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HB 914 HD1
RELATING TO OBESITY PREVENTION
House Committee on Finance

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Room 308

The Beneficiary Advocacy Empowerment (BAE) Committee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB914 HD1. This measure would establish the Hawai'i Interagency Obesity Prevention Council and appropriates funds for programs related to obesity prevention and related chronic diseases.

OHA's strategic priorities include Maui Ola (Health), which represents our commitment to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians and quality of life by reducing the onset of chronic diseases. Obesity is a common condition of chronic diseases, and data suggests that Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders are at greater risk for obesity and health complications. As such, OHA's Health Advocacy Initiative Core and Advisory Team are focusing its efforts on decreasing Native Hawaiian obesity rates in relation to Hawai'i's general population.

We particularly support a public health approach that aims to take a holistic and systemic view to address obesity in Hawai'i's communities, while working collaboratively with public and private interests. We also encourage the inclusion of the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community to vet recommendations from the council, as there is a strong indication that Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders are at greater risk for obesity and obesity-attributable health complications.

In addition, we encourage state agencies to disaggregate data as it will assist the state and our larger community of stakeholders to develop, plan, and recommend meaningful policies. OHA looks forward to working with the council to ensure that we are collectively responsive to the needs and concerns related to chronic disease rates in the Native Hawaiian community.

Therefore, OHA's BAE Committee urges this Committee to **PASS** HB914 HD1. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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