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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 1445 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

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

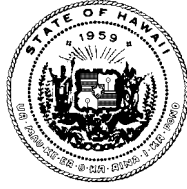
POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this measure, as it addresses key aspects of the State's work to end homelessness, and offers the following comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to require any Continuum of Care (CoC) to provide a stipend to volunteers assisting in the point-in-time count that is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Coordinator notes that the CoCs are largely volunteer organizations with few or no paid staff. While the CoCs may have oversight over federal funds to address homelessness, the use of these funds is often restricted to a specific purpose. The bill, as currently drafted, does not include an appropriation for the volunteer stipend, and CoCs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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TO: The Honorable Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
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The Honorable Representative Tom Brower, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB1445 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

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DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and offers the following comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to require any Continuum of Care (CoC) to provide a stipend to volunteers assisting in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) mandated Point in Time Count (PIT).

The CoCs are primarily volunteer organizations with few or no paid staff. For the PIT the CoCs rely heavily on the member agencies. Many of these member agencies provide staff work time to go out and conduct the PIT.

It is also unclear how this measure intends to fund the stipends. Would the CoCs be responsible for funding the stipend? If so, it should be noted, that the CoCs have some oversight over a small amount of federal funds. These federal funds are restricted to very specific uses. Uses of these funds in unauthorized manner such as providing stipends could mean the agency has to return the money to HUD. DHS defers to the CoCs regarding use of these funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Susan Graham	FACE/Housing Now Coalition	Oppose	No

Comments: I was the volunteer coordinator at IHS for 8 years and we never had a problem recruiting plenty volunteers for the point in time count. Last year, it seems that the agencies forgot to put the word out so we did not have many; But this this the message got out far and wide and there were plenty of volunteers who wanted to do this volunteer service because they care. We do not need to pay the volunteers a stipend. In fact, it would be a slap in the face to them. Please defer this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Goodman	Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force	Support	Yes

Comments: Support with a recommendation for an amendment: That the amount of the stipend be based on an organization's ability to pay, to be determined by the organization itself.

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Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natalie Okeson	PHOCUSED	Oppose	No

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