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Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

March 18, 2009 9:30 a.m.  
Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of  
**S.B. 910, SD1**

**RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF HOMELESS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HUMAN SERVICES**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports S.B. 910, SD1, the Administration bill which would transfer Homeless Services from HPHA to the Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BSSD) within the Department of Human Services (DHS). Homeless Services and BSSD serve many of the same clients, and this measure would improve the ability to coordinate services and avoid duplication of effort, thereby improving client outcomes and making the most effective use of funding. Clients would not have two agencies to deal with, enhancing customer service.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Rida Cabanilla, Chair  
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **S. B. 910, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF HOMELESS  
PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 325, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of S.B. 910, S.D.1 is to transfer the State Homeless programs from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to the Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to improve the coordination of homeless programs and services for clients of DHS.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this Administration-sponsored bill. The Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD) is the appropriate Division within DHS to effectively coordinate homeless services since it administers programs relating to job training, child care, and financial assistance. These programs are a necessary accompaniment to the case management services that are a primary function of emergency and transitional shelters for homeless individuals and families.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

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SB 910, SD 1

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF HOMELESS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Chair Cabanilla, Vice-Chair Chong and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 910, SD 1.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) testimony is limited to SECTION 2, page 7, which allows an exemption from HRS Chapter 103F for the selection of provider agencies to administer programs for the homeless. HRS Chapter 103F provides a health and human services competitive procurement process which applies to all contracts made by state agencies for the benefit of Hawaii's residents. There is no compelling reason to statutorily exempt the selection of provider agencies to administer homeless programs from the requirements of HRS Chapter 103F since the procurement statutes provides independence and flexibility for procuring the necessary health and human services.

The SPO recommends amending page 7, lines 11 and 12, as follows:

“...this part, shall not be subject to chapters 42F, 102, and 103, ~~and 103F.~~”

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As a public entity, the state must maintain an open, fair and equitable treatment of all providers who deal with the state's procurement system. Statutorily exempting an agency from the requirements of HRS Chapter 103F is not in the best interest of government, the health and human services provider community, and the general public. The competitive procurement processes are to insure that all potential providers are afforded the opportunity to compete for the required services through established time-tested, fair, and reliable set of rules and processes for award of contracts.

Thank you