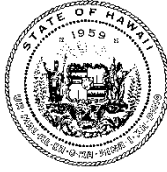


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TESTIMONY
OF
SARAH ALLEN, ADMINISTRATOR
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE

Friday, February 23, 2018 3:30 p.m.
HB 2019, HD1
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2019 HD1. The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports the intent of this bill but opposes the 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes exemption language contained therein and submits comments. The State Procurement Office's (SPO) comments are limited to:

Section 2(B), pages 2 to 3, lines 19-20 and 1-2: The department of human services shall contract with a service provider or other qualified person or entity... "provided that the contract shall be exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

Contracting for an administrator, as well as the related services for the intended program should be accomplished through a best value request for proposals (RFP) where desired attributes and competencies can be defined in weighted evaluation criteria and minimum standards required. Best value is defined as the outcome of any procurement that ensures customer needs are met in the most effective, timely, and economical manner. Finding the best value, then, should be the ultimate goal of every procurement.

It is in the State's best interest to do so as the statutes and rules protect both the state and potential vendors by ensuring transparency and an open process. A competitive purchase of service within current statute provides for price analysis. If these services are not procured, then a cost analysis should be conducted to fulfill the state's fiduciary responsibility to ensure the state is paying a fair and reasonable price. These services may also be subject to HRS 103F as services falling under that statute are defined as "...services to communities, families, or individuals which are intended to maintain or improve health or social well-being..."

The Hawaii Public Procurement Code and Purchases of Health and Human Services are the single source of public procurement policy to be applied equally and uniformly, while providing fairness, open competition, a level playing field, government disclosure and transparency in the procurement and contracting process vital to good government. To permanently legislate that any one entity should be exempt from compliance with both HRS chapter 103D and 103F conveys a sense of disproportionate equality in the law's application.

Considering the serious and immediate homelessness issues faced by the State of Hawaii the SPO is actively working with the Governor's office to identify specific programs to provide temporary Hawaii Public Procurement Code exemptions.

Thank you.

**TESTIMONY OF NAHELANI WEBSTER ON BEHALF OF THE HAWAII
ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE (HAJ) REGARDING H.B. 2019, HD1**

Date: Friday, February 23, 2018

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Room: 308

To: Chair Sylvia Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance

My name is Nahelani Webster and I am presenting this testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Association for Justice (HAJ) regarding H.B. 2019, HD1, Relating to Homelessness.

We agree with the intent of the bill but simply ask that Section 2(e) on page 3 be stricken. The provision absolving the State from all liability is simply too broad and would be against public policy. There are too many unforeseen instances that warrant a reasonable person standard be left in place for the protection of the homeless individuals participating in the pilot program.

Thank you for considering our testimony. Please feel free to contact us should there be any questions.

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February 21, 2018

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
And members of the Committee on Finance

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2019 HD 1 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 2019 HD 1 Relating to Homelessness.

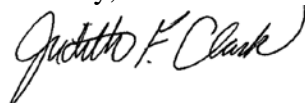
Homeless youth who are living on their own on the streets without support or guidance from their families are the most vulnerable segment of our homeless population. They have not completed their education and lack employment experience. In the 2017 Homeless Point-in-Time count, more than 80% were unsheltered.

While on the streets they have few options for meeting their basic survival needs. Homeless youth often trade sex for food, money or a place to sleep. They may be forced to eat food from garbage cans or panhandle.

An employment program would give them safer ways to meet basic needs while building the relationships and trust with support staff that will lead to leaving the streets. They would gain work experience that could lead to longer-term, competitive employment. And it would give them opportunities to contribute to their community by removing graffiti and litter.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director

HB-2019-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Wednesday, February 23, 2018

3:30 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2019 HD1 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No.2019 HD1 relating to the Homeless Employment Grant Program.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No.2019 HD1 and supports its passage.

