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**House Committee on Finance**

**HB 2816, HD 1, RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**February 27, 2008  
12:15 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health cannot support this bill.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Additional two Department of Health FTEs and operating funds would be  
3 required to license clean and sober homes.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The department strongly concurs that homes that provide substance abuse  
5 rehabilitative services and care should be licensed, and that is currently being done by the department.  
6 Homes and facilities that provide these services in structured settings are called Special Treatment  
7 Facilities (STFs) and (residential) Therapeutic Living Programs (TLPs).

8 Unlike STFs and TLPs, the purpose of clean and sober homes is to provide a home-like setting  
9 free of substance abuse as a step toward integration into the community. This is reflected in Hawaii  
10 Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 46-4 (12) (f): clean and sober homes "provide a stable environment of  
11 clean and sober living conditions to sustain recovery..." Per HRS Chapter 46-4 (12) (f) (3), residents in  
12 clean and sober homes "do not require twenty-four-hour supervision, rehabilitation, or therapeutic  
13 services or care in the home or premises." So, clean and sober homes may be viewed as a step beyond  
STFs and TLPs, bringing the resident closer to becoming part of the community once again.

The basic intent of this measure may be to ensure that there is some oversight of clean and sober  
2 homes due to neighborhood concerns about them. However, the department should not be considered a  
3 general enforcement body for these issues; it is a regulatory entity as it pertains to provisions for  
4 rehabilitation and therapy programs, and healthcare. It should not be licensing homes and providing  
5 oversight to homes that do not provide these services.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Representative M. Oshiro, Chairman  
Finance Committee

HB2816

For hearing on Wednesday, February 27, 2008  
12:15 PM, House Conference Room #308, Agenda item number 3

Aloha Representative Oshiro,

I am Denise Saylor, resident of the Wai'anae Coast, and when I received complaints from residents in the area, I was a member of the Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board, #24, chairing the Planning, Zoning, Housing and Law Enforcement Committees.

I heard complaints from many Wai'anae residents regarding problems that they attributed to halfway houses, clean and sober homes and group homes located in their neighborhoods. Even though the neighbors had complaints, e.g., noise, condition of the homes, parking and activities of the residents of these homes, there was little, if anything, that could be done to relieve the neighbors concerns. Two of the reasons for this is because licensing of these homes is very lax and there is no inventory of these homes so there is no way to monitor the minimal compliance required, e.g., no more than five non-related adults living in one home.

HB2816 requests that clean and sober homes be licensed, maintain standard operating procedures and be monitored for compliance. I support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Human Services and Housing Committee Member

**HB 2816 HD 1**

Chair Representative Oshiro  
Vice Chair Representative Marilyn Lee  
The Committees on Finance

**LATE**

**RE: HB 2816 HD 1 Relating to Substance Abuse**

Aloha Committee of Finance,

My Name is Waiokeola Stanley and I am a life long resident of the State of Hawaii. I am in **full support of HB 2816 HD 1**. I reside near Booth Park in Pauca Valley. I am sorry I cannot be there to testify because of work. I was asked by my community to testify in support of HB 2816 HD 1 in which it requires the Department of Health to license clean and sober homes and the establish standard operating procedures.

I cannot imagine having a Clean and Sober home located in our community without the Department of Health regulating its procedures. Imagine having our kids running around at our parks while worrying about our children being targets for people living in Clean and Sober homes. This is why we need to have Clean and Sober homes to have standard operating procedures. I don't want my kids to be endangered.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Waiokeola Stanley

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MR. MARCUS OSHIRO, FINANCE CHAIR  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2816 HD1!

**LATE**

Dear Chair Oshiro,

I have been deeply concerned by the clean and sober homes popping up in my community. I've made numerous attempts to contact the State and they have told me to contact the City. The City and County of Honolulu said that they were not responsible.

I hope the legislators at the State Capitol can keep our neighborhood free of this danger. My children have been subjected to staying in our home and under the constant supervision of an adult when outside of our home. Why should we have to live under these fearful conditions?

Before the clean and sober homes arrived in my community, our children enjoyed being able to play outside without worry. Last month a large fight broke out next door and the police were called. If this bill should pass, I know that things will change for the better.

With warmest regards,

Arlene Taemoo  
Concerned Resident

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Finance Committee

**LATE**

From: Arthur Aoki Sr.

Re: HB2816 HD1 Relating to Substance Abuse

As a lifelong resident of Honolulu, I am in strong support for this bill. The impacts of having clean and sober housing in neighborhoods is not a good idea. My community has been negatively affected when many people move into one house and no state or city agency monitors homes where people are trying to get off of drugs. Police have been called in late hours of the night. There is loud music playing late at night and people swearing. After living in my home for over 35 years, my family and I no longer feel safe.

**PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.**

Marcus Ohshiro  
Finance

Kamanao Mahuka  
Resident

**LATE**

2/27/08

**PLEASE PASS THIS BILL / HB2816 HD-1**

Aloha Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Kamanao Mahuka, I'm here testifying in Full Support of H.B.2816 HD-1 relating to relating to clean and sober homes.

**I am in strong support of this bill, because our community is not safe from these types of people and there are no safe havens for our kids to play safely outside and I feel there is no one to monitor these types of homes. We should feel safe in our community and these types of places do not make me or my family feel safe. I have been living in Nanakuli all my life and I am 34 years old a long time resident that goes back five generations in my family being in Nanakuli. I am working two jobs so I cannot come in to testify on how passionate I am about this bill please have this measure passed and remember my words and concerns as you vote on this bill since there is not a face that goes with this testimony, but my concerns are at the fore front of my heart.**

Thank you for allowing me this time to submit my testimony and request your favor to support this measure. For more information I can be contacted at 699-1747.

Mahalo,

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