

Public Hearing Alert: Help Stop the Genocide in Darfur

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Sudan Divestment Bill (HB 34) Scheduled in House Finance Committee

Great news! A public hearing has been scheduled this **Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in room #308** in the state capitol for HB 34, which would require divestment of Hawaii employee retirement system (ERS) funds from companies supporting the Sudanese government. [Click here to read the bill.](#)

The government in Sudan is complicit in a genocide that has cost the lives of 400,000 people and displaced 2.5 million more. Every day in Darfur, women and children are raped and tortured. We must take a stand!

Please send in your testimony of support for HB 34 and come to the capitol on Saturday to support our efforts. Even if you don't testify publicly, your presence is important. (We'll have stickers to identify you as a supporter of HB 34)

To submit testimony: Send your written comments (if less than 5 pages) by either fax (via House Sgt-At-Arms at 586-6501) or e-mail (testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov). When faxing or sending an e-mail, please indicate to whom the testimony is being submitted (House Finance Committee), the date and time of hearing (02/24/07 @ 12:30 p.m.), and the required number of copies (45) that is needed for submittal. [Click here to read our testimony.](#)

Catholic Bishop Larry Silva's Bold Leadership on Sudan Divestment

Bishop Larry Silva of the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, is among the first in the nation to direct divestment of Catholic Church funds from companies supporting Sudan. [Click here to see a copy of the Bishop's statement.](#) Mahalo to Bishop Silva for his strong leadership! [To thank the Bishop for his leadership on this issue, click here.](#)

DVD Showing of Film:

"Darfur: A 21st Century Genocide: How many times can we say never again?" on March 5th, 5:00 p.m. in the State Capitol auditorium. [Click here for a flyer on this important event.](#) Please come and bring your friends and family!

Challenge to Pro-Life Citizens

One final challenge for those who may be without any previous involvement or experience on an issue such as this: How can we call ourselves pro-life if we fail to speak on behalf of the victims of genocide who continue to die every day as the world stands by? To be pro-life is to support life from conception to natural end – which includes the time in between - please take a stand! This is the least we can do.

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