

SB 923

Measure Title: RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Report Title: Appropriation; Network Enterprises, Inc. (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds as a grant to Network Enterprises, Inc. to establish a maintenance program that provides employment for persons with disabilities, unemployed veterans, public housing residents, and socially and economically disadvantaged people in need of employment.

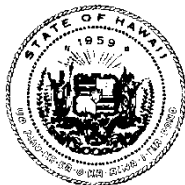
Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

January 31, 2013 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
Senate Bill 923
Relating to Human Services

Honorable Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) 923, relating to human services.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the enactment of this measure, which appropriates funds as a grant to Network Enterprises, Inc. to establish a maintenance program that provides employment for persons with disabilities, unemployed veterans, public housing residents, and socially and economically disadvantaged people in need of employment. The agency supports this and any other measure that aims to assist HPHA tenants with employment opportunities that will assist them in transitioning into permanent housing, provided that its passage does not adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with the agency's position regarding S.B. 923. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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January 30, 2013
Testimony of Network Enterprises, Inc. (NEI)
Supporting SB923

Senator Chun Oakland and Member of the Senate Human Services Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB923. I am Rene Berthiaume, Vice President of Network Enterprises, Inc. (NEI). NEI is a non-profit community rehabilitation program that provides vocational rehabilitation, job training, job placement and support services for persons in Hawaii with physical, social, economic and intellectual challenges. NEI is requesting funding to be used for the establishment of a Maintenance Component that will provide temporary/transitional employment and training services for the clients who serve. Currently, NEI does not have an in-house transitional component which is an important and much needed step to competitive employment and self-sufficiency. Due to severe budget cuts, NEI does not have the resources to establish this program without the help of State funding. This program will go a long way in providing meaningful employment and training for some of Hawaii's most needy.

In the interest of time, I will refer to our formal GIA Application which has been submitted and made available to the committee for detailed information on our request.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Presentation to: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 923: RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

January 31, 2013

Good afternoon Chair Oakland and Vice Chair Green, and members of the Committee. I am Carswell Ross, a board member of Network Enterprises Inc. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 923. The purpose of this bill is to grant Network Enterprises, Inc. an amount necessary to establish a maintenance program for individuals with disabilities, unemployed veterans, public housing residents, and socially and economically disadvantaged people in need of employment who may not be able to secure employment because they have no recent work history.

The program that Network seeks to establish will give these individuals an opportunity to demonstrate that they are work ready, establish good work habits, and receive counseling and supportive assistance through and organized evaluation of their skills and abilities.

Based upon assessments and review of their work habits, these individuals can be referred to apply for long term employment that is not subsidized. We have found that employment not only increases a person's self-esteem it also increases their economic well-being.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments in support of SB 923.

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