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**SCR60**

Submitted on: 4/13/2016

Testimony for HUS/HSG on Apr 15, 2016 09:45AM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann S Freed	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of this Reso. Mahalo for offering. Ann S. Freed Women's Advocate

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
W. Ken Koike	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former landlord in the Section 8 housing subsidy program, I'm shocked to hear that my tenants we're denied food stamp benefits due to this miscalculation issue! Thank you Senator Shimabukuro for defending the poor and needy in our community! Please support SCR60!

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From: shimabukuro2 - Christine  
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 11:04 AM  
To: HUS testimony; HSG testimony  
Cc: 'Maile Shimabukuro'; 'schmidt003@gmail.com'  
Subject: Carol Schmidt Testimony in Support of SCR60

Dear Chairs Morikawa and Hashem, and Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Jordan,

Senator Shimabukuro and her constituent, Carol Schmidt, requested that I submit the testimony below on behalf of Ms. Schmidt in support of [SCR60](#), which is scheduled for a joint hearing tomorrow, April 15, 2016, at 9:45 a.m. Please let me know if additional information is needed to process this submission.

Mahalo,

Christine

I am testifying in favor of SCR60, a concurrent resolution to exclude section 8 home ownership vouchers from income for SNAP eligibility determinations.

My name is Carolyn Schmidt and I am a very thankful disabled Section 8 Home owner since 2008. I was assured by Lea Burton, head of the state home ownership program, that none of my benefits would be affected by this change in section 8 program. She told that to me and others in my situation had successfully purchased homes without losing their SNAP and other benefits. I later discovered this only applied to the city section 8 program since their computer is apparently programmed to send checks to multiple vendors. Since the State Section 8 computer was programmed to cut only one check per client to a vendor, I was cut of all SNAP BENEFITS after I closed escrow. Since I had a first mortgage, condo fees, and a city and county down payment loan, section 8 sent their check directly to me. SNAP counted it as income and I became ineligible for SNAP benefits. I appealed and won my case. A month later I was sued by the State of Hawaii in Federal court and lost. Fortunately I retained my SSI benefits since all SSI beneficiaries are presumptively eligible for SNAP. Their federal regs don't require section 8 monies be only sent to vendors to be exempt. Then I was told the State section 8 program was getting a new computer system and the problem would be fixed at that time. Just be patient. The new system was put in but this problem was not addressed as promised. Mr. Isobe informed me they were not working on the problem and had no plans to that effect.

I am caught in the middle of a very difficult situation. Nearly every year I have to write a letter to LIHEAP to explain this whole situation to receive energy assistance.

No one knows when this conflict will surface again. I was told that the Section 8 homeowner program is effectively dead because families, especially those with children, do not want to risk losing their SNAP benefits. I love my home and the security it provides. I love this State and want to remain in Hawaii. Please support this resolutions and whatever it takes to resolve this matter.

Respectfully,  
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