SUPPORT HB 1627 HD 1

AMENDMENTS REQUESTED

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 22, 2018

1:30 PM

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

To the House Committee on Finance:

 I support this bill but respectfully request that you amend it to make it stronger and more effective at achieving its goal. A very similar bill, House Bill 1721, demonstrates what HB 1627 should do. Please amend Section 387-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to strike out all mention of people with disabilities, which includes striking Subsection (2). Please also amend Section 103D-1001, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by amending the definition of “qualified community rehabilitation program” to truly finish the job of ending the payment of subminimum wages to workers with disabilities in Hawaii. Making these amendments to mirror HB 1721 would make HB 1627 HD 1 so much stronger.

Here’s why I urge you to pass House Bill 1627, House Draft 1, with the appropriate amendments to end the payment of subminimum wages to workers with all types of disabilities:

Your Name

Member

National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii

Your Address