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To: Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 101/HR 15 SUPPORTING EFFORTS
BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSIST IN
FINDING OPPORTUNITIES AND SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS
HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII**

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HCR 101/HR 15 Supporting Efforts by Non-Governmental Organizations that Assist in Finding Opportunities and Solutions to Address Homelessness in Hawaii.

Since 1981, Hawaii Youth Services Network and partner organizations statewide have successfully utilized federal funds to meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth and those at-risk of homelessness. In cooperation with Hale Kipa, Maui Youth and Family Services, Family Support Hawaii, Salvation Army Family Intervention Services, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, and Hale 'Opio Kauai, we provide street outreach, emergency shelter, and transitional living services to young people ages 12 – 21. Currently, we bring \$400,000 a year in federal funds into our state to provide services in both urban and rural communities.

Runaway, homeless and street youth are an often overlooked segment of the homeless population and one that has unique needs and challenges. These youth are separated from their families and are living without adult support and guidance. Hawaii Youth Services Network's street outreach and shelter programs reach more than 700 runaway and homeless youth annually.

Communities benefit when young people and their families have the resources needed to be safe, healthy, and ready to succeed in life. Programs for the homeless help families to become self-supporting, contributing citizens of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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