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

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

SUBJECT: **HCR 36 – REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR’S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COME TOGETHER AND PRIORITIZE THEIR HOMELESS EFFORTS IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE HAWAII CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY CENTER BY CONVENING A TASK FORCE**

Hearing: Monday, April 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator appreciates the intent of this measure, and respectfully offers comments.

The Coordinator notes that this measure is like SCR 62 SD1, which was amended by the Senate Committees on Human Services and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs to include one representative each on the task force from the Family Assessment Center, Next Step Shelter, and Kalihi-Palama Health Center, if they are willing to serve.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Coordinator and the City and County of Honolulu to come together and prioritize their homeless efforts in the area surrounding the Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center by convening a task force.

The Coordinator works closely with the City & County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Department of Public Safety (DPS), and Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to address homelessness in the Kakaako Makai area near the Children’s Discovery Center. One example of collaboration with the City & County of Honolulu in Kakaako Makai is the partnership between the Coordinator’s office and the HPD HELP Honolulu program. HELP Honolulu pairs HPD officers with State-contracted outreach providers who

participate in coordinated outreach efforts that place individuals into emergency shelter or other longer-term placements (e.g. residential treatment, medical respite, etc.) with the assistance of the Coordinator and staff. A recent HPD HELP coordinated outreach effort resulted in the placement of numerous individuals into emergency shelter and residential treatment.

In addition, the State administers a number of programs through the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Health (DOH) to address homelessness in the Kakaako area, including two emergency shelters (Next Step and the Family Assessment Center), homeless outreach, and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). The outreach providers and shelters also place homeless individuals from the Kakaako Makai area into housing through the State's Rapid Re-Housing and Housing First programs, as well as the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and State Rent Supplement programs.

The Coordinator further notes that HCDA is in the process of transferring the Kakaako Makai parks to the City and County of Honolulu, which should address challenges related to jurisdiction in the Kakaako Makai area.

Finally, the Coordinator notes that the City & County of Honolulu, DHS, DOH, DPS, and HCDA are members of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH). The HICH meets quarterly and is responsible for developing a comprehensive strategy and framework to address homelessness statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



April 9, 2019

To: The Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: Testimony for HCR 36

Children's museums play a significant role in promoting lifelong learning and serve as important cultural resources within the community. Our Children's Discovery Center is the first and only children's museum in the State of Hawaii. The Center's mission is: 1) to educate and inspire children in an exciting, world-class learning environment filled with hands-on, interactive exhibits where families can learn and grow together through purposeful play and, 2) to instill in Hawaii's children pride in themselves and their ethnic and cultural heritage.

Children's museums across the country are vitally important to children in the communities that they serve. Through galleries of hands-on, interactive exhibits, children and adults can learn together through play, which is an important and the most natural way that children learn. In the adult world, we use words like "experiment," "investigate," and "hypothesize." Here, we use words like "explore," "discover," "imagine" and "dream." In a children's museum, our exhibits are designed and built for that purpose. They also allow children to use their imagination and creativity to discover things while exploring the environment around them. Here we "teach" by nurturing and empowering children ... while they are having fun and playing. What better way could there possibly be to learn!

As an Island State, Hawaii is geographically isolated from the rest of the United States and the world. For many children, this means that their personal experiences and impressions about the world beyond our island shores are limited to what is available to them within the State and what they learn or read about in school. In order to broaden their horizons and open new and wonderful worlds to them, a facility such as a children's museum is especially important to Hawaii's children.

Located across from the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park in downtown Honolulu, the Center consists of 45,000 square feet of interactive exhibits within five major galleries. It is a popular visitor attraction for families with children of all ages and a place where they can experience, explore, investigate and discover things about themselves and the world around them in a creative and fun environment where they are learning through play. Of the 125,000 visitors that come each year, 15% are in school group visits and, of this group, close to 50% come from rural areas on Oahu and the neighbor islands.

Over the past ten years, we have experienced extreme hardships due to the encampments that surrounded the perimeter of our building. For years now, an inordinate amount of our financial resources have had to be allocated for maintenance and repair issues because of trespassing, vandalism and theft on our property. Also, the area is overrun with feral cats and chickens, unleashed dogs, mosquitoes, and now rats! While the number of tents fronting the Center may be somewhat reduced, it fluctuates daily, and there are more aggressive and even some violent individuals coming onto our property now. As a result, we are finally grappling with the possibility of securing our property with fencing, hiring 24 hr. security, and replacing the damaged security cameras around the perimeter of our building as deterrents. With limited financial resources, we have been committed to trying to "do more with less" so that we do not compromise the high quality of our exhibits and educational programs.

Sadly, the Center continues to experience many challenges, which we believe are not conducive to the health, safety and welfare of our young audience. We recognize and appreciate the coordinated efforts by the city and state, together with social service agencies and health care providers over the years, however, there still does not seem to be any long-term solution to this problem in sight. We know that the process of restoring Kaka'ako Park and the area will be challenging and complicated. We also know that it will be difficult for the Children's Discovery Center to recover from the conditions that we have endured over the past many years.

