

# SB 2568

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE HOMELESS.  
Report Title: Temporary Emergency Shelters; Homeless; Counties  
Description: Requires counties to provide information on and access to temporary emergency shelters to homeless individuals and families upon removing them from public property.  
Companion:  
Package: None  
Current Referral: HMS/PGM  
Introducer(s): IHARA (BR)

February 8, 2012

To: Senator Will Espero, Chair  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Members of the Senate Public Safety and Human Services Committee

From: Luisa Akaveka

Subject: Support of SB2568 requiring the provision of information on and access to temporary emergency shelters to homeless individuals and families upon removing them from public property.

Aloha! I am strongly in support SB2568 and I am asking for your support as well. Homelessness is a constant issue nationally and, according to the annual Homeless Service Utilization Report of 2011, there are 5,768 homeless people in Hawaii, 4,013 of them are unsheltered. This means that 69% of homeless individuals have not been informed about temporary emergency shelters or have not been provided access.

States such as California, New York, and North Carolina provide 24 hour emergency shelter access to homeless individuals, which, in result, have helped individuals find permanent housing. Homelessness has been at its high these past years, according to Honolulu Advertiser, increasing by 4%. Homelessness cannot be overcome in a matter of days it takes time to find permanent housing that gives individuals stability and providing temporary emergency shelters will decrease the amount of time it will take for individuals to find permanent housing due to the aid and benefits shelters will give. Homeless individuals' needs should be addressed and I believe SB2568 is just the bill for the job.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and listen to my testimony. I am strongly in support of SB2568 and I hope members of the committee will recommend this bill for passage. Mahalo!

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Comments:

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to voice my support,

I am writing in support of the proposal to provide homeless individuals and families that are being removed from public property with directions (in writing) to shelters that have space for additional occupants. It is important that this referral be current as space in shelters is not always available. Simply telling someone that they must remove their possessions and relocate somewhere else does not address the problem, it just moves it down the street. It is unacceptable that we as a community do not take responsibility for this growing problem but just assume 'out of sight -out of mind'. A network of collaboration between nonprofit organizations and state/county agencies will create the links that may help some of the homeless find shelter and social service programs. It is difficult to provide assistance for people who have no safe place to stay while waiting for the opportunities we believe are available for all the citizens of Hawaii.

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