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March 19, 2019

TO: The Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 257 HD2 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

Hearing: March 20, 2019, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and supports the bill provided that, given there is a time limit to the pilot program and will involve the use of public funds on private land, the private land have basic existing infrastructure (i.e., public access, water, sewer, electricity, correct zoning) and that public funds be used for contracted services.

DHS is concerned with the direction to use a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) when it comes to use of private lands for public purposes. While MOU articulate an agreement between parties, they do not generally contain necessary provisions that are legally enforceable.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the measure is to authorize the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Extends the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to June 30, 2022. Extends the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program and the Medical Respite Pilot Program to June 30, 2020. (HB257 HD2)

DHS recommends that the private lands should have existing infrastructure to be considered to become an Ohana Zone pilot site, and that Ohana Zone pilot funds be used for contracted services.

To give DHS more time to implement the Ohana Zones pilot, DHS proposes the following amendment to Act 209 (SLH 2018), section 4 (b) as follows:

"(b) The agencies designated by the governor shall establish [~~no later than December 31, 2018,~~] the following:",

and section 4(f) as follows:

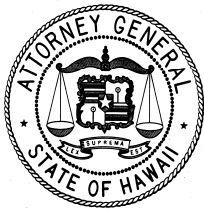
"(f) The pilot program shall cease to exist three years from the contract execution date or on June 30, [~~2021~~] 2022, whichever is later."

DHS Homeless Programs Office (HPO) is in the process of executing contracts for the emergency homelessness assessment pilot and the medical respite pilot with the identified provider. The proposed expiration date of June 30, 2020 for the emergency department homelessness assessment pilot program and medical respite pilot program will be beneficial as additional time is needed for the pilots to become fully operational.

HPO has included in its contract the ability to continue services with a no cost extension of unexpended funds in anticipation of an amendment to Act 2019, SLH 2018. The extension should also apply to the report dates.

At this time, DHS does not anticipate the need for additional appropriations. However, additional staff resources at the Department of the Attorney General will likely be required to assist with preparing a lease or other agreements with the land owners for use of the land during the pilot period.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 257, H.D. 2, RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND ON HOUSING

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 **TIME:** 2:45 pm

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Melissa L. Lewis, Deputy Attorney General

Chairs Ruderman and Chang and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General offers the following comments.

The purpose of this measure is to amend Act 209, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to include: (1) ohana zones sites on private lands and require a memorandum of understanding between the private landowner and the state or county department or a partnership between the State and the private landowner; and (2) to extend the ohana zones, the emergency department homelessness assessment, and the medical respite pilot programs for an additional year.

The bill contains provisions that may create confusion and impede implementation.

In section (1), on page 3, lines 1-9, the bill amends section 3(c) of Act 209 to provide that:

- (1) Use of any private lands determined to be suitable for use as an ohana zone shall be for limited purposes and require a:
 - (A) Memorandum of understanding between the private land owner and any state or county department that any structure built with public funds may be moved or is temporary; or
 - (B) Partnership between the State and the private landowner.[Emphasis added.]

Generally, a memorandum of understanding is an agreement used between government agencies. The type of legal instrument between the state or county and a private landowner is dependent on the facts surrounding the specific transaction.

Moreover, in subparagraph (B) of that provision, if a memorandum of understanding is not used then a partnership is required “between the State and the private landowner”; it does not include county departments. To avoid possible confusion, to permit the use of an appropriate legal instrument specific to the transaction, and if the intent is to include county departments in agreements entered into with private landowners, we recommend clarifying the provision as follows:

- (2) Use of any private lands determined to be suitable for use as an ohana zone shall be for limited purposes and require a written agreement between the state or county department and the private landowner. The written agreement shall include that any structure built with public funds may be moved or is temporary.

