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LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY ON SB 1023 RELATING TO THE CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION COLLABORATION BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Vice-Chair Green, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing. My name is Stephen Morse and I am the Executive Director of Blueprint for Change. I am submitting late testimony in **support of SB 1023 Relating to the Child Welfare Education Collaboration.**

Blueprint for Change is DHS's master contractor for the Neighborhood Place Services program statewide. But, as part of our POS contract, we provide the agency with value added services that help it improve the Child Welfare System. One of the services we provide is to participate in annual Continuous Quality Improvement Case Reviews. During these case reviews, we help CWS identify strengths and weaknesses in their case management of child protection cases.

During our reviews the past four years, we have identified weaknesses in the quality of case management in several cases and have directly linked those weaknesses to the fact that section caseworkers are overworked because of staff shortages in their sections.

We believe that reestablishing the collaboration proposed in this bill will be beneficial for DHS because it will provide it with an important staff recruiting source to fill the many vacancies in the CWS that are making it difficult for social workers to properly service their cases and ensure the safety and well-being of the children under their care.

I am again, strongly in support of SB 1023. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide late testimony.