



Testimony to the  
House Committee on Finance  
February 22, 2018  
1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol - Conference Room 308

RE: HB 2598 Relating to Family Leave

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii Chapter (“SHRM Hawaii”), we are writing in opposition to HB 2598, relating to family leave. This bill requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish paid family leave for all workers by 1/1/2020. SHRM Hawaii has a longstanding position of support for initiatives that promote flexibility between employer and employee, rather than requirements that do not take into account unique circumstances. This measure also has the potential to create a conflicting patchwork of leave requirements.

Human resource management professionals are responsible for the alignment of employees and employers to achieve organizational goals. HR professionals seek to balance the interests of employers and employees with the understanding that the success of each is mutually dependent. SHRM Hawaii represents more than 800 human resource professionals in the State of Hawaii. We look forward to contributing positively to the development of sound public policy and continuing to serve as a resource to the legislature on matters related to labor and employment laws.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

