

# Community Alliance for Mental Health

## Board of Directors

Anne Chipchase  
President

Robert Scott Wall  
Vice President

Crystal Aguinaldo  
Secretary

William Lennox  
Treasurer

Sunny Algosio

Jessica Carroll

Randolph Hack

Gina Hungerford

Susan King

To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Re: SB 1099 SD 1

**LATE**

To: The Honorable Senator Ige and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help strongly supports SB 1099 SD 1. Affordable housing for our most vulnerable populations' remains one of the strongest challenges we as a community face.

When a person falls into the safety net whether that is from a lost job, mental illness, or substance abuse the hardest thing is climbing out of that net. With the asset limit to TANF eliminated it will be possible to save up for that first months' rent, last months' rent, deposit, getting the utilities turned on, and food.

Without that little bit of extra help it can seem to be a daunting challenge and one can remain bemired in poverty.

Mahalo,  
Robert Scott Wall  
Vice-President