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HCR 262

TO: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
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RE: Support for HCR262 HD1, Relating to THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WAIANAE
COAST HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this proposal.

I am a MSW student at the University of Hawaii who had the opportunity along with four classmates to visit, and do a small need assessment on the homeless in Waianae Coast last semester. The experience was wonderful; having the opportunity to talk with and learn what lead to their homelessness was a great experience that taught me a lot! I also asked what could I do to help improve their situation and many of them said they needed affordable housing and shelters that allowed them to bring their pets. They wanted me to share their story with all who could make a difference so here I am today. I think you Task Force is a step in the right direction but would suggest you seek out and include a few of the homeless on you Task Force.

Respectfully,
Sharon Anderson
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