If this bill proceeds we respectfully request that the recommended modification be made.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on
HUMAN SERVICES
and
HOUSING**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 257, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

House Bill 257, House Draft 2 proposes to authorize the use of private lands for 'Ohana Zones and extends the sunset dates for homeless emergency medical programs. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comment.**

The Department notes that unencumbered or unleased lands held by the Department are often unsuitable for 'ohana zone purposes due to the lack of infrastructure, remote location, size of the parcel or a combination all three. The Department further notes that private land owners, including churches and non-profits have offered the use of their lands, and this measure would allow the use of 'ohana zone funds for use on those properties. The Department notes that other agencies have expressed concern that building built using state funds be used for the purpose for which they were built. The Department agrees with these concerns and suggests the following language for SECTION 3 (2) (A):

Memorandum of understanding which clearly states that any structures built with public funds must be used for the purpose for which they were built for a time period of at least ten (10) years. If the land ceases to be used for an 'ohana zone or low income housing before the specified time, then the state agency may choose to move the

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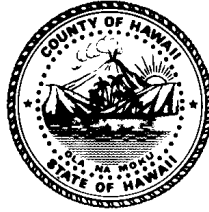
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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March 18, 2019

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services

Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Committee on Housing

Dear Chairs Ruderman and Chang, Vice Chairs Rhoads and Kanuha, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 257, HD2 Relating to Homelessness

The County of Hawai'i fully supports HB 257, HD2, since it would extend the three-year pilot project dealing with homelessness by an extra year, and has the added provision that would broaden the scope of the Ohana Zones Pilot Program by allowing for partnerships on private land. This added flexibility is critical, and likely would provide more opportunities to expedite the construction of appropriate housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Sacred Hearts and Hale Iki emergency housing projects on the Island of Hawai'i are a direct result of two separate government and private sector partnerships that led to the creation of thirty temporary housing solutions for survivors of the recent Kilauea eruptions.

Hawai'i County asks that you vote "Yes" on HB 257, HD2, and that authorization of partnerships utilizing private land be included in whatever vehicle is forwarded to WAM for action. The added flexibility would be a positive way of expanding the pilot project and maximizing its potential for success.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR

HB-257-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 11:12:08 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Deges	Testifying for Hawaii Island HIV/AIDS Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

HB-257-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2019 4:00:18 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Goodman	Testifying for Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force	Support	Yes

Comments:

TO: The Senate Committee on Human Services and Committee on Housing
FROM: Mike Goodman, The Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force, Member, Partners In Care.
RE: HB257 HD2
FOR: Joint Hearing, Wednesday March 20, 2:45 p.m. Room 016

Dear Senator Ruderman, Chair Committee on Human Services along with Senator Rhoads, Vice-Chair; Senator Chang, Chair of the Committee on Housing along with Senator Kunaha, Vice Chair, and all Members of these respective Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB257 HD2, and to offer suggested amendments.

The Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force supports this bill, because it sets aside land for the homeless; and seeks to apply Housing First principles to people living in transitional dwellings.

Why This Bill Should be Amended.

If amended, this bill could have a profound impact on the homeless crisis, by breaking the current “gold standard or nothing” approach to the Homeless Crisis. *Presently, the three alternatives for the unsheltered homeless, most of whom are impaired by mental illness and substance addiction are:*

(1) The “gold standard”, which is Permanent Supportive Housing with “Housing First” wrap around services in brick and mortar apartments. Unfortunately, brick and mortar housing is expensive and time-consuming to build; Rents are high and many landlords won’t accept homeless tenants. That’s why only about three-hundred chronic homeless are currently in the Housing First Program, while thousands roam the streets. Even if the “Permanent Supportive Housing bills” currently under consideration pass and are then passed again for each of the next nine years, it will take at least ten years and cost \$750 million dollars to house 1600 people in brick and mortar units. The latest figures

from the 2018 Point-In Time Count show there are at least 2400 people living unsheltered in Hawaii, which means about 800 would still be on the streets; or

(2) Shelters, which are untenable for many who are mentally ill and substance addicted; or

(3) The streets.

