



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol - Conference Room 016

RE: SENATE BILL 1012 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro 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 SB 1012. We find that this measure serves as a means to address a 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.

