HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF NON-PROFIT AGENCIES THAT ARE CONTRACTED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES.

WHEREAS, economic growth in Hawai'i, as well as the rest of the country over the past several years can be described as slow, at best, and data suggest that many of Hawai'i's individuals and families were pushed to their financial edge during the recent recession with families continuing to struggle to meet their most basic needs; and

WHEREAS, low-income and poor individuals and families are particularly vulnerable to homelessness when affordable housing is scarce and the economy is weak; and

WHEREAS, homeless service programs aim to stabilize homeless individuals over the short term through emergency and transitional housing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services contracts with a number of non-profit agencies to provide these homeless service programs and questions have been raised regarding the administrative costs associated with providing these services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, that the Auditor is requested to assess the administrative costs of non-profit agencies that contract with the Department of Human Services to provide homeless services; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Auditor and Director of Human Services.

OFFERED BY: Rich 7.4 Catoulle

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