It makes no sense to pursue a policy where thousands live unsheltered while we spend years trying to build enough "gold standard" brick and mortar supportive housing. In its' current form, the Ohana Zones bill won't break the current paradigm, because it isn't bold enough and doesn't build on what we already know works.

Here are Our Recommended Amendments.

FIRST: Ohana Zones is a pilot program, which will end in a few years, and the housing contemplated in this bill is designated as temporary.

We know that Housing First works over 97% of the time in brick and mortar apartments (a/k/a Permanent Supportive Housing with wrap-around services). Logically, we don't need a pilot to prove the efficacy of implementing Housing First principles in safe, comfortable, ultra-low cost modular dwellings in Ohana Zones.

We therefore propose you amend the bill so that *ANY STATE LAND DESIGNATED FOR OHANA ZONES, AND ANY TEMPORARY HOUSING, remains permanently available to house and serve the homeless.* Residents should also be allowed to remain indefinitely until they can be transferred to permanent homes. If practical, Ohana Zone Land should eventually be used to build Permanent Supportive Housing.

SECOND: House Draft 2 provides that temporary dwellings can either be communal or private. Although bathrooms and showers can be communal, we strongly recommend that all dwellings be private. Key to the Success of Housing First programs, is a permanent, stable place to live, *that is private.* In particular, people who are mentally ill or substance addicted cannot live in close quarters with others. Housing First works in-part, because having a stable home has therapeutic value *in-and-of-itself.* Wrap around services, psychiatric care and drug treatment are offered "assertively" but aren't mandatory; Communal living would require drug addicts to stop using and psychotics to take medication, forcing most of them back on the streets. That's part of the reason shelters haven't worked very well for the chronic homeless. It's antithetical to Housing First proven practices, and more like the old "step" model which had a failure rate of over 90%. The Housing First requirement of a "permanent and stable" place to live, can still be fulfilled in the temporary dwellings contemplated in this bill, provided tenants can remain indefinitely until permanent housing is available

THIRD: A big problem with locating State land for Ohana Zones or Permanent Supportive Housing is lack of infrastructure. There are new "off the grid" technologies,

which can provide drinking water, electricity, and process sewage without existing infrastructure. We therefore propose an amendment to require the pilot program to investigate “off the grid” infrastructure technology.

FOURTH: We need comprehensive, feasible plans to completely end the homeless crisis instead of piecemeal measures. The recommendations the Legislature seeks from the Ohana Zones pilot, should include plans as to how a permanent Ohana Zones program could be scaled-up to serve all seven-thousand homeless in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
The Honorable Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Member, Senate Committee on Housing

From: Paula Yoshioka, Vice President, Government Relations and External Affairs, The
Queen's Health Systems

Date: March 14, 2019

Hrg: Senate Committee on Human Services and Committee on Housing Joint Hearing;
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:45PM in Room 016

Re: Strong Support for H.B. 257, H.D. 2, Relating to Homelessness

The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a not-for-profit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, 66 health care centers and labs, and more than 1,600 physicians statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

Queen's appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of H.B. 257, H.D.2, which provides for a no cost extension for the emergency department (ED) assessment and medical respite pilot programs currently being administered through Care Coordination at The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl. Last year, the 2018 Legislature passed Act 209, which established these pilot programs. Preliminary data has demonstrated their success in reducing strain on our health care system; our request for an extension to June 30, 2020 is to demonstrate the full value of these pilots.

