



### **Waianae Community Outreach**

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### **Partnerships in Building Community**

#### **Mission**

Provide Comprehensive services with Aloha to individuals & families in need so they can become Self-Sufficient

#### **Vision**

Healthy Self-Sufficient Resilient Individuals & Families

#### **Values**

**U**nderstanding

**R**espect

**R**esponsibility

**I**ntegrity

**C**ompassion

**H**onesty

**"I put my hand in your hand, what I cannot do alone, we will do together"**

Date: April 13, 2009

To: Sen. J.K. English, Chair TIA  
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Hearing: April 15, 2009 Wednesday 1:15pm Rm: 224

**Re: HCR 144: DETERRING THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOMELESS**

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and committee members:

My name is Sophina B. Placencia, executive director for Waianae Community Outreach. I am in **FULL AND STRONG SUPPORT to HCR144**, deterring the transportation of homeless persons to Hawaii.

It has been demonstrated in history that organizations and agencies in other mainland cities send their homeless to our state based on various reasons that includes resources and climate. As we are responsible for "our own" the other cities need to be responsible for theirs.

Based on the above mentioned experience I ask that you **SUPPORT** this measure. Should you have any questions or need additional information feel free to call me at 682-4673 or 779-1261. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Mahalo,



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Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and committee members:

My name is Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan. I'm the administrative advisor to the board of directors' for Waianae Community Outreach and the recent retired executive director. We are a community based non-profit organization primarily managing services through contracts with the State of Hawaii, Homeless Program Branch and have been under contract for more than 8 years.

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** this measure as it **MAKES EVERY SENSE** to deterring the transportation of the homeless from other cities to Hawaii. It has been demonstrated in history that organizations and agencies in the continental US make transportation available to the homeless due to reasons of weather as well as resources. We are now in a crisis once again this time with the economy. In order for us to fix our problems we need to make assurance that resources are available for them, allow the other states to be more responsible for their own.

Based on the above mentioned experience I ask that you **SUPPORT** this measure. Should you have any questions or need additional information feel free to call me at 682-4673 or 783-9302. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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