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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: SB 1116

To: The Honorable Senator Chun-Oakland and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help supports SB 1116. As we as a community strive to address the growing homelessness problem we all face, the glaring need for affordable housing becomes clear.

Also clear is the drain upon both the federal and state budgets health care has become. The tie between affordable housing and health care has become evident. One can't stay healthy on the street.

Whether it is Supported Housing, Housing First, Section 8, or H.U.D., the logical place for all of these programs to live is the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority. Broadening the definition of their authority only makes sense.

Mahalo,

Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President