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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. 91, S.D.1 – RELATING TO HOUSING**

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

**PURPOSE:** S.B. 91, S.D.1, appropriates funds for the state rent supplement program, for homeless working individuals or families who are ready to rent permanent housing in order to obtain and maintain permanent housing.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services supports the intent of this measure as it creates a vehicle for working homeless individuals and families to secure and maintain permanent housing, but we are concerned about the cost implications and the adverse impacts on the priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget.

The proposed rent supplement program could be accessed by individuals and families who are currently living in homeless transitional shelters. Many of these people are employed but do not make enough money to afford market level rentals. Currently, Public Housing may seem like the only alternative these individuals and families have to meet their need for permanent, affordable housing. But with a public housing waitlist that spans many years, this target population needs another avenue to secure affordable,

permanent housing. A modest rent supplement of up to \$300 per month as proposed in this bill would help these individuals and families secure and maintain themselves in permanent housing.

The DHS respectfully requests that should this bill be approved, the expending agency should be the DHS rather than the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

# Community Alliance for Mental Health

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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Re: SB 91 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 support SB 91 SD 1 and its' intent to improve and assist the lives of Hawai'i's most vulnerable population.

Mahalo,  
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Vice-President

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Comments: I would like to echo Betty Lou Larson's written testimony in favor of amending Page 1, Line 7 to include administrative costs to operate the program. The shallow rental subsidies funded by this measure can be an important tool for individuals and families who are ready to take the next step from a transition shelter to their own market rental unit. Thank you for supporting this measure.

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