Helping the homeless and finding solutions to alleviate problems associated with homelessness is a major and complex challenge, but progress on addressing this issue is critically needed. While we are certainly sympathetic to those who are in need of help, the homeless encampments surrounding the Center have had severe repercussions for the Children's Discovery Center and other stakeholders in the Kaka'ako Makai area over the past many years. Unfortunately, we are seeing this problem intensifying once again. The issues that we've been subjected over the past ten years have been physically, mentally and emotionally devastating. Trespassing, vandalism, theft, and all kinds of harassment have been bad enough; but equally frustrating, has been the inability for law enforcement to intervene effectively, due to the complexities regarding jurisdiction in this area. Clearly, there is no easy solution to the problem of homelessness and, as I have stated publicly many times, that is NOT what this is about. What it IS about is our children and how we can better prepare them as future leaders in a complex world.

It is so important to us for the Children's Discovery Center to be a wonderful safe haven for all families with children who are eager to come here to play and to learn. Our staff has been extraordinarily dedicated to providing outstanding educational programs for those who continue to come because they love the Center and benefit from our programs. To continue serving them we need help in addressing the problems that exist in the area around Kaka'ako park and the Children's Discovery Center.

We are unsure whether it will even be possible for us to recover fully from some of the challenges we experienced that were beyond our control, but ones that may continue to plague us for a long time to come. We have stepped up our efforts to ensure that the Center continues to be a safe and clean environment so that the families who use and love the Center can continue to be inspired by the programs and learning opportunities that our staff works so hard to develop. Drawing from our mission and our purpose, combined with a philosophy which is deeply rooted in the spirit of Aloha, we continue to focus on the children.

The Hawaii Children's Discovery Center continues to serve as a model for the creation of children's museums throughout China today. The first one opened in Beijing in 2015 and the second one will celebrate a grand opening in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia this year. Presently, we are supporting efforts to develop children's gallery spaces in traditional museums throughout China for early learners, starting with a science museum in Shanghai. Hopefully, one day our own government officials will recognize this and take pride in the fact that our children's museum in Hawaii served as the original inspiration for this entire movement.

While these are challenging times, we now have the unique opportunity to step up and become strong advocates for our children on a global scale. In the foyer of our Discovery Center the children of Hawaii are described as "Hawaii's Rainbow Connection to the world." We must put our efforts into working together to prepare them to navigate their world and to live and lead with their hearts filled with Aloha.

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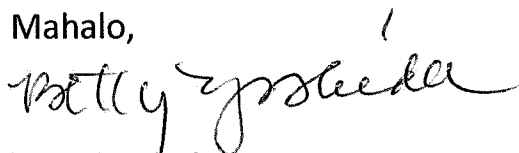
Rep. Joy San Buenaventura
Human Services and Homelessness, Chair
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 442

Aloha, Representative San Buenaventura,

I am writing this letter as testimony for the support of HCR36, “urging the Governor’s coordinator on homelessness and the City and County of Honolulu to come together and prioritize their homelessness efforts in the area surrounding the Hawai’i Children’s Discovery Center by convening a task force.” I think it may be difficult for legislators to fully understand the importance of the center to our keiki if they have not been there to view the exhibits and observe the interaction of children. Sadly, the current circumstances outside the facility is a threat to its continuing maintenance of a successful educational program.

Please find attached a copy of a letter which was delivered to Governor Ige, Lt. Governor Green, and Mayor Caldwell this past February. It was signed by 569 local residents, in support of the Hawai’i Children’s Discovery Center. Many of the signees are members of Hawai’i Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary society of educators. Several of us have submitted testimonies for the legislative hearings in the past few weeks and look forward to continuing discussion in the House and Senate committees that will result in the adoption of the concurrent resolutions. I would be grateful if you would share the attachment with members of your House committee on Human Services and Homelessness. Please accept this as a testimony in support of HCR36.

Mahalo,



Betty Yoshida

for Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa

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February 3, 2019

To: The Honorable David Ige, Governor of Hawai'i
The Honorable Josh Green, Lt. Governor of Hawai'i
The Honorable Kirk Caldwell, Mayor, City & County of Honolulu

Aloha,

We write this letter to ask for your support of the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center. The brightly-colored center stands tall adjoining Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, recognizable to throngs of children who have crossed its threshold to participate in hands-on learning. Over the period of two decades, many of us have brought our own students, children, and grandchildren to the Discovery Center where they discovered how their bodies work, role-played as community workers, acted as an airplane crew member flying over the islands, planted pineapples in a life-like field, and rode in a miniature Filipino jeepney. Research has proven that imaginative play is a major component of child development. And the Center does just that – it provides first-rate early education activities in a uniquely creative setting, thanks to the generous donors, trained staff, volunteers, visiting tourists, and Hawai'i's families. We believe it would not exist without the unselfish and steadfast commitment of its founder and Board chair, Loretta Yajima.

