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**TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 1889, HD1, RELATING TO A HOMELESS
PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

**House Committee on Finance
Hon. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Hon. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Hon. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

Honorable Chair Luke and committee members:

I am Kris Coffield, representing IMUAlliance, a nonpartisan political advocacy organization that boasts over 175 local members. On behalf of our members, we offer this testimony in support of, with proposed amendments for House Bill 1889, HD1, relating to a homeless person's bill of rights.

Homeless people are human beings. To date, the City and County of Honolulu has spent more than \$350,000 enforcing sidewalk nuisance regulations that went into effect last year, despite recent recognition by federal courts that homeless people's property is protected by the Constitution's due process and the Fourth Amendment's privacy guarantees. These efforts evince and symbolize a mean-spirited dehumanization of our state's homeless population, many of whom are hardworking men and woman struggling to find financial opportunities that match Hawaii's high cost of living.

That said, we encourage you to amend Section 1 of this bill by adding a subsection (b)(8), to read: (8) Apply for and choose to accept assistance or services from any federal, state, or county government to improve one's quality of life without discrimination based upon being homeless, mental illness, substance abuse, or domestic violence. Many housing options for the homeless, especially shelters, require homeless persons to seek, obtain, and maintain self-benefit or rehabilitation programs as a condition for admittance. The City and County of Honolulu, where the state's homeless majority resides, is

currently moving toward implementation of a Housing First Initiative, which provides immediate housing before offering a variety of support services. Our state has received a \$2.1 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration to cover the cost of piloting the program for 100 people. The Housing First paradigm operates on the assumption that homeless people must meet basic survival needs before treatment or assistance programs can be effective. Thus, in our view, it is important to codify this philosophy into the list of rights proposed by this measure, emphasizing that homeless persons cannot be rejected by support services or government programs, like Housing First, because of factors ancillary to and exacerbated by the state of being homeless. Additionally, we encourage you to amend Section 1, subsection (b)(1) to read: “~~Move freely in~~ **Utilize** public spaces, including ~~on~~ public sidewalks, ~~in~~ public parks, ~~on~~ public transportation, and ~~in~~ public buildings without harassment or intimidation from law enforcement officials, in the same manner as other persons;” thereby preventing the counties from enforcing draconian and unconstitutional ordinances that violate homeless people's rights to due process and privacy of property.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Kris Coffield
Legislative Director

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**Testimony of Laulani Teale, MPH
in Support of HB 1889,
RELATING TO A HOMELESS PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS.
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair**

2-24-2014

Aloha Kākou,

I am writing today in strong support of HB 1889, the Houseless Bill of Rights.

My appeal to you, the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives, is this: precious resources are being wasted in misdirected efforts to combat houselessness through the persecution of houseless persons. They are not working. **What we need to do is to begin where these efforts should have begun in the first place: with the protection, first and foremost, of the human rights of all people.** From here, we can build solutions that truly work for everyone.

I work directly in our community with activists, social workers, police, and many, many houseless people. One thing that we should all commonly understand by now is that these are not easy problems to solve.

Until the rights of houseless people are protected, nothing will get better. Brutality and undue oppression are used in frustration, because it feels like “nothing else is working”. What we need to do is to cut off these ineffective, abusive avenues, and focus on real solutions. Only then, by building the consensus that we will all act with civility and respect toward every person first and foremost, will real solutions – which are not easy, but very possible – be developed.

Human rights need to be protected before anything else. This is an international standard that Hawai‘i was famous for upholding during the days of the Hawaiian Kingdom, long before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with which HB 1889 aligns beautifully. Hawaii must strive to meet this level of greatness again.

Kānāwai Māmalahoe, the Law of the Splintered paddle, is not to be taken lightly. It speaks not only to the protection of the well-being of all people, but also of the very ability of any government to stand. For not only is it true that the measure of any society is the well-being of the poorest of its citizens, but that any government that cannot protect all of its people from harm is destined to fall quickly.

Please pass HB 1889 into law.

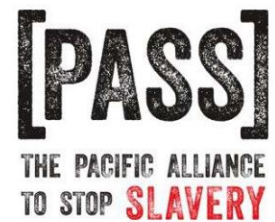
Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Me ke aloha ‘oia‘i‘o nō,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laulani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a decorative flourish at the end.

