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Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

RE: SB 1451, SD1, HD1 Relating to State Holidays

The people of Hawai'i are justly proud of the history of the Hawaiian nation, just as we are also proud of our U.S. history. It is not inconsistent to value both ancestries, and one legacy need not, and should not, be sacrificed for the sake of the other.

SB 1451, SD1, HD1 proposes to simply add a new holiday to our calendar, unlike an earlier version that would have eliminated Presidents' Day.

So long as the new holiday is adopted in a way that honors our Hawaiian heritage without doing damage to our American heritage, I support such legislation, and hope you will act favorably on SB 1451, SD1, HD1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
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