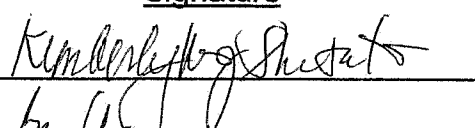
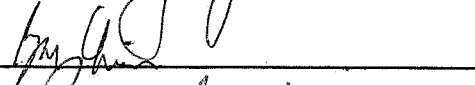

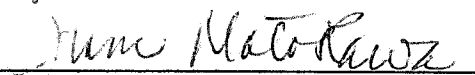
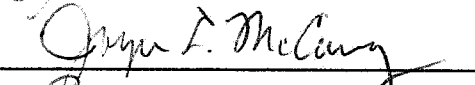
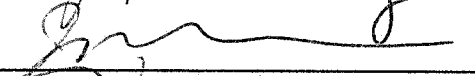
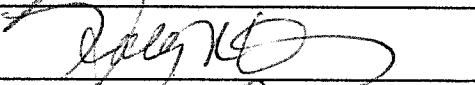

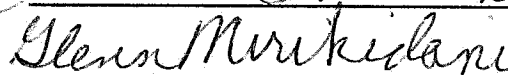
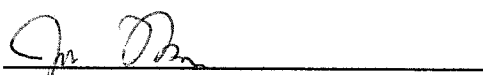

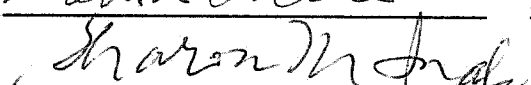
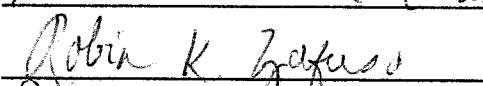
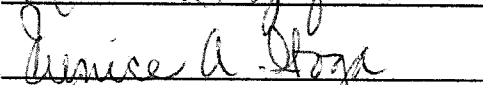
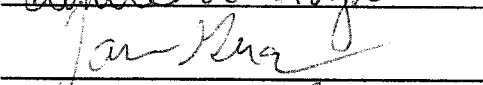
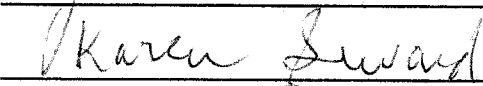
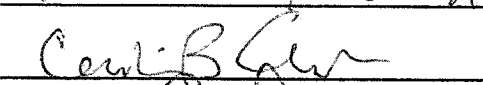
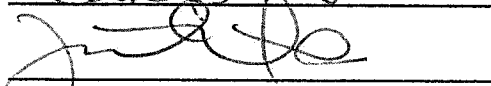
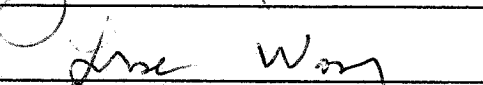
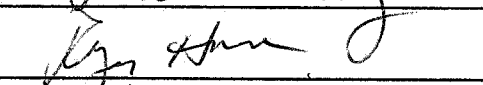
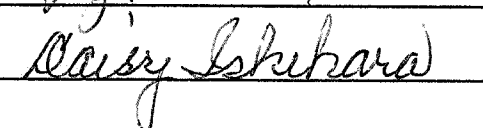
However, the delightful sounds of Hawai'i's keiki in the Discovery Center are diminishing. For several years we have witnessed the growing encampment of the homeless that surround the building and parking areas. Many young families and schools are hesitant to return, for fear of their children's safety and health. We were very pleased to learn that a few days ago the area surrounding the Discovery Center was cleared of the illegal campers and their belongings. Yet, we also know that it may be a temporary fix to a complicated problem and the campers are likely to return as they have done in the past. We are empathetic toward the needs of the homeless and understand that it is a very complex issue. We trust that our government leaders will address the issue with renewed resolve this legislative session and find a permanent solution that will address the problematic issues in the Kakaako Waterfront Park area. Save the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center. Save our keiki's future.

Mahalo Nui Loa,


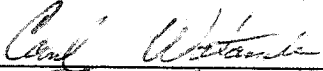

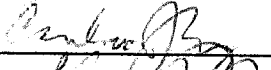




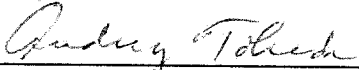



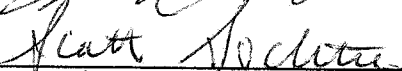

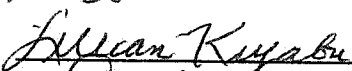

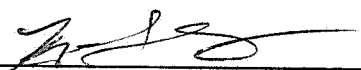
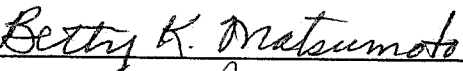
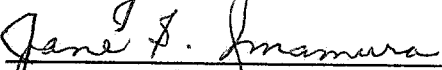


Friends of Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center

The signatures on the following pages were collected by members of Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa, a branch of Alpha Delta Kappa – an international honorary organization of women educators, dedicated to educational excellence, altruism and world understanding. For further information please contact Betty Yoshida, via email (byyoshida@hawaii.rr.com) or phone (808.383.7382).

