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Representative Clift Tsuji
Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Business
Hawaii State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 312
Honolulu, HI 96813

**HCR 47-REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING
TASK FORCE**

Dear Chair Tsuji and members of the EDB Committee:

The Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations strongly supports HCR 47, which calls for an extension of the Government Contracting Force, which was legislated in the 2011 Legislature as the Prompt Payment Task Force and extended in 2012 as the Government Contracting Task Force.

HANO has representation on the task force. It is a statewide, sector-wide professional association for nonprofits. HANO members provide essential services to every community in the state. Our mission is to unite and strengthen the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawai'i.

The task force has been meeting since the summer of 2011 and has covered much ground in understanding the obstacles to prompt government contract payments to predominantly nonprofit health and human service providers through 103f contracts.

Due to the complexity of the issue and the fact that delayed payments are symptoms of larger systemic challenges; the task force requires more time to find solutions agreeable to all.

With a granted extension, task force discussions will continue to focus on the higher systemic issues that include contracting and payment processes, communication, technology, accountability, transparency, education and training for both government and providers.

The fact that many of the government contracting challenges are technology-oriented presents an opportunity to feed information to and align with the goals of the State's Chief Information Officer in his endeavor to modernize IT, business systems, HR and financial and tax systems for state government. For these reasons, we support HCR 47. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,
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