Hawai'i has the highest per capita rate of homelessness in the nation, with roughly 5,000 homeless individuals heavily distributed on Oahu and concentrated in Honolulu and on the Waianae Coast.^{1,2} As an island state, our geographical and isolated position presents unique challenges in serving a homeless population that is densely concentrated. As the primary health system serving this population, by focusing resources for maximum access to this population, we

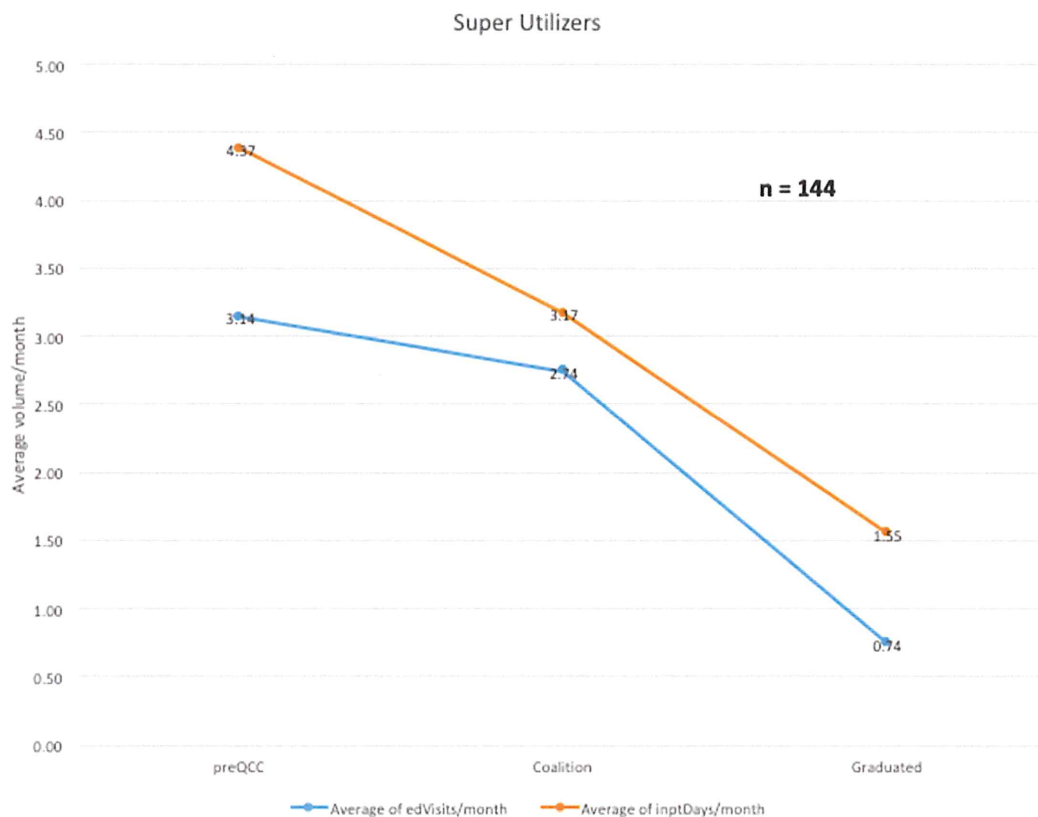
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The ED assessment pilot program is currently operating through the Queen's Care Coalition (QCC). The QCC identifies homeless patients with the highest utilization of emergency services and works aggressively to provide care and the right resources. The QCC navigates approximately 225 homeless patients annually, providing them coordinated care and connecting them to community resources such as supportive housing services, social services, behavioral health, etc. to address underlying issues that may stem from their unique circumstances.



Since the start of the QCC in January 2018, the graph (above) illustrates a significant decrease in average volume per month by super utilizers coming to the Queen's Emergency Department. The chart shows utilization per month, per super utilizer three months pre-intervention and three months post-intervention. As we continue to develop and deploy the QCC Team, there is the potential for efforts to be replicated on the neighbor islands for greatest reach and reduced costs and strain on the health care system. An upwards of 64% of all hospital visits by the homeless are at Queen's, where care is delivered at partial or no reimbursement. High utilization of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Emergency Department (ED) resources by homeless individuals also impacts Hawaii's Medicaid program.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support.



