

RES24-180
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 319

PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE & THE ARTS (PESCA)

**PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE & THE
ARTS (PESCA) Meeting**

Meeting Date: Jul 24, 2024 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 0

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jul 20, 2024 @ 08:09 AM

TO: Members of the Parks, Enterprise Services and Culture and the Arts Committee

FROM: Natalie Iwasa

DATE: Wednesday, July 24 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution 24-180 – Gift from HMSA, **OPPOSED**

Aloha Chair Tulba and Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Resolution 24-180, which is the acceptance of a gift of \$4,000 from the Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the 2024 Mayor's Craft and County Fair. I oppose this gift.

HMSA is a nonprofit organization that provides health insurance to residents in Hawaii. Its main source of revenue is the premiums it charges to businesses and individuals for medical coverage. Its premiums go up annually, and some struggle to pay those premiums.

The gift of \$4,000 is to be used for the Mayor's Craft and County Fair, where people can buy goods. If this were about exercise classes or something similar, it might be appropriate for HMSA to give money toward the event. However, it is not. HMSA should not be using its funds in this manner.

Please vote "no" on this resolution.