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RE: IHS TESTIMONY – PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO HB527 HD1

Honorable Chair,

IHS would like to propose the following change to HB527 HD1

Section 1 Lines 7-9 to read: The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for establishing, staffing, and operating two mobile clinics and a street medicine homeless outreach team to serve the homeless population.

Add to Section 2: (3) The mobile clinic shall work in tandem with a street medicine homeless outreach team.

The purpose of this bill is to provide unsheltered homeless persons with access to treatment and medical care. Currently, Oahu has Care-A-Van operated by Waikiki Health and the HOME Project operated the John Burns School of Medicine. While both programs are effective at treating clients interested in going to the mobile clinics, they do not directly go into the streets to directly engage homeless with street medicine to deliver medical services. This engagement factor is what gets people access to treatment and care, and resultantly reduces unnecessary medical costs to our hospitals and taxpayers.

Additionally, IHS would like to provide comment that the array of services offered within Section 1 (2) will greatly benefit rural communities. In urban areas, however, there are many pharmacies, clinics and other resources that could be leveraged. IHS proposes consideration of geographical distribution of services should these mobile clinics provide this array of services.

Mahalo,

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