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TESTIMONY – OPPOSE w/ COMMENTS
HB 2280: RELATING TO THE HOMELESS

TO: Rep. R. Cabanilla, Chair, Rep. P. Chong, Vice Chair, and members of House Committee on Housing

HEARING: Wednesday February 10, 2010 9:00 AM CR: 325

Aloha Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Chong, and members of the committee:

I'm Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan, a homeowner resident of Waianae and the retired executive director of Waianae Community Outreach, a non-profit agency managing the emergency homeless shelter in Kalaeloa in addition to providing homeless outreach services to those on the leeward coast. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill which would make provisions for the transient homeless to return home.

I need to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this bill and offer comments for consideration. The issue is sending back the "transient" homeless who at one point sought the idea of coming to Hawaii for our climate not realizing that the cost of living here is not attractive as most US continental states are.

A measure of this sort would only take away the current funding that is already reduced for homeless services. Unless this committee can find other funds (new money) I cannot with good conscience support this effort.

In addition, there is language that I would hold responsible "the person has a support system in place in the person's home state that is willing to receive and accommodate the person" if this is the case, the person can be shelter temporarily while the support system along with the person saves the necessary funds to return home.

Mahalo for extending time to hear my concerns and again ask that this bill be OPPOSED.

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TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2280

February 10, 2010

RELATING TO THE HOMELESS

House Bill No. 2280 adds a new section to Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to establish a Return-to-Home Program for the homeless, creates the Parks for Homeless special fund within the State treasury, and appropriates \$100,000 from the special fund to pay for program costs and the hiring of necessary staff.

As a matter of general policy, this department does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. It is difficult to determine whether the fund will be self-sustaining.

Furthermore, given the State's current financial situation, it does not appear fiscally prudent to create a program to expend funds to pay for the homeless to be returned to their families in other states.

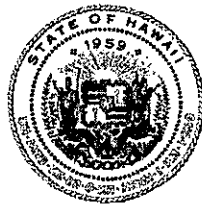
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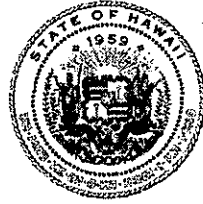
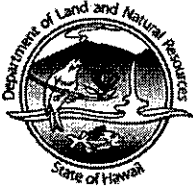
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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HOUSING**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2280
RELATING TO THE HOMELESS**

House Bill 2280 would establish a return-to-home program for the homeless. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) comments are limited to SECTION 2 and defers to the appropriate agencies on all other parts of the bill. The Department does not support the establishment of a Parks For Homeless Special Fund within Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Chapter 184, HRS, relates to State Parks and Recreation Areas. State parks are areas of historic interest or immense scenic beauty. Given that they are visited by approximately 6 million tourists per year, the Department does not think state parks are appropriate places to house the homeless. As such, the Department believes the State needs to increase resources to better manage the existing parks under our control, and the Department has launched an ambitious effort to do so under the Recreational Renaissance initiative.

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Testimony in support of HB 2280

Netra Halperin

House Committee on Housing

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 Rm. 325 9:00 am

Good Morning Chair Rida Cabanilla, Vice Chair Pono Chong and members of Housing Committee,

My name is Netra Halperin. I have worked extensively as a social worker on Maui. The purpose of the return to home program is to assist homeless people from other states voluntarily return to home. This isn't meant to solve the entire homeless problem in the state of Hawaii, only the specific population that came to Hawaii with dreams of Hula girls serving Mai Thais on the beach and has then encountered the harsh reality of homelessness in Hawaii. It is meant for the out-of-state homeless that already have family, friends or other support services in the place where they are requesting transport to. This program will work with homeless services, local airlines and charter companies to obtain tickets. It will get participants ready for travel and also follow up one month later. This will cost between \$400 and \$600 per person. On the other hand it now costs the State of Hawaii between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per year, per homeless person in services, which include extensive hospital stays and medical care, shelter, food and social and other support services. This doesn't even include children incurring developmental delays with later costs. This bill would save the state of Hawaii thousands of dollars and much unnecessary suffering.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010, CR 325
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2280-RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Aloha Chair Rida Cabanilla, Vice Chair Pono Chong and members of the Housing Committee.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support for HB 2280.

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 is 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010 CR 325
IN SUPPORT OF HB 2280- RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Aloha Chair Rida Cabanilla, Vice Chair Pono Chong and members of the Housing Committee

I am Dr. Inam Rahman, a medical doctor practicing in the State of Hawaii for 16 years, testifying in strong support of House Bill 2280.

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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