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SB 2269 SD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2269 SD1.

As the dean of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (MBTSSW) we stand in support of SB 2269 SD1.

The mission of the MBTSSW is to provide educational excellence that advances social work with its focus on social justice. The principal responsibility is the generation, transmission, and application of knowledge for the global enterprise with special attention to Native Hawaiian, other Pacific Islander, and Asian populations in our state and region.

We appreciate the opportunity to begin discussions with the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority regarding potential placement opportunities for our students.

Through our mission and community partnerships MTBSSW is engaged in collaborative processes, such as potential placements with the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority that support transformative community teaching by promoting a "Hawaiian Place of Learning".

We support SB 2269 SD1.

We strongly urge your favorable consideration of this bill, with the proposed amendment provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.



Community Alliance for Mental Health

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To: Senate Ways and Means Re: SB 2269, SD1

Aloha Chair Ige and the members of the committee,

On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help we strongly support the passage of SB2269, SD1.

There is a desperate need for social services to be co-located in the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority's projects. Far too many of our citizens simply go into the projects and wait to die.

There is a need for monitoring some individuals to see that they remain on their medications. This relates to not only some of our disabled community but to the elderly as well.

There is a great need for geriatric social workers to help our seniors find a reason to get up in the morning. Far too many of them simply watch T.V. and again, wait to die.

The advantage of SB 2269, SD1, is that it should cost virtually nothing and will almost certainly lead to a reduction in overall Medicaid expenditures. If the graduate seniors use the projects as their practicum setting the People effectively get something for nothing. Couple that with the fact that anything that can get people out of their sedentary lifestyles will help prolong their lives and improve their overall shape then SB 2269, SD1 is the way to go.

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Comments: A partnership with the Public Housing and the UH School of Social Work would be beneficial to both programs. The elderly and disabled need to be assisted regularly, especially if there is no resident manager on property. Otherwise issues and problems get pushed back or forgotten about until it's too late and a behavioral health or some other problem with the unit occurs. This is also beneficial for the students to get experience for their practicum studies as to how events and problems in the "real world" can be solved. Please support SB2269 SD1!

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