House Bill No.2019 HD1 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it establishes a 3-year homeless employment grant program that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities and connects them with service providers and requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2019 Regular Session.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e believe that all families should have an equal opportunity to build their assets and become self-sufficient, and we support a strong safety net of programs that will afford them the opportunity to do so.

We support initiatives that enhance access and equity in education, employment, and business opportunities intended to lift families and individuals out of poverty and remove existing barriers to equal opportunity in our communities." (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 184- 185, 189-191 (2016)).

"Housing is a basic human need and we believe that adequate, accessible, affordable, and safe housing should be available to all residents of Hawai'i. Affordable housing that is fair in proportion to individual income is the basis of prosperity for our citizens and stability in our economy.

We believe in the concept of "Housing First" to develop affordable, stable housing and support services to break the cycle of homelessness for people with the fewest housing options. (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 340-344, 352-353 (2016)).

We support dedicated social services and housing opportunities for Hawai'i's homeless population, to get them off the streets and reintegrated into society, with specific devoted services for disenfranchised groups including but not limited to the Hawaiian community, aged-out foster kids, youth, returning veterans the aged and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender homeless. (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 355-358 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No.2019 HD1 establishes a 3-year homeless employment grant program that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities and connects them with service providers and requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2019 Regular Session, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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February 23, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia J. Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

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

SUBJECT: **HB 2019 HD1 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

Hearing: Friday, February 23, 2018, 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

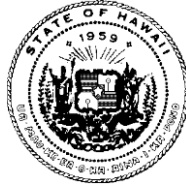
POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness supports this measure, provided that the measure's passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to establish a three-year homeless employment grant program that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities and connects them with service providers. The bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop and administer a pilot program. The bill also appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds to be expended by DHS to implement the pilot program.

The Coordinator notes that the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) maintains a contract with Waikiki Health's Next Step Shelter to employ shelter residents for janitorial and trash removal services in Kaka'ako Makai. The existing HCDA program is similar to the pilot program described in this bill and provides homeless persons with direct employment, on-the-job training, and a connection to shelter and other appropriate homeless services. In addition to the HCDA program, other homeless service providers offer similar employment training programs that are intended to develop job skills and promote civic responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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February 23, 2018

TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2019 HD1 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

Hearing: Friday, February 23, 2018, 3:30 p.m.
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DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and offers comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a 3-year homeless employment grant program that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities and connects them with service providers. Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2019 Regular Session. Appropriates funds.

According to the National Alliance for Ending Homelessness, meaningful and sustainable employment is the key to creating and maintain housing stability. Unemployment, underemployment, and low wages relative to rent are frequent causes of homelessness and burden millions of families with the risk of becoming homeless. Further, DHS recognizes that there is not enough housing subsidy to sustain housing for everyone who may need assistance. Alternatively, working with participant to gain meaningful and sustainable income is one strategy to help fill in the gap.

DHS has a number of existing programs that provide job training and opportunities available to homeless clients with children. Programs such as SEE Hawaii Work, (<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/see/>), assist families with children who receive Temporary

Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF) financial benefits, and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, Employment and Training Program (SNAP E&T) provides services for individuals who only receive SNAP benefits. The City and County of Honolulu has the Rent to Work program, exclusive to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Homeless agencies across the continuum also recognize that securing or increasing income through employment will help place participants into permanent housing and keep them housed. The Institute of Human Services' (IHS) Hele2Work, has been successful in providing complete services from an initial assessment to job placement. Hele2Work can be mobile and will meet the needs of participants. IHS continues to build relationships with employers in the community so participants gain access to jobs that pay more than the minimum wage.

DHS will begin to assess the administrative and other expenses required to establish such a program. However, we ask that that should this measure proceed that it not supplant resources from identified priorities and ongoing programs, and that the committee continue to support the Governor's supplemental budget request to address homelessness and the framework plan established to address homelessness in Hawaii.

DHS requests that the effective date of the measure give DHS enough time to develop the program, consult with our partners, implement rules, and procure required services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.