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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 935, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET
RESERVE FUND**

Hearing: Friday, February 25, 2011; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 935, S.D. 1, is to appropriate moneys from the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs for public health, safety, welfare, and education.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill but recommends the approval of S.B. 1288, submitted by the Governor, which requests an emergency appropriation from the emergency and budget reserve fund and make technical corrections to Act 191, Session Laws of 2010 to permit the awarding of funds to specified organizations. The bill also extends the lapse date of Act 191's appropriations from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

S.B. 935, S.D. 1, proposes funding for FY 2011-2012, for the same programs identified in S.B. 1288 and others.

We support the overall concept of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives but we are concerned about the cost implications generated by this proposal.

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

From: Paul Groesbeck [paul@lifefoundation.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 8:02 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: chunoakland@yahoo.com; wam2 - Corie
Subject: SB 935 Comments to WAM

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Senator Ige (copy to Corie)
Senator Kidani
Senator Chun Oakland

The following brief comments propose a clarifying amendment to SECTION 13 of SB 935. I apologize for the late submission. I was a bit confused about whether this amendment had already been brought to your attention. Respectfully submitted by:

Paul Groesbeck, Executive Director, Life Foundation (Contact 226-1546) On behalf of himself and Jonathan Berliner, Executive Director, Gregory House Programs W. Michael Johnson, Executive Director, The CHOW Project

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Decision Making

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SB 935 REKATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Senator Ige and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

As the executive director of Life Foundation, Hawaii's oldest and largest AIDS organization, I am writing to support the intent of this measure in general and, in particular, I would like to offer a clarifying amendment to SECTION 13, which makes an allocation to HIV/AIDS services.

When HIV/AIDS services were included in this allocation from the emergency and budget reserve fund, it was with the intention that the funds be directed to three organizations that provide a variety of critical AIDS services under contracts with the STD/AIDS Prevention Branch of the Hawaii State Department of Health. Collectively, these organizations had

experienced funding losses of about \$307,000 from the Department of Health during the past year.

Prior to drafting the suggested clarifying amendment included below, I conferred with the chief of the DOH AIDS branch and with the Acting Director of Health. Neither objected to this course of action.

Accordingly, I would respectfully ask the committee to amend SECTION 13 of SB 935. This amendment makes no financial change to the bill but merely allows the Department of Health to release the funds to the designated programs. The proposed language follows:

SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of The State of Hawaii, the sum of \$270,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010-2011 to provide funding for grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for HIV/AIDS related services [.] and to be distributed as follows:

(1) Life Foundation

\$90,000

(2) Gregory House Programs

\$90,000

(3) Community Health Outreach Work to Prevent AIDS (The CHOW Project)

\$90,000

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

RE: SUPPORT OF SB 935

My name is Jaque Kelley-Uyeoka, and I am the Deputy CEO-Outreach Services at Hale Kipa, Inc. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of this bill.

Hale Kipa, a long-standing private non profit, serving youth and their families has also lost significant funding that was focused on assisting the Department of Human Services and the Judiciary keep youth safe and stabilized in their own homes and avoid deeper involvement in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. It's frightening to envision the destabilization that is happening to social services that will undeniably lead to higher unmet needs of youth and families.

Hale Kipa also has programs it seeks to restore and while the agency is not specifically mentioned in this bill, Hale Kipa is in support of SB935 as it is an attempt to keep a safety net in place. Many agencies are critical to this net and investing in it, even in these difficult times, will save both fiscal and human resources.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

Sincerely,

Jaque Kelley-Uyeoka, ACSW
Deputy CEO-Outreach Services
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The Honorable Senator David Ige, Chair
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee
February 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: SB. 935 SD1 -- RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND

Aloha Chairman Ige and Ways and Means Committee members. My name is Liane Akana and I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 935 SD 1, relating to the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. We would however, respectfully request that the bill be amended to include \$200,000 for Read To Me International Foundation to continue providing much-needed literacy services.

This bill was created to serve as a safety net for basic human services and for health and education needs for Hawaii's residents and families during difficult economic times and declining revenues. During times such as this, it is the gap group families and those closest to the poverty line that suffer the most, and this bill seeks to address these needs. With such families having little voice in government, it is imperative that legislators provide that voice for them, and this bill seeks to address that.

Read To Me International is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in Hawaii and dedicated to improving childhood literacy. As a non-profit which targets families and communities most at-risk of educational failure, we are well aware of what happens to individuals who fail to adequately achieve literacy levels necessary to be competitive in the workforce. Many of the individuals we work with in the prisons read below the fourth grade level and have never had positive experiences with books and reading. And, many of the mothers that we serve through our partnership with the Women Infant and Children (WIC) program want their children to do well in school but may not have the knowledge or the resources to achieve that goal. Our programs put books into the homes of families who need them most and give parents the knowledge and skills to become their children's first teachers.

I ask for the support of this bill, which provides for the least fortunate among us.

Liane K. Akana
Executive Director
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Proposed amendment to SB 935 SD1

Addition of the following section:

Section . There is appropriated out of the emergency and budget reserve fund of the state of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011 – 2012 to provide funding for grants pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Read To Me International Foundation for childhood literacy programs.