

TESTIMONY RELATING TO SB 910, SD 1

Relating to the transfer of homeless programs within the Dept of Human Services.

TO: CHAIR REP. RISA CABANILLA & COMMITTEE

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of transferring Homeless Programs to DHS, BESSD Branch Partners In Care, a coalition of Homeless Services Providers voted unanimously to support this move. We work closely with Executive Director Sandi Miyoshi and her staff. She feels that this move would assist her department to better serve us. BESSD has the infrastructure and support to manage the millions of dollars that the homeless program manage. The procurement procedures would be more efficient and ~~the~~ more expedient.

Please support this bill, Mahalo.

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Chair

Partners in Care

and

Director of Waiwani Village Waianai.

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"I put my hand in your hand, what I cannot do alone, we will do together"

Date: March 17, 2009

To: Rep. R. Cabanilla, Chair Housing Committee
Rep. P. Chong, Vice Chair Housing Committee

Hearing: March 18, 2009 9:30am Rm: 325

Measure: SB 910: THE TRANSFER OF HOMELESS PROGRAMS WITHIN DHS

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and committee members:

My name is Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan. I am the administrative advisor to the board of directors of Waianae Community Outreach. I would like to request your **FULL SUPPORT** to this measure. **IT MAKES SENSE, IS COST EFFECTIVE AND MAKES DELIEVERY OF SERVICE MORE EFFICIENT.**

During this time of economic challenges, we are called to reevaluate the effectiveness of running our government and determining what fits and what doesn't. This is the time for this bill. Having the homeless programs moved to the benefits section of DHS makes the perfect fit. It was meant to be and now is the time for it to be. Lets do the RIGHT thing in running our government and refrain from the popular "same old same old" way of operating. This will save a termendous amount of time and money in the long run. **AND, MAKE SERVING THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT THING TO DO!**

Mahalo for your time and ask again for your FULL SUPPORT to this bill. Should you have any questions or need additional information feel free to call me at 426-4647, 682-4673 or 783-9302.

Mahalo,
Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan

Mission

Provide Comprehensive services with Aloha to individuals & families in need so they can become Self-Sufficient

Vision

Healthy Self-Sufficient Resilient Individuals & Families

Values

Understanding
Respect
Responsibility
Integrity
Compassion
Honesty

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