Laulani Teale





February 23, 2014

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

TIME: 2:00PM

PLACE: Conference Room 308, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1889 HD 1
RELATING TO HOMELESS PERSONS BILL OF RIGHTS**

Aloha, Committee on Finance:

On behalf of the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS), I stand in strong support of HB1889 HD1. PASS supports this bill for many reasons including our mission to protect juveniles at high risk for human trafficking who are houseless and endangered runaways who deserve basic rights, services, and care in this present culture of criminalization. Criminalizing the Houseless does not succeed in solving problems relating to either public safety or effectively addressing homelessness. Criminalization of the Houseless only leads to civil rights abuses and a waste of tax payer dollars used to enforce these measures.

HB1889 HD does **not** require an appropriation from the State. For this reason PASS respectfully requests that the Chair requests a re-referral. Also, as it was noted in the Committee Report for the prior hearing in HUS, PASS feels that the bill clearly includes all Counties in the State and that the “enforcement” component is irrelevant as this bill would allow for a civil recourse of action on behalf of those whose rights have been violated.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN: Establishing a Bill of Rights for the Houseless will restore the eroded rights that have taken place due to the passage of recent City Ordinances which in practice criminalize the houseless in the name of “public safety.” However, public safety is never achieved in this way. Examples of ordinances include, in lay terms, the confiscation of property and the fining of houseless persons (City Ordinance 11-029 aka Bill 54 and Ordinance 13-8, aka Bill 7). There are also bills in the State that currently seek to further criminalize nonviolent houseless including HB1660 Relating to Sidewalks and HB2409 Relating to Disorderly Conduct. The application of laws that currently exist to disproportionately criminalize the non-violent and law abiding houseless for finding respite on the sidewalk, has resulted in

many abuses of innocent people by law enforcement and city officials. These abuses include: verbal harassment, physical assault, and the unconstitutional seizure of property belonging to houseless persons and families.

It has become clear that the Houseless have become an unprotected class suffering from abuse and an erosion of basic civil rights through their recent criminalization through laws described above. For this reason we must establish a Bill of Rights for the Houseless.

I enumerate some facts to consider with regard to criminalization and erosion of rights for the Houseless:

- 1) **PRISON OVERCROWDING/INCARCERATION OF NONVIOLENT OFFENDERS:** Established ordinances and laws that criminalize the houseless exacerbate the overcrowding of our prison system and add more costs for the price of incarceration. To make room for the influx of more inmates, other inmates who have committed felonies, would be either moved into the Federal Detention Center (FDC) or to mainland prisons, all at the taxpayers' expense.
 - i. As of the end of 2009, it cost approximately \$118 per day to incarcerate an inmate in OCCC (over \$42,000 per year per inmate), and at least \$62 per day to incarcerate him or her in a private prison on the mainland (over \$22,000 per year per inmate)¹.
 - ii. Furthermore, it is unjust to incarcerate nonviolent offenders along with violent convicted felons as a method of “rehabilitation” or to prevent recidivism. It only serves to traumatize these nonviolent offenders and create anti-social behavior.

- 2) **WASTE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS:** Criminalizing the houseless has proved, in other places (San Francisco, Los Angeles, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Florida, etc.) as well as in Honolulu, to be massively ineffective and only succeeds in wasting taxpayer dollars. Once the “offenders” have served their time, they go back to the streets and sidewalks and the State and City will have accomplished nothing. The only outcome these policies do is make it even harder for houseless persons to exit out of poverty since they will then have an additional hardship: a criminal record.
<http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/sidewalk-nuisance-law-has-done-little-to-clear-clutter/-/8905354/21507216/-/8sv5eez/-/index.html>
 - a. Mayor Caldwell has already spent well over \$300,000 on city sweeps of the houseless—moving them from one district to another. <http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/city-plans-on-homeless-sweeps-3-times-a-week/-/8905354/23876950/-/guhguxz/-/index.html>
 - b. Criminalization is no solution to addressing poverty, houselessness, or public safety. And this fact has been proven by other cities faced with similar problems as Honolulu. Between 2004 and 2008, San Francisco spent \$9.8 million dollars on incarcerating the houseless with no significant impact on houselessness or public safety.

