



Testimony to the House Committee on Labor and Public Employment  
Friday, February 13, 2015  
9:30 A.M.  
State Capitol - Conference Room 309

RE: HOUSE BILL 684; RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the committee:

We are Melissa Pannell and John Knorek, the Legislative Committee co-chairs for the Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii Chapter (“SHRM Hawaii”). SHRM Hawaii represents nearly 1,000 human resource professionals in the State of Hawaii.

We are writing to SUPPORT HB 684. We find that this measure serves as a means to address critical gap in Hawai’i’s employment law. Human resource professionals are keenly attuned to the needs of employers and employees. We are the frontline professionals responsible for businesses’ most valuable asset: human capital. We truly have our employers’ and employees’ interests at heart. We respectfully support this measure on the basis of fairness and creating balance in the employer and employee relationship.

We will continue to review this bill and, if it advances, request to be a part of the dialogue concerning it. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