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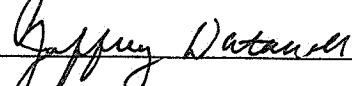
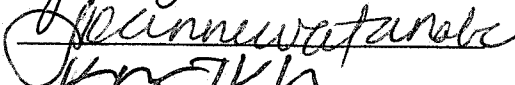
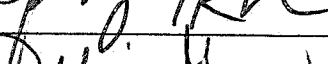

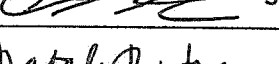
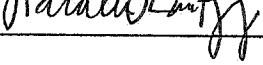
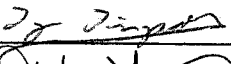
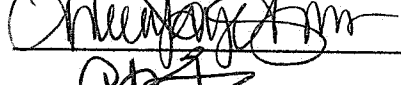



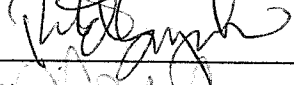

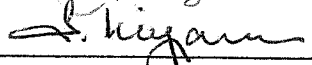

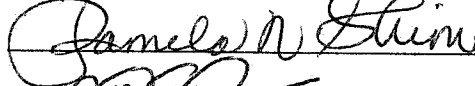


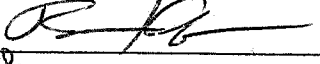

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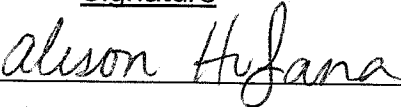
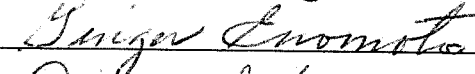
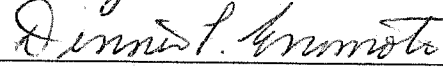
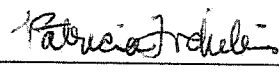
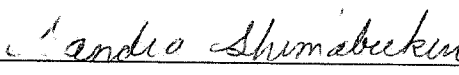
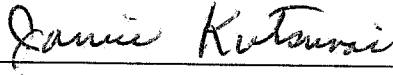
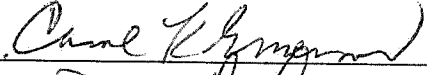
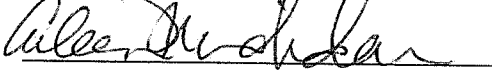
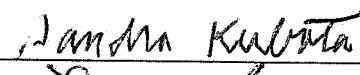

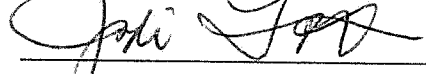
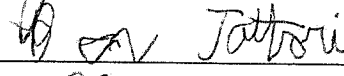

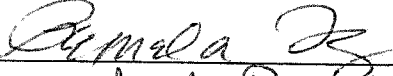
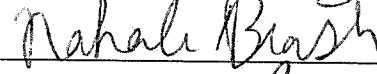


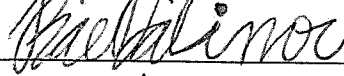
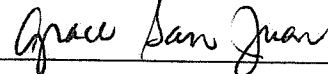

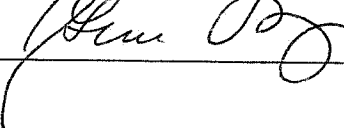
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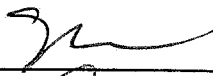
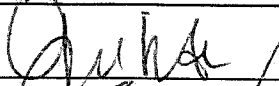
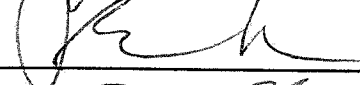

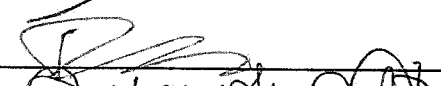
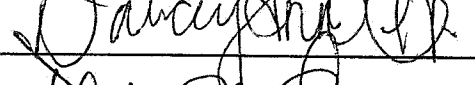
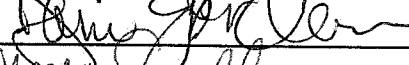

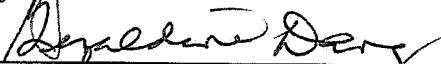


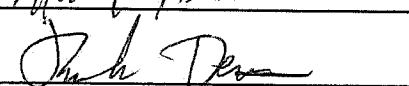
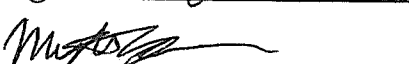
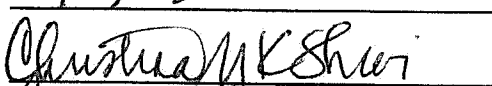
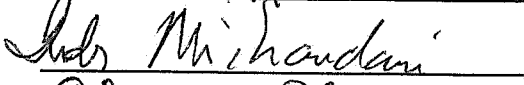

