



Testimony to the  
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture & The Arts  
March 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol - Conference Room 224

RE: HB 613, HD1, Relating to Workforce Development

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii Chapter (“SHRM Hawaii”), we are writing in support of HB 613, HD1, which establishes the state YouthBuild Program to provide employment, education, leadership development, and training opportunities to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Workforce development is a key strategic priority for human resource management professionals. Please advance this measure.

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.

