

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Voting Members

Kymerly Marcos Pine, Chair; Breene Harimoto, Vice-Chair,  
Carol Fukunaga, Ann H. Kobayashi, Joey Manahan

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Committee Meeting Held  
May 22, 2014

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services, which considered Resolution 14-74 entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION REFORM,"

introduced on April 14, 2014, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to express support for comprehensive Federal immigration reform.

Your Committee received eight testimonies in support of the Resolution which included the Hawaii Coalition of Immigration Reform and Catholic Charities of Hawaii and one testimony in opposition to the Resolution.

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Your Committee amended the Resolution to a CD1 version that makes the following changes:

- A. Adds a new sixth WHEREAS clause to read:

“WHEREAS, lawfully present and undocumented immigrants are willing to make the arduous and potentially lethal journey to the United States to pursue economic opportunity, seek reunification with family, and escape political and civil unrest; and”

- B. Amends the seventh WHEREAS clause to read:

“WHEREAS, immigration [reform] is an urgent federal responsibility and [must] any reform should occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner guided by our nation’s values of individual responsibility, due process, civil and human rights, accountability, and proportionality; now, therefore,”

- C. Amends the BE IT RESOLVED clause to read:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the 113<sup>th</sup> United States Congress to enact common sense immigration reform that establishes a clear, expeditious, and reasonable pathway to citizenship, keeps families together, creates a streamlined process to resolve the backlog of existing visa applications, develops a method to ensure the efficient processing of future citizenship applications in a timely manner, upholds our values as a nation, promotes economic growth, increases resources for Federal and State authorities to strengthen security, and creates a fair immigration system guided by respect for the human rights of all persons; and”

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D. Amends the first Be It Further clause to read:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recognizes that immigration reform must protect the rights of all workers and families and provide safe and efficient channels for [migration in the future] future immigrants applying for legal entry; and

E. Amends the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause to read:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports administrative action to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history who can demonstrate good character, which may be shown by contributions to their community, financial stability, and familial ties to the United States; and”

F. Amends the BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED clause to read:

“BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate President, Majority and Minority Leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, Hawaii’s Congressional delegation, Speaker of the state House of Representatives, state Senate President, and the Governor of the state of Hawaii.”

G. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive changes.

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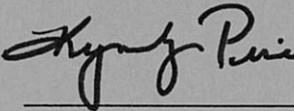
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Your Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 14-74 as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 14-74 CD1. (Ayes: Pine, Harimoto, Manahan - 3; Noes: None; Excused: Fukunaga, Kobayashi - 2.)

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Chair

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### EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION REFORM.

WHEREAS, families who migrate to the United States today, as in the past, travel across oceans and borders to make better lives for themselves, reunite their families, and leave behind conflict, poverty, and human rights abuses; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has always been proud of its history of immigration, which has contributed to the state's and nation's industry and commerce and has made Hawaii a vital part of the United States; and

WHEREAS, immigrants from all over the world have played a significant role in Honolulu's growth over the past decades, bringing new life to and spurring investment in our City's neighborhoods, educational systems, and commercial endeavors; and

WHEREAS, each day thousands of immigrants work, buy homes, open businesses, pay taxes, and contribute to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of the City; and

WHEREAS, strong, safe and caring families are the foundation of successful communities, and the City and County of Honolulu champions policies that support family unity and families' abilities to work productively and contribute to the safety of our community; and

WHEREAS, lawfully present and undocumented immigrants are willing to make the arduous and potentially lethal journey to the United States to pursue economic opportunity, seek reunification with family, and escape political and civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, immigration is an urgent federal responsibility and any reform should occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner guided by our nation's values of individual responsibility, due process, civil and human rights, accountability, and proportionality; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the 113th United States Congress to enact common sense immigration reform that establishes a clear, expeditious, and reasonable pathway to citizenship, keeps families together, creates a streamlined process to resolve the backlog of existing visa applications, develops a method to ensure the efficient processing of future citizenship applications in a timely manner, upholds our values as a nation, promotes economic growth, increases resources for Federal and State authorities to strengthen security,



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and creates a fair immigration system guided by respect for the human rights of all persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recognizes that immigration reform must protect the rights of all workers and families and provide safe and efficient channels for future immigrants applying for legal entry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council supports administrative action to suspend any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no serious criminal history who can demonstrate good character, which may be shown by contributions to their community, financial stability, and familial ties to the United States; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, President of the U.S. Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, President of the State Senate, and the Governor of the state of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

Joey Manahan

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

April 14, 2014  
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Honolulu, Hawaii

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