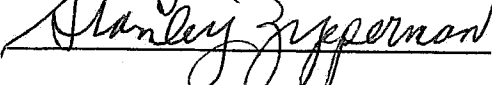
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
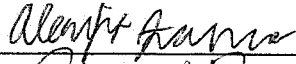
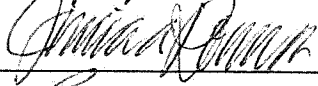
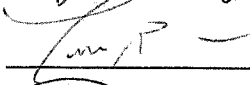
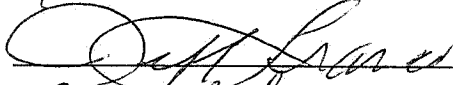
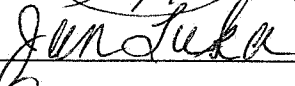


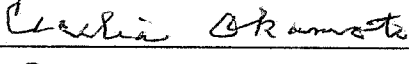
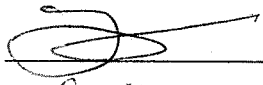
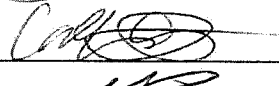


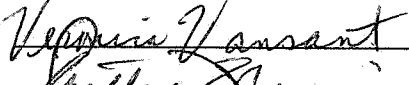
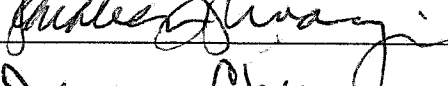
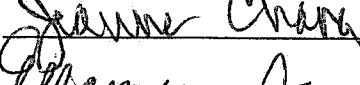
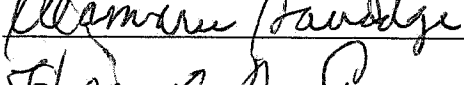
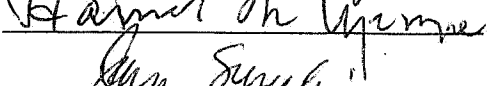
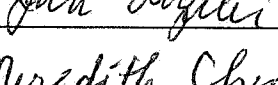
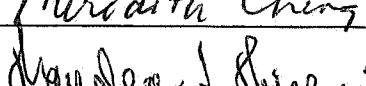
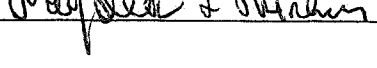
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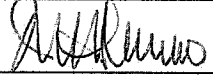
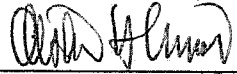
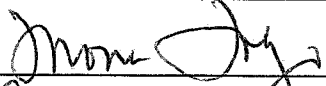
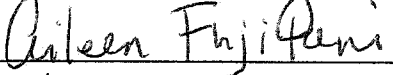
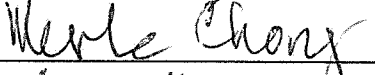
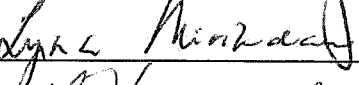
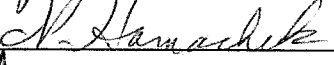
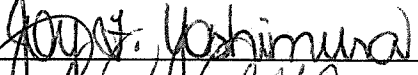
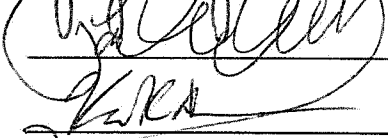
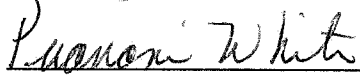
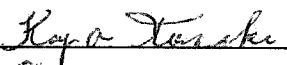


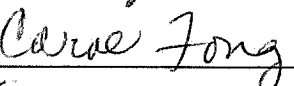
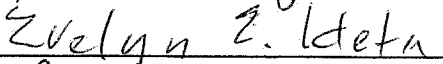
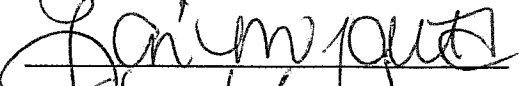
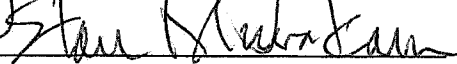
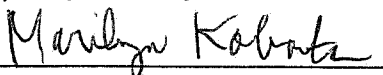

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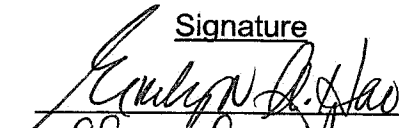
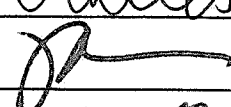

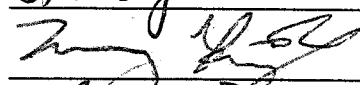
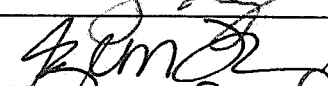


