



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Chair
The Honorable Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Health

From:  Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 7, 2017

Hrg: House Committees on Human Services and Health Joint Hearing; Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 9:00AM in Room 329

Re: **Support for HB 527, Relating to Mobile Clinics**

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). We would like to express my **support** for HB 527, Relating to Mobile Clinics. This bill would appropriate \$1.4 million in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 respectively to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to service the homeless population.

At QHS we are committed to providing care for Hawaii's most underserved. This legislation recognizes the great cost that many health care providers take on to care for this vulnerable and underserved population. The costs to the entire continuum of care—from hospitals to long-term care facilities to home-based services—of treating the homeless population are large and growing. Mobile clinics would help to provide needed non-emergency medical care to homeless individuals in the community. Preventive services assist with mitigating many illnesses and go a long way to reducing the demand for high cost medical services down the road.

QHS shoulders majority of the burden of care for our homeless population in Hawaii. The Hawaii Health Information Corporation (HHIC) reports that our hospitals provided 64 percent of the care for homeless individuals with 10,459 encounters in FY15 as opposed to 5,381 encounters by all other facilities. Over 90 percent of the care QHS provided occurred in the emergency room setting. QHS experienced a net loss of \$10.6 million in FY15 providing unfunded and underfunded care for homeless patients.

I commend the legislature for introducing this measure and urge you to support it. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

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Representative Dee Morikawa, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
And members of the Committee on Health

Testimony in Support of HB 527 Relating to Mobile Clinics

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 527 Relating to Mobile Clinics.

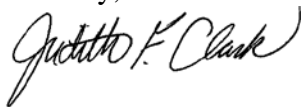
Hawaii's homeless population includes runaway and homeless youth who are living on the streets without support or guidance from their families. More than 40% were thrown out of their homes by their families. They are the most vulnerable segment of our homeless population because they are children who have not completed their education, lack employment experience, and have not yet learned the skills for adult living.

Homeless youth experience significant health challenges with which mobile clinics could assist. Compared to their peers, they are:

- Twice as likely to get sick, be hospitalized, and go hungry.
- 7 times as likely to die from AIDS; 16 times as likely to be diagnosed with HIV.
- About 50% of street youth have had a pregnancy experience.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
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HB527

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Written Testimony Presented Before the

House Committee on Human Services
and
House Committee on Health

February 8, 2017 9:00 AM

by
Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN, FNP-BC

HB 527 RELATING TO MOBILE CLINICS

Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd, and members of the House Committee on Human Services, and, Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for HB527, Relating to Mobile Clinics, WITH SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS.

I am a family nurse practitioner, practicing in Honolulu for the past 20 years. I have worked with mobile clinics to reach out to the homeless at city and rural encampments on Oahu. Currently I am working with the homeless, mentally ill population in the city and county of Honolulu, for the purposes of addressing their immediate mental and physical needs while providing direct links with resources to assist them with their on-going healthcare and housing needs. I work with the population this bill seeks to affect.

I believe this bill, endeavoring to in establish, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population, addresses the need to reach out and provide services where they are needed. As the bill states, emergency rooms in all of our acute care medical centers are inundated and indeed overwhelmed with responding to the needs of this population. Many of their healthcare needs can be met, and triaged as necessary to a higher level of care, through providing access to healthcare providers at homeless encampments.

My first suggestion for amending this bill is to respectfully request that the staffing requirements in Section 2 (1) “The staff shall include, at minimum, one doctor, one nurse, one pharmacist, and one psychiatrist and may include staff as needed, including students pursuing [sic] a degree in medicine or nursing...” be replaced with “The staff shall include, at minimum, one primary care provider, one nurse, one pharmacist, and one psychiatrist and may include staff as needed, including students pursuing [sic] a degree in medicine or nursing...”. Advanced practice nurses and other primary care providers in this state are fully licensed and experienced to staff these clinics in this capacity, in a cost-effective manner. Referring to or accessing care for patients by specialty physicians, pharmacists, dentists, psychiatrists, etc. is part of the role of the primary care provider.

In addition, although Section 3 of this bill does say that the services to be provided are “at minimum...”, I see an urgent need to add access to home-directed services to that list, such that direct links to temporary shelters, resources, and programs to end individual and family homelessness be provided to every contacted client.

