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LATE TESTIMONY

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Aloha, Chair, Vice-Chair and Committe members;

I am submitting my support for HB2488 as an individual that has worked with the homeless and Waianae Community Outreach for several years. There is a real need to provide basic services in the parks to support the growing homeless population that has no other means of support in the community. As this state works to deal with the issue of homelessness and affordable housing there is a greater demand being placed on the parks and beaches of Oahu. My concern is that the state is making an effort to move forward and address this issue, the city and county is creating measures to counter those efforts of support and assistance. The state and city and county need to sit down and address these issues in "real terms" and use "real language" to effectively address this issue in the state of Hawaii instead of marginalizing the homeless.

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