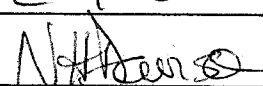
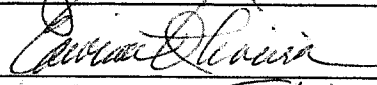
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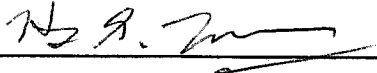
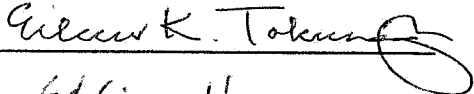





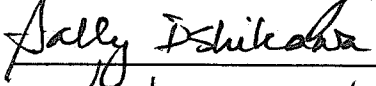
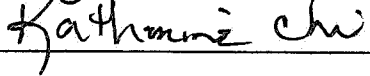

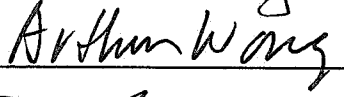
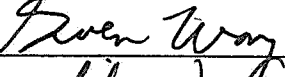
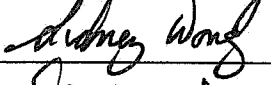
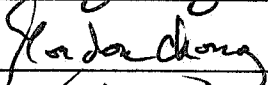
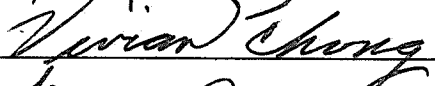
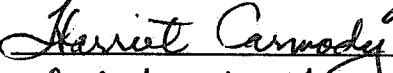
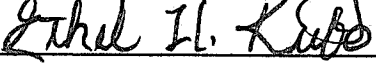

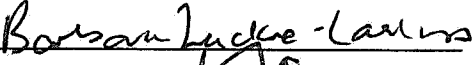
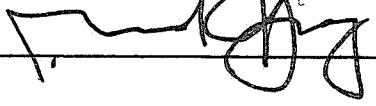
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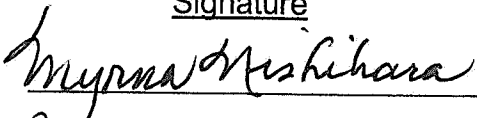
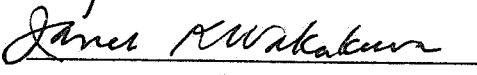
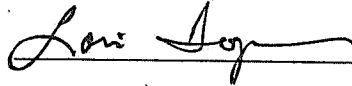
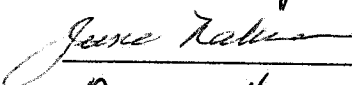
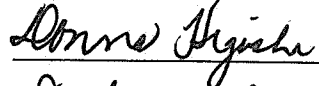
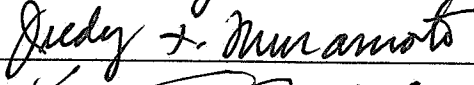
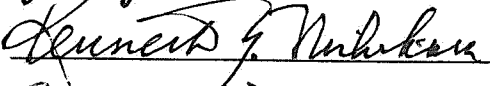

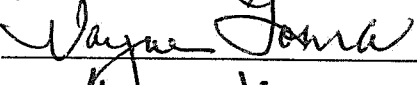
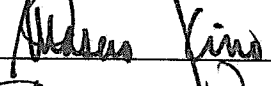
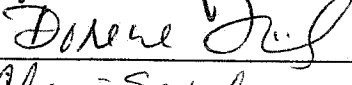
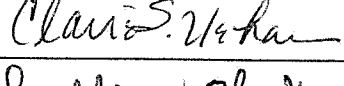
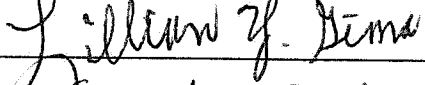
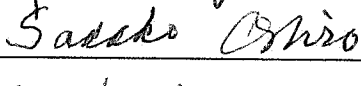
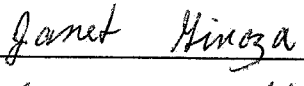
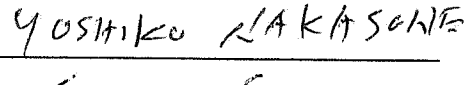
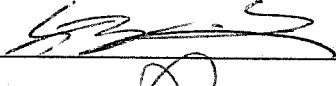


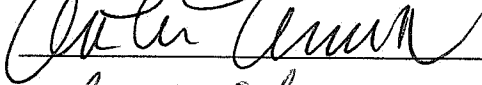
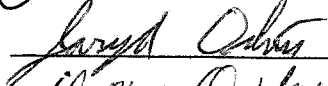


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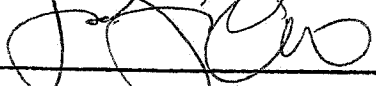
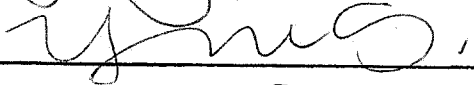
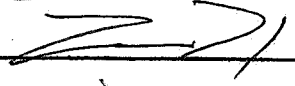
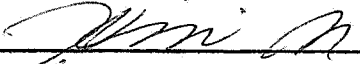