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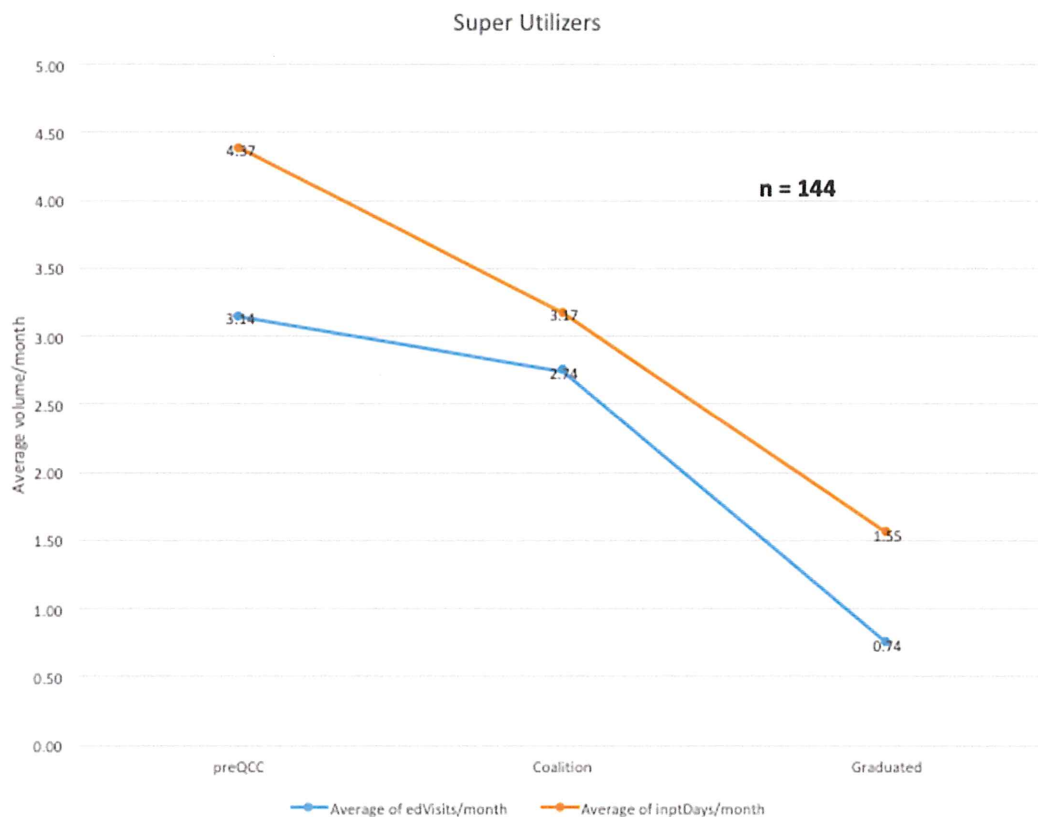
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Hearing: **HB 257 HD2 in support**
Date: March 20, 2019
Location: State Capitol, Room 016

Aloha Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:

I am submitting testimony on behalf of HOPE Services Hawai'i, a non-profit affiliate organization of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawai'i, working toward ending homelessness in our community. We strongly support HB 257 HD2, which authorizes the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones pilot program.

The current restriction that only allows Ohana Zone projects to be located on State and County lands prevents Hawai'i County communities like Puna, Ka'u or Waimea, from exercising the creativity to develop programs in rural areas throughout our island. In the midst of last year's eruption, we were able to partner with 50+ businesses to develop **Sacred Heart Shelter, an emergency shelter program consisting of 20 micro-units** at 120 sq. ft. each, a common pavilion, restrooms, showers, and storage space, in less than 30 days. Following its intended use for households displaced by the lava, **this project could be converted into an Ohana Zone and remain in this rural community. However, given the current limitation where Ohana Zones projects must be on State or County lands, this is currently not an option.**

The challenge to State and County properties in Hawaii County is infrastructure! Gaining access to basic utilities like water, sewer/septic systems and electricity requires a large financial investment. However, removing the restriction on private land use (such as the Catholic Church-owned property where Sacred Heart Shelter is located), will allow us to creatively use land the way the Ohana Zones project intended. Faith communities own land. It will take public-private partnerships working together to end homelessness. We've heard this message from the State... so let's continue to practice this with Ohana Zones too! Therefore, **I strongly urge your support of HB 257 HD2.**

