

HB 1187

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, April 6, 2009 at 9:30 am CR 211
In support of HB 1187 - Relating to Homelessness

Aloha Chair Donna Mercado Kin, Vice Chair Shan Tsutsui and members of the Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support for HB 1187.

I am Ilalo Parayno, a retired educator and spent 41 years with DOE as a teacher and administrator.

This bill will repatriate some originally from the mainland back where they supposedly came from. A one way airfare ticket is cheaper than the cost of entering them into the welfare system. Economy is poor right now and increasing homelessness from the mainland coming here for temperate climate as claimed will add to the responsibility that tax payers are shouldering. It a way to help those able individuals with a true unexpected financial problem and become stranded to re-unite with their families where they can obtain family support and friends support in job training and job search.

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I am Dr. Inam Rahman, a medical doctor practicing in the State of Hawaii for 15 years, testifying in strong support of House Bill 1187.

This bill will serve several purposes. First, it will help reunite homeless members in our community who have become stranded in Hawaii with close family members in the Mainland. Hawaii is also faced with a dilemma of public housing shortage. This bill will alleviate the escalating cost of maintaining shelter, medical care, crime and other social issues associated with homelessness. Increasing amount of homeless coming from the mainland that are not prepared to live here, without possible jobs, and other resources that will support them will become a burden to our staggering economic condition. This bill will provide significant solution to assist stranded homeless reunite with their families.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify.

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