

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES  
SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO.1430 - RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013 AT 11:00 AM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

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I, Cheryl Mizusawa, am a private citizen, distributor for the Better Body System, and leadership for Senior Citizen for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I learned that Dept of Vocational Rehabilitation will end its contract for Interpreter Referral Services with the state on June 30, 2013 and will not be renewed! I use the interpreting service for many years and have requested interpreters for my training business, during my stay in the hospital for the surgery since no one in my family would interpreted for me. If these services end I will not have the effective, efficient communication access I need and will not fully participate independently as contributing citizen in the General Community.

Please add the Interpreter Referral Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the CSC bill. The service is very essential for the Deaf Community to have full communication access.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of the Deaf Community.

I strongly urge to have this important bill be passed out of the committee.

Sincerely,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keri Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support HB1430 & SB 148. The Comprehensive Service Center, (CSC). Having a central place where Deaf people can go to meet their needs is very important to their physical, emotional and social needs. Deaf people like hearing people love to interact with each other. Deaf people live in varies placed throughout the island. They don't get to socialize with each other on a daily basis like hearing people do. When there is a center that brings them together to have their needs met will be very healthy for them. They will develop more social awareness of what is going on around them and in the world. It will allow them to become more educated and more empowered. As a child of Deaf parents, when my father passed away my mother felt very alone. After my dad's passing, my mother decided to move away. She moved to a bigger city in hopes to interact with more Deaf people. My mother was not use to driving in a city where there was a lot of traffic; therefore she was not able to get out and socialize as much as she wanted. Like Hawaii Deaf people in Utah, where my mom lived did not live near each other so that made it even harder for her. If there was a central place where she could go I truly believe she would have been so much happier. As it turned out because she so lonely and sad, and isolated in her apt she moved again. Later when she had to move into a nursing home the one thing she feared most was not being able to communicate with the staff and other people around her. She was scared and did not want to live there. Again had there had been a comprehensive service center that would service a lot of her needs she would not have had to face those fears alone. In these two examples shows how she felt isolated and alone. She was not as productive as she could have been in her later years. As we all grow older it is so important that we keep our minds active and continue learning so that we don't have certain health issues. Having a CSC will continue promote individual growth and learning and autonomy. Having a CSC is a great place where mentoring can happen as well. Young Deaf socializing with older Deaf is critical. It is always good to have someone to look up to. Older Deaf people can teach younger Deaf youth how they can empower themselves and become more independent. The history and language of the Deaf culture is so very rich and beautiful. That will continue to be passed down from generation to generation while many people enjoy the CSC throughout the years to come. Having a CSC will be a great way to empower the Deaf. There are many capable and willing Deaf people who would love to work and even volunteer there at this center. I fully support this bill and know that it will be a benefit to all Deaf involved. Keri Lee ASL Interpreter

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Alan Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1430 for an important service center for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind individuals. This measure will provide essential support services to assist our residents with education and employment opportunities. Alan Garcia

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colleen cidade	Individual	Support	No

Comments: support this bill for 100 percent! DEAF SERVICE LEFT BEHIND, NO WAY!  
thank you!

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