I respectfully request that HB 527 pass out of these committees, WITH AMENDMENTS. Thank you for your continued support of the existing healthcare facilities in our community, by endeavoring to provide a more appropriate venue for care to the homeless, than our emergency rooms.

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HB527

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Camila Chaudron	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha senators, my name is Camila Chaudron and I am a constituent from the Manoa/Makiki area. I strongly support this bill. As I believe that access to health care is a basic human right, I fully support the need for the state to protect our citizen's access to health care coverage. I am proud that our state currently provides quality care to its people, and we should continue doing so. Mahalo.

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Aloha Chair Morikawa, Vice Chair Todd, Chair Belatti and Vice Chair Kobayashi and committee members.

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

I'm testifying in strong support of HB527, an appropriation to The Department of Human Services to fund two mobile clinics to assist homeless individuals with non-emergency medical care, counseling, family planning, child and family services, HIV identification and treatment, referral for substance abuse, etc.

Our Emergency Departments, especially Queen's Medical Center as the main trauma center on Oahu, is overburdened with treatment of homeless individuals, who do not have Primary Care Physicians and go the Emergency Departments for all their medical needs.

Mobile Clinics could take care of many of these individuals and/or problems for a fraction of the costs.

Please support funding of Mobile Clinics which have been shown to be successful in some mainland cities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

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February 8, 2017

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

The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB527 – RELATING TO MOBILE CLINICS**

Hearing: February 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure and provides comments that the measure as drafted adversely affects priorities set forth in the Governor's executive budget request and the State's plan to address homelessness. DHS respectfully requests that the Legislature support the \$1.5 million in additional funding for homeless outreach.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to appropriate \$1.4 million in general funds to establish, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population.

HPO currently contracts homeless outreach services with providers statewide, which may include health services. While the primary purpose of outreach providers is to help connect unsheltered homeless individuals with basic needs, referral to medical care is an important piece of this large puzzle.

Outreach is essential to meet unsheltered homeless households in the community, and to build rapport that connects them to housing and services, such as Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, or shelter. Outreach workers provide a comprehensive array of services, including

completing applications for housing and services, housing search, and obtaining identification and other necessary documents. Without the assistance of homeless outreach, many homeless individuals are unable to access care and unable to navigate Hawaii's system of homeless services.

The Executive Budget specifically increases resources for outreach. We respectfully ask for the Legislature's continued support of the Governor's executive budget and that this measure be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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February 8, 2017

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

The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

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

SUBJECT: HB 527– RELATING TO MOBILE CLINICS.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this measure and offers comments. Existing outreach service providers already provide a mobile health clinic, and the Coordinator asks the Legislature to support the Governor's Executive Budget request that support these services, particularly \$1.5 million in additional funding for homeless outreach; \$1 million for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges; and \$800,000 for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless persons with severe substance use disorders.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for establishing, staffing, and operating two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population.

DHS Homeless Programs Office (HPO) currently contracts homeless outreach services with providers statewide, some of which offer mobile health services. In general, homeless outreach providers help connect unsheltered homeless individuals with basic needs, including medical care.

However, outreach is about more than just medical care, and is essential to meet unsheltered homeless households in the community and to build rapport that connects them to housing and services, such as Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, or shelter. Outreach workers provide a comprehensive array of services, including completing applications for housing and services, housing search, and obtaining identification and other necessary documents. Without the assistance of homeless outreach, many homeless individuals are unable to access care and unable to navigate Hawaii's system of homeless services.

In addition to homeless outreach provided by HPO contracted providers, the Department of Health (DOH) is requesting funding in the Executive Budget for targeted mental health and substance use treatment services for the unsheltered homeless population. These services are part of the State's comprehensive framework to address homelessness, which includes a focus on three primary leverage points – affordable housing, health and human services, and public safety. All three of these leverage points must be addressed to continue forward momentum in addressing the complex issue of homelessness. The Executive Budget specifically increases resources for outreach, mental health and substance use treatment, as well as addressing housing costs through programs such as Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, and the State Rent Supplement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.