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February 22, 2013

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 515, S.D.1 – RELATING TO HOUSING**

Hearing: Friday, February 22, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211; State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 515, S.D.1 is to: 1) appropriate unspecified funds to the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services and the rental housing trust fund; 2) appropriate unspecified funds to the Department of Health for substance abuse treatment, mental health support services, and clean and sober housing services; 3) appropriate funds for a rental assistance program, also known as a shallow subsidy program; 4) appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to continue to administer housing first programs for chronically homeless individuals and to reestablish the homeless prevention and rapid re-housing program; 5) appropriates funds out of the rental housing trust fund; and 6) appropriate matching funds for the federal shelter plus care program to provide rental assistance in connection with supportive services.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services appreciates the Legislature's support of the Homeless Programs Office (HPO) and supports the intent

of Part I, Section 2 (funding for services to homeless and at-risk individuals and families) ; Part II, Section 8 (funding for the shallow subsidy program); Part III, Sections 9 and 10 (funding for the housing first program); and Part VI, Section 15 (matching funding for the shelter care plus program), of this bill but we are concerned about the cost implications of this bill and the adverse impacts on the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget.

Regarding Part III, Section 10 of this bill, the Department has requested \$1.5 million in the Executive Biennium Budget to continue the Housing First program, with expansion to the entire island of Oahu and the Neighbor Islands. We ask for the Legislature's support of the Executive Biennium Budget request.

Lastly, regarding Part IV, Sections 11-12 of this bill, the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program was funded by the federal government from 2009-2012 in the amount of approximately \$9 million statewide. Many at risk families were assisted and were kept out of homelessness with this assistance. S.B. 515, S.D. 1, proposes funding to continue the services provided by HPRP. The Department appreciates the intent of this proposed appropriation and agrees that there remains the need to provide services for those who are at risk of homelessness. The Department would require additional staffing to administer this program and is concerned about the cost implications of this part and its potential impact on the priorities stated in the Executive Biennium Budget.

The Department defers to the Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and the Department of Health on the other sections of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this bill.

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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Re: SB 515 SD 1

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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 515 SD 1. Funding for housing the homeless is of primary importance if we are to transform the delivery of health care to one of our most vulnerable populations.

Mahalo,
Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President



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Comments: I would like to echo the written testimony that has been submitted by Betty Lou Larson that the bill be amended Part II, section 8 to clarify that the 1.5 million includes administrative costs to run the program.

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