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TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **SB 398 SD1 HD 1 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

Hearing: April 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this bill, and appreciates the amendment of House Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Human Services & Homelessness removing the requirement that DHS adopt rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to establish and implement the training program (HD1).

DHS agrees that providing training on government procurement and other procedures will increase community capacity to prevent and address homelessness in their communities. DHS has had preliminary discussions with the State Procurement Office (SPO), and we agree to work together as a partnership.

DHS requests amendments to restore the appropriation amount and effectuate the effective date.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this measure requires DHS and the State Procurement Office to establish and implement a training program on government procurement and other procedures to nonprofit organizations that offer homeless outreach services or manage homeless housing programs in rural areas of the State. Appropriates funds. (SB398 HD1)

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



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April 1, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

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

SUBJECT: SB 398 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Hearing: Monday, April 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness supports this bill and appreciates the amendment of the House Committees on Human Services and Homelessness and Labor to remove the requirement that the Department of Human Services (DHS) adopt administrative rules to establish and implement the training program.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to direct DHS, in partnership with SPO, to provide training on government procurement and other relevant procedures to nonprofit organizations that offer homeless outreach services or manage homeless housing programs in rural areas. The bill also appropriates funds to support training efforts.

This measure will assist in building the capacity of nonprofit organizations interested in applying for government funding to address homelessness in their communities. The training provided will build upon existing training curriculum developed and maintained by SPO.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick F. Hurney	Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members;

Please pass SB 398 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS and support new programs!

Mahalo

Patrick Hurney

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

Comments:

Please support this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB398. Many