¹ Johnson, D. (2011) Hawaii’s Imprisonment Policy and the Performance of Parolees Who Were Incarcerated In-State and on the Mainland. Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General. Retrieved on January 11, 2014, from: <http://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/files/2013/01/AH-UH-Mainland-Prison-Study-2011.pdf>

- 3) **DEHUMANIZATION:** Criminalization of the houseless has serious repercussions in our overall society. When marginalized groups of people are criminalized by law, surrounding community members tend to dehumanize this group as we've seen throughout the past, especially with the Nuremberg Laws of Nazi Germany. In present day Hawaii, we have seen several violent beatings, and even murder of houseless persons in the recent past, coming on the heels of well publicized laws and ordinances criminalizing the houseless. <http://www.examiner.com/article/third-homeless-man-murdered-on-oahu-6-weeks>

- 4) **HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION:** Criminalizing the houseless is also a human rights violation recognized by the United Nations. The UN has called upon the United States to repeal laws criminalizing homelessness. <http://www.unmultimedia.org/radio/english/2012/04/united-states-urged-to-repeal-laws-criminalizing-homelessness/>

The Bill of Rights established by HB1889 will counter the bad policies and re-focus our efforts on proven solutions such as funding affordable housing projects, allowing tax relief for low-income workers and families, appropriations to services such as mental health and drug rehabilitation, and investing in public education. All of these things, including maintaining our basic civil rights for all people, reduce the poverty that leads to homelessness. However, if any groups' rights have been eroded, clear and swift attention must be paid in restoring justice for that group. HB1889 brings this restorative justice to the poor.

Houseless population on O'ahu

According to the 2013 Point In Time Study, between 2012 and 2013, the houseless population in Honolulu County increased 4.7%, more than any other county in Hawai'i. Among O'ahu's houseless, the portion that live unsheltered is growing rapidly, by a margin of 11% since 2012 and 23% since 2009. The rate of unsheltered families with children also rose 5% since 2012.

PASS kindly urges your committee to pass HB1889 HD1.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Xian
Executive Director

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Ken Burch	Individual	Support	No

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joe kassel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: this measure only opens the door in fulfilling our responsibility to protect those surviving the challenging and vulnerable status of homelessness

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clare loprinzi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: all need to be taken care of and this was established way back by Kameameha...honor it..

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Rick Morse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed;"

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Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I strongly support HB1889 to establish a Bill of Rights for the Houseless. Recent City Ordinances have criminalized the houseless and the poor and have promoted violence and abuse against them. These abuses include unconstitutional seizure of property from those already living in a desperate situation. This legislation is direly needed to help stop these abuses. Please show that ours is an enlightened society that works for the good of all, and not one that cruelly preys upon the weak. Please pass HB1889! Respectfully, Sherry Pollack

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claudia rice	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly Support.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1889 RELATING TO THE HOMELESS PERSONS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Aloha, my name is Michael Tada and I stand in full support of HB1889, Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights. Over the past two years I have been involved in the De Occupy Honolulu movement. During that time I have been witness to numerous raids on our encampment, as well as the houseless encampment on the Victoria Street/ Beretania Street corner of Thomas Square.

I think that the first place to begin this essay would be to look at some of the reasons why people become houseless. I think the first place to look for a reason would be to look at the job market. With the minimum, wage starting at \$7.25/hour, and rent for a decent apartment starting at around \$1,000.00, figuring in food, clothing, personal care, etc., let's be real, it's VERY HARD to survive for a family of three. We need to totally abolish the minimum wage, and come up to a LIVING WAGE. This would be a very must do thing before we condemn ANY houseless person. That to me should be a non starter. With everything in Hawai'i costing more than what the continental US charges, and with the minimum wage is less than adequate, is it any wonder why many people are houseless? Not to mention the lack of jobs, good paying jobs

due to the current economic situation we now are currently facing. When a couple has to choose between food for the family or rent, you know that a serious situation is on our hands. When healthcare causes a family to file bankruptcy, you know something is not right. Add to that what is regarded as 'entertainment' where women are all too often portrayed in an almost humiliating role of being a sex symbol for man's desires, to be used, abused, raped, and then tossed out like yesterday's news. All of these are signs signaling that we have definitely lost our way. When theft is celebrated (Can you say 'statehood day?'), without any feelings of guilt, (Need I mention the number of NATIVE HAWAIIANS THAT ARE HOUSELESS IN THEIR OWN HOMELANDS?), when lies are taught in school in ALL LEVELS) Example: Hawai'i is the 50th state), you know that we are on life support!

We have to remember that people who are houseless are human beings who, for the reasons mentioned above, need help, not criminalization. This Bill of Rights is a good first step in maintaining the civil and human rights of all who are houseless.

In closing, I just want to say a big Mahalo for considering this bill. It is my prayer that this bill passes and is fully implemented in such a way that we live up to our name as the 'ALOHA' State!

Mahalo for hearing my testimony!!

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David Mulinix	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the establishment of a homeless person's bill of rights. Effective July 1, 2050.
(HB1889 HD1)

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To the members of the Finance Committee:

I am a graduate student of anthropology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and I have been conducting research on homelessness in Hawaii since 2009. I strongly urge you to support the passage of HB 1889 to protect the basic civil rights of the poorest members of our state.

