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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: HB 1171 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this measure, and offers the following comments. The Coordinator notes that the Administration's measures SB964 and HB1098 propose to amend Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2016, and asks for the Legislature's support of the Administration's bill.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to repeal provisions of Act 234, SLH 2016, pertaining to minimum standards for homeless shelters and homeless shelter stipend payments.

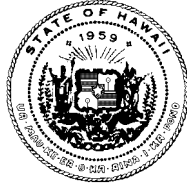
Act 234, SLH 2016, established minimum requirements for every homeless emergency shelter operated by a provider agency that is under contract with DHS. In an attempt to make the system of homeless shelters more cost effective and more appealing to families and individuals, the Act directs that payments be conditioned on performance measures and established audit provisions. DHS recently procured new contracts for state-funded shelters that implement the requirements specified by the Act, and went into effect February 1, 2017.

The Coordinator respectfully request that the Legislature support administration bills SB964 and HB1098, which provide the option of establishing partitioned spaces and will extend the effective date for Act 234, SLH 2016, section 6(b) by one year. The

Administration's proposed amendments to Act 234, SLH 2016, are part of a comprehensive framework to address homelessness, which seeks to transition homeless individuals and families into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Accordingly, the Governor's Executive Budget request includes \$20.9 million for homeless services, as well as \$150 million for the development of affordable rental housing and renovations to public housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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

The Honorable Representative Tom Brower, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB1171 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

Hearing: February 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and offers the following comments. SB 964 and HB 1098 are the Administration's proposals to amend Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2016. DHS asks the Legislature to support the Administration's bills.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to repeal certain provisions of Act 234, SLH 2016, including the minimum standards for homeless shelters and the homeless shelter stipend payments.

DHS recently procured new contracts for State funded shelters that implement the requirements established in Act 234, SLH 2016. The contracts went into effect on February 1, 2017.

DHS prefers the Administration's bills as it provides DHS with the flexibility to work with providers and determine the appropriate standard for partitioned space and ensure that shelter beds are not lost.

DHS believes that by having payments based on performance measures and audit requirements, the State will be better able to evaluate that it is receiving the most value and the best services.

The extension of the effective date of Act 234, SLH 2016, will provide DHS with more time to respond to feedback from affected service providers, and draft administrative rules on new shelter standards that will benefit homeless individuals and families, service providers, and the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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