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February 5, 2018

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Human Services  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 16  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Green and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2303, Relating to Youth

I am Acting Major J Pedro of the Community Affairs Division, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2303, which requires the Office of Youth Services to coordinate a two-year Safe Places for Youth Pilot Program in partnership with private organizations to coordinate a network that youth can access for safety and where youth can obtain advice, guidance, programs, and services.

The HPD recognizes that youth, once on the run without a legitimate support system, are even more susceptible to being exploited by predators and the dangers of street life. This bill will give youth on the streets a safe place to have basic needs met. It also gives the service providers an opportunity to build trust and rapport with the youth to guide them to the social services they need to positively address their challenges.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2303.

Sincerely,

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J Pedro, Acting Major  
Community Affairs Division

APPROVED:

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SUSAN BALLARD  
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February 4, 2018

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
and Members on the Committee on Human Services  
Hawaii State Capitol  
[514 Beretania Street](#)  
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RE: Strong Support for SB 2303

Rainbow Family 808 strongly supports SB 2303, in order that the Office of Youth Services works closely with a variety of private organizations that are already in service to Homeless Youth which will work for the best interests of the Homeless Youth as well as appropriate funds to ensure the success of this overdue service for the youth. The Safe Places need to be open 24/7 for the benefit of the Youth. These youth need so badly to have a safe place from the elements, the vicious predators and for their health needs.

The State of Hawai'i is desperately behind in their care of our Homeless Youth. Rainbow Family 808 has sat depressed at the growing number of Homeless Shelters open across our state without ONE for the Homeless Youth. Never are any of the newly designated Homeless Shelters for the Youth. The State of Hawaii is 25+ years late in addressing the needs of these minors. Time's UP!!!

All these years, the State of Hawaii has forfeited Federal Funds for the Homeless Youth. Now is the time for all Youth organizations to come forward and be sure that this two-year Safe Places is a success for the benefit of our Homeless Youth.

This Support of SB 2303 is necessary and imperative to enrich the 24/7 Shelters for the under served At-Risk Homeless Youth around the state of Hawaii. Rainbow Family 808 will continue to help the Homeless Youth to the best of our ability. It's the Pono thing to do.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW  
President and Co-Founder  
Rainbow Family 808

**SB-2303**

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 12:43:19 AM

Testimony for HMS on 2/5/2018 3:45:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brienne Nagamine		Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for HMS on 2/5/2018 3:45:00 PM

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Mike Golojuch	Rainbow Family 808	Support	No

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