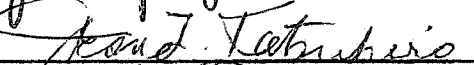



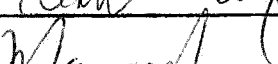
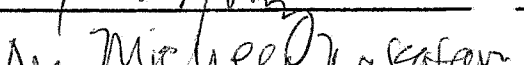
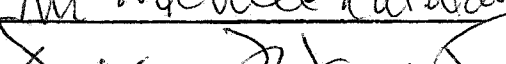

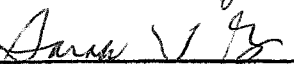

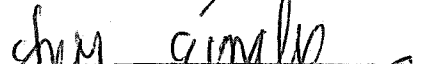
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Testifying for Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats	Support	No

Comments:

The Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats is in support of Rep. Kitagawa's practical, inter-agency effort to address homelessness around the Children's Discovery Center.

Our Platform clearly states that we seek a society free of crime and violence. Our state workers at the State Department of Health experienced property vandalism, harassment and dog attacks connected to the encampment there, during the homeless population peak between 2014-2016. The staff of the Children's Discovery Center have had many related concerns. Indeed, imagine the experience that our children have had. Some are not yet capable of understanding mental illness and the behavioral health scourges that our homeless suffer. Simultaneously, the children are being confronted with an environment unsafe and unhygienic enough to shock or harm adults. When our children can be made uncomfortable and discouraged from intellectual growth, because we as a society have failed to integrate our vulnerable people, we should reflect and respond. This resolution is the right kind of response.

No one benefits from this current state of affairs, and especially not our houseless persons. The compassionate response is not to leave people who are not well be on the street. We know those persons are almost certainly assured an earlier death, following years of poor physical health, than were they sheltered. If the City and the State together commit their efforts to solving homelessness in targeted ways and tactically working site-to-site, the Oahu County Democrats will support such efforts however we best can.

We must have hope and actionable faith in a future without homelessness, where all human beings can live second lives instead of being condemned to squalor, and of security for children to be safe in public. Many Honolulu residents remember children being so in decades past.

Please vote 'aye' for this resolution. It prioritizes ending our homelessness crisis and starts that prioritization by bringing the lands surrounding the Children's Discovery Center back into an ordered and safe existence. Mahalo.

Respectfully,
Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair
Oahu County Committee, Oahu County Democrats

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Candace Yanagihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a retired educator of over 30+ years, a parent, a grandparent, and a concerned citizen, I feel definitely qualified to say that the Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center is a key educational facility that fosters learning in even the youngest of our children. Not only do the children learn, but parents, the children’s first teachers, have a venue with a myriad of hands-on experiences which stimulate their children’s learning and social interactions. Parent involvement in a child’s education is one of the keys to a child’s success in school.....and HCDC fosters just that kind of parent-child interaction.

As a PAL (People Assisting Learning) volunteer at HCDC for over 10 years, I have seen firsthand the joy and excitement of children (my own 4 grandchildren as well) as they enter the facility and as they engage in the learning environment. Even parents who are coming for the first time are in awe of what the Center provides. HCDC provides learning opportunities weekly for the different age groups from toddler and preschoolers to learning camps (usually filled with a wait list) during school breaks, as well as visits by public and private schools. While I served as a PAL, I’ve had visitors to our island tell me that they don’t have anything like it where they live.

It is such a shame that the situation surrounding the Hawaii Children’s Discovery Center is a health and safety issue. How can it be that we cannot protect the areas that our keiki visit and learn in? How can it be that families are reluctant to visit such a place built for families to learn together because they do not feel it is a safe place for their children and themselves?

I realize much time, money, and effort, from many sources, have gone into trying to resolve the homeless issue but the fact remains that the Center is beset with sanitation problems and some families just do not feel safe there due to the close proximity of those who set up their shelters right across the street and in nearby parking lots.

Creating this task force is a step in the right direction.

Candace Yanagihara

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daisy Ishihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

On January 16, 2019, an article written in The Star Advertiser, "Homelessness May Force Center to Close," written by Loretta Yajima, CEO of Hawaii Children's Discovery Center, deeply saddened me and awakened me to the fact that this was unthinkable! This rude awakening made me realize that it was time to act in support of HCDC. This is the reasoning behind my testimony which I urge you to consider.

I am Daisy Ishihara, a retired DOE teacher, a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an organization of women educators, an adjunct faculty at Brigham Young University-Hawaii, and a volunteer at HCDC for the past 18 years. My experiences in working with children made me realize that I need to support this museum because of our keiki who are our greatest natural resources and will one day become the leaders of our great state, Hawaii.

