

LATE TESTIMONY

Date: Wednesday, April 15th, 2009

To: Senator J. Kalani English
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Committee on Human Services

From: Lautoa F. Atisanoe, Jr.

Re: HCR 144

Chair English, Chair Chun Oakland, and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of HCR144, urging Hawaii's Congressional delegatio to introduce legislation deterring the transportation of homeless people to Hawaii.

Hawaii is currently facing an increase in homelessness and it will continue to increase in the future, especially during these difficult economic times. The Waianae Coast is a great example of what can possibly happen to the rest of Hawaii's beaches if influxes of homeless people are transported into Hawaii.

We cannot currently sustain the existing homeless population in our state and deterring other states from shipping homeless people into Hawaii will help us deal with our current homeless crisis. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote in support of HCR144.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

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