissions of each county in Hawai‘i to adopt standards similar to those applicable to state elected officials and officers.

This resolution is crucial for several reasons:

- **Improved Honesty and Integrity:** The primary purpose of governmental ethics laws is to improve honesty and integrity in government. Adopting consistent standards across the state will help ensure that all public officials are held to the same high ethical standards.
- **Public Trust:** Public service is a public trust, and those entrusted with the power of office must commit to upholding the rule of law. HCR72 will help restore and maintain public trust in county governments by demonstrating a commitment to ethical conduct.
- **Perception of Integrity:** The perception of integrity in government is just as important as the reality. Even if officials are honest, a democratic system cannot function properly if the public believes its officials are corrupt. HCR72 will help improve the public's perception of integrity in county governments.

I urge you to support HCR72 and take the necessary steps to implement these important ethical standards.

Sincerely,

Nelson K Heekahaunaele

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Comments:

I urge you to support HCR72 and HR65. These resolutions promote uniform ethical standards for county officials, mirroring those for state officials. This is vital for:

- **Ensuring consistent integrity** across all levels of Hawaiian government.
- **Strengthening public trust** by upholding high ethical standards.
- **Reinforcing the perception of integrity** in public service.

HCR72 and HR65 are essential for maintaining ethical governance in Hawaii.

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Rynetta K	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear House Transportation Committee,

I am writing to express my unequivocal support for House Concurrent Resolution 72 (HCR72), a crucial measure aimed at harmonizing ethical standards for county officials with those already in place for state elected officials and officers. This resolution represents a significant step towards bolstering public trust and ensuring transparent governance throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

The importance of HCR72 cannot be overstated. Its implementation will:

- **Promote Uniformity and Consistency:** By aligning county ethical standards with those of the state, HCR72 will create a consistent framework for ethical conduct across all levels of government. This uniformity eliminates ambiguities and potential loopholes, fostering a culture of accountability.
- **Reinforce Public Confidence:** In an era where public trust in government is constantly challenged, HCR72 provides a tangible demonstration of commitment to ethical governance. This resolution will serve to reassure the public that their elected officials are held to the highest standards of integrity.
- **Uphold the Perception of Ethical Governance:** The perception of integrity is as vital as its reality. HCR72 will establish clear, robust guidelines, ensuring that the public not only sees but also experiences ethical conduct from their county officials. This will strengthen the fabric of our democratic institutions.
- **Enhance Governance Efficacy:** Ethical governance is synonymous with effective governance. By promoting transparency and accountability, HCR72 will contribute to more responsible decision-making and efficient public service delivery at the county level.
- **Prevent Conflicts of Interest:** Standardizing ethical rules across the state will help mitigate conflicts of interest, ensuring that public officials prioritize the interests of their constituents above personal or private gain.

I strongly urge you to support HCR72 and contribute to its swift passage. This resolution is not merely a procedural matter; it is a fundamental step towards strengthening the foundations of our democracy and ensuring that public service remains a noble and trustworthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

Rynetta Kabigting

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Comments:

I strongly support HCR 72. Mahalo