As a volunteer, a PAL, People Assisting Learning, I see the bright smiling faces of children as they eagerly interact with their parents and grandparents in the galleries, using their senses to explore, discover, imagine and dream! How exciting it is to see children learn vicariously about themselves as they visit Fantastic You and walk into a tummy to see what happens with the food they eat, or go shopping in a grocery store just like their mothers in Your Town. The Hawaiian Rainbow gallery allows them to pick pineapples like their great grandparents once did, while Your Rainbow World offers them the opportunity to visit Asian countries like Japan, China, Korea, Viet Nam and the Philippines where they are able to ride on a jeepney. Children also get to see what a Rainforest is and learn what happens when it rains.

Besides the galleries, HCDC offers special events, especially during the holidays like a Halloween Costume Party, weekly camps during school breaks and a pre-school class where parent and child participate. In October, 2016, HCDC hosted the first Asia Pacific Children's Museum Conference, "Peace with the Heart of Aloha," attended by participants from Asian Pacific Children's Museums and the United States Children's Museums which was an over-whelming success. These events go beyond what other Children's Museums offer.

HCDC is the first of its kind as a children's museum right here in Kakaako and I consider it to be a world class learning facility where children and adults learn and play in a fun and safe environment. This safe haven is now exposed to unsightly

encampments, unsanitary conditions where unhealthy habits prevail, littering, using of the museum's electrical and water resources, unsafe conditions in the parking area and walking among loiterers to the museum which prevent visitors, both local and tourists from going there.

As an advocate for HCR36, I kindly ask for your support to this resolution! Thank you for your consideration! Together we can save Hawaii Children's Discovery Center! Let's do it NOW!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arleen Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This task force is vital in coordinating an effective plan of action for the houseless in the Kaka'ako area. When all the players are able to come to the table and offer their expertise and their resources, the long term plans to resolve the encampments around Waterfront Kaka'ako Park and Kaka'ako Gateway Park will ensure a safe environment for all that use the facilities. I am concerned that the usage of the beautiful park has diminished and has had an impact on the surrounding areas

The Hawaii Children's Discovery Center (HCDC) is on the edge of the parks and is one of the anchors for the expanding community that will have many families occupying the affordable units. The HCDC provides hands on exploratory experiences for young children in a nurturing environment once within the doors. The area around it is scary for many parents and children and has become a continual drain on the resources of the HCDC to repair, clean and restore from the vandalism that occurs on a regular basis.

I envisioned this area to be a welcoming place for families to gather that provides magical experiences. When my grandchildren visit, it is a must to spend at least a day there and so difficult to get them to leave! I volunteer at there and regularly witness the awe that the adults experience when they explore with their child shopping in a kidsize grocery store or putting a tire on a car or pretending to visit Vietnam and cooking Chinese food! This place is not just for the children, it is a place for our adults who missed many childhood experiences and now can share them with their child. It is heartwarming to see this interaction. The HCDC provided the venue for all this and more to happen.

I am a retired school counselor and am an active member of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church that has provided support to the houseless. I look forward

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Meredith Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a grandparent and educator I have experienced the excellent programs offered by the Hawaii Childrens Discovery Center and taken my grandchildren through their exhibits.

The displays and exhibits are well thought out, well executed and extremely attractive. They are enticing for children to get involved in using their curiosity and creativity to touch, feel, smell, explore.

Hawaii Childrens Discovery Center is unique and a valuable exploratory museum of the highest quality for young children. I wholeheartedly support the Childrens Discovery Center in its efforts to provide a safe and healthy environment for their young visitors as well as their building and staff.

Meredith Ching, President Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary women educators organization

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Okihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HCR 36. As a retired Hawai`i public school teacher and administrator, I support the Hawai`i Children's Discovery Center (HCDC) for the outstanding education it provides. The area surrounding the center must be kept safe and healthy for Hawai`i's keiki and families. In the past 2 months since other volunteers and I have appealed to the governor and legislature for help, campers have moved or been removed several times and continue to return. I volunteered there last week and there are still campers near the entrance and in the back. There have also been criminal incidents. If what is happening in the Kakaako makai area occurs near a school, there would be immediate action. HCDC should likewise be protected.

A task force of State and City officials, HCDC representative and other community members will be able to work together on solutions and coordinate efforts. Although statewide there are improvements and progress in homelessness, efforts in the HCDC area have been ineffective, temporary and fragmented with the State and City working separately and disagreeing on jurisdiction.

Some current strategies may be improved without additional funds. The task force can discuss how to make strategies more effective and long lasting through coordination, clarification of jurisdiction. Efforts, which are not working, might be eliminated to free up funds for increasing housing and services for the houseless.

The Hawai`i Children's Discovery Center is a valuable educational resource. The creation of a task force will be a first step toward positive solutions to ensure the health and safety in the area. Please approve HCR 36.

Thank you for taking time to read this testimony and for your consideration of this resolution which could impact the future of the Hawai`i Children's Discovery Center.

Valerie Okihara