



Testimony to the House Committee on Labor & Public Employment
Friday, January 29, 2016, 10:00AM
State Capitol - Conference Room 309

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1269 Relating to Public Safety

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

I am John Knorek, the Legislative Committee chair for the Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii Chapter (“SHRM Hawaii”). SHRM Hawaii represents more than 800 human resource professionals in the State of Hawaii.

We are writing to respectfully SUPPORT HB 1269, relating to public safety, which allows an employer to seek a temporary restraining order and injunction against further harassment of an employee or invitee who may be harassed in connection with a worksite. Employers, and by extension their HR professionals, are tasked with ensuring a safe and secure workplace. This measure will provide an additional tool to effectively do so.

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 and hope to be an ongoing part of the dialogue concerning it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