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brandee Menino,
Chief Executive Officer

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
karen bohner	Testifying for Kona Alano Club	Support	No

Comments:

The Kona Alano Club as a member of CAP supports this Bill 257. The Club offers 12 step Recovery for the Homeless and recreation. We are hoping that we will be included in the Ohana Zone Pilot Program. We bring hope to the hopeless. We offer help to anyone who has a desire to stop their addiction. We were once addicted. We have found Recovery. We also offer help and support to family and friends of the homeless and addicted persons. They are also affected. We believe we can enhance the achievement of the program goals by being a Sponsor. Sobor Support. We can help with the homeless problem in Kona. Most of all we can be a safe, sober place where homeless can go. We can reduce the need for a person to go to the emergency room. We can give them a place to rest that looks and feels like a home. Not a hospital setting.

We love them until they can love themselves, no matter how long that takes. We are grateful for this Bill and we support.

Sincerely,

Karen B.

Kona Alano Club

HB-257-HD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toni Symons- HAPI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In STRONG support. Thank you for continuing to move this bill forward.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick F. Hurney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support HB 527.

Mahalo

Pat

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Normann	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB257. In order for the Ohana Zone project to help the most people, we need to be able to expand available sites to include private land. Here in Hawaii County we have had good success partnering with our diverse Faith Partners, many of who are passionate about reducing homelessness. Many of these same Faith Partners they have land, which could be used for Ohana Zones if private land was an option for Ohana Zones. This bill would give our Faith Partners and others expand the number of potential Ohana Zone sites.

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB257
Relating to HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

To: The Honorable Senator Russell E. Rudeman, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

From: David Carrasco, UH at Mānoa MSW student

Subject: **HB 257, HD 2- RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 2:45 p.m. Room Number: 016

Position: I strongly support this measure. As a former employee of a non-profit organization on Oahu that provides services to homeless individuals, I have gained first hand experience in the difficulty individuals face with achieving and maintaining housing here in Hawaii. I believe that the shortage of housing on Oahu and neighbor islands contributes to the homelessness issue. The passing of Ohana zones that will provide temporary housing can significantly reduce the number of homeless individuals on Oahu and neighboring islands.

Purpose: The purpose of the bill is to establish the Ohana zones pilot program to provide temporary housing and services to homeless individuals and families based on principles similar to the housing first program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 1:49:21 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Melling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 4:10:36 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JOY SCHOENECKER	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Oppose this bill .

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 5:22:36 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toby Rushforth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Have we ever surveyed what other communities have done to address this problem. The idea of homeless folks occupying multi million dollar real estate is lunacy.

If the best you can come up with is hide them somewhere, all is lost. DETERMINE & DEAL WITH THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM and reduce homelessness in a real sense.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 8:52:52 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vote NO. You are doing nothing to combat the root cause of homelessness: high cost of living, high cost of housing, government too big, and allowing drugs (marijuana) to be used without any concerns about the detrimental impact on the user or the community. This bill is not a solution. This is a plan to make homelessness the norm. Your constituents don't want that. Solve the root causes of homelessness. This bill will only facilitate more homelessness. When you provide so many services to the homeless, we will be getting every other's state's population moving here to take advantage of the weather and the benefits. Do not pass HB257 HD2.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2019 9:25:11 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
SUSAN P HUGHES	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill does not address the problem, only puts another layer of beauracacy on it.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2019 9:01:56 AM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Allen Kainoa Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 3/18/2019 12:01:30 PM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Snow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2019 9:47:56 AM

Testimony for HMS on 3/20/2019 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brett Kulbis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill nothing more that a band aid to a systemic problem and will just move our homeless residents out of site. This will do nothing to reduce our homeless population.