



## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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To: The Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Housing

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

Date: January 23, 2017

Hrg: Senate Committees on Human Services and Housing Joint Hearing; Monday, January 23,  
2017 at 2:55PM in Room 016

Re: **Support for SB 5, Relating to Human Services**

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My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems. I would like to express my **support** for SB 5, Relating to Human Services. This bill would establish a program within the Department of Human Services (DHS) to assist homeless individuals who suffer from multiple chronic diseases to find housing opportunities in the community and obtain federal funding in order to implement this program.

At Queen's we are committed to providing care for Hawaii's most underserved. Preventive services assist with mitigating many illnesses. Getting homeless persons into housing along with ensuring good nutrition, health care screenings, and job opportunities that provide a source of income all go a long way to mitigating the demand for high cost medical services down the road.

I commend the legislature for introducing this measure and 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.*