

A JOINT LEGISLATIVE EFFORT

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Regarding: Senate WAM Hearing
Hearing on: February 22, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m. in room 211
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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
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From: Kelly M. Rosati, JD (**REPRESENTING BOTH ORGANIZATIONS**)
Executive Director, Hawaii Family Forum
Lobbyist, Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii

Re: **Support for SB 1833 Relating to Family Leave**

Honorable Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Ways & means, I am Kelly Rosati, **representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.**

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, which represents over 230,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

As a result of our commitment to Hawaii's families we support SB 1833 which allows an employee to elect to use accrued paid leave, including vacation, personal, or family leave, for any part of the four-week period of family leave provided under the law.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.