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TO: The Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: **HCR 148 / HR 95 – REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF SQUATTING IN THE STATE.**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this concurrent resolution, and provides comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to request the Coordinator to convene a working group to examine and develop recommendations to address the issue of squatting in the State.

The Coordinator notes that the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH), as established by section 346-381, Hawaii Revised Statutes, serves as the statewide homelessness planning and policy development entity with broad representation from state and county government and the community. The Coordinator serves as the Chair of the HICH, and the HICH is authorized to establish permitted interaction groups that may research and make recommendations regarding specific policy issue. In addition, the HICH has previously researched and made recommendations to the Legislature on specific issues, such as the issue of designating safe zones for the homeless. Here is a link to the previous HICH report: <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/2012-Act-105-SLH-2012-HICH-Progress-Report.pdf>.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.