Over the past few years, the city has gone to extreme, and possibly unconstitutional, lengths to criminalize the homeless members in our community and further ostracize them from full participation in our society. While the presence of poor bodies living in public areas like sidewalks and parks are problematic for a number of reasons, the criminalization of these bodies is an ineffective means of remedying homelessness and poverty, and only works to define these persons as falling outside of a social system that consists of only its more wealthy members. It is imperative to pass HB 1889 to ensure that basic constitutional rights are extended to all members of society, regardless of wealth.

The financial burdens of city laws that criminalize the homeless have fallen unfairly onto the poor and onto taxpayers. Imprisoning people for no other crime than being poor in public only burdens an already overcrowded prison system. Expecting people who must resort to sleeping in tents or on sidewalks to pay fines ranging in proposed city legislation from \$50-\$1000 is not only unconscionable, it is unrealistic. They are being fined the cost of a room for the night or the cost of rent for the month precisely because they cannot afford these basic living necessities. Confiscating and storing the private property of homeless people is a further burden on the government, and causes homeless people to start from scratch because the confiscated property often constitutes everything a homeless person has. By contrast, HB 1889 will prevent this and future legislation from further spending tax dollars and impoverishing the homeless at very little cost to the state. In fact, it will result in less arrests, fines, and confiscation and storage of private property, saving the state money.

HB 1889 is largely a symbolic act, but it is an act in the right direction. Having worked extensively with the homeless, one of the largest barriers to accessing social services is trust. Even before the criminalizing legislation was passed, the arrest and confiscation of property from homeless people I have worked with was routine, often on the pretext of a complaint. Negating my repeated pleas for them to seek help at hospitals and shelters, these homeless men and women refused based on the assumption that these were punitive spaces rather than spaces of rehabilitation. Years of harassment from the public sector have conditioned them to mistrust help from anyone with an official title, and from any institution. Now, the slew of bills that officially criminalize the homeless seek to only drive them further away, while dissent is met with empty rhetoric stating that "they can go to shelters if they want to." We are aware of many of the problems affecting our effective treatment of homelessness: shelters are often full, there is not enough affordable housing to meet demand, and wages do not meet the high cost of living in the state. The passage of HB 1889 works in a twofold way, regaining the trust of the poorest members of our society, and giving us the time to address effective treatment models.

Ultimately, the choice is a moral one. Within our democratic system, this moral choice has now fallen upon you, the elected members of our state legislature. By passing HB 1889, you will be taking a stand to uphold the basic civil rights of the poorest and most vulnerable members of our society. You will be

sending a strong message to those lawmakers that seek to criminalize the homeless. By extending these rights to the homeless, you will be inviting them to participate in our society, rather than shunning them. Our goal is to wage a war on poverty, not to wage a war on the poor. If you choose to defer or vote against HB 1889, you will be neglecting to ensure that basic civil rights are extended to all citizens, regardless of wealth.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

Sincerely,

Aashish Hemrajani

To the members of the finance committee,

I am writing in strong support of Bill 1889, which would enable a Homeless Bill of Rights. This has effectively worked in multiple cities around the US as a way for those who are houseless to have equal rights to medical care, free movement, free speech, voting, opportunities for employment, and privacy. We cannot continue to treat our fellow human beings as less than. Each person deserves the same rights whether or not they have a home to live in. I kindly urge you to allow the same rights to each person regardless of the circumstances they may be facing.

Respectfully,

Emily Krause



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Pono Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

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Rm. 308, 2:00 p.m.

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair
and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

LATE

Re: H.B. No. 1889, H.D.1

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai'i's laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai'i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sec. 5.

H.B. No. 1889, H.D.1, if enacted, would establish a statutory homeless person's bill of rights. The HCRC offers these comments on the bill.

The HCRC opposes discrimination and disparate treatment against people because they are poor or homeless. Regardless of socio-economic class, all of Hawai'i's people should be accorded respect and dignity, equal opportunity, and equal protection of law. People should not be denied access to goods, services, accommodations, or opportunities based on discriminatory reasons. It should be recognized and acknowledged that these proposed protections, while they may overlap with existing protected bases (e.g., disability) that are disparately impacted by discrimination against the poor, are different in kind from the other protected bases in our civil rights / non-discrimination laws (race, ancestry, sex, etc.).



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Puanani Rogers	Ho`okipa Network - Kauai	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo a nui for this bill, it shows compassion and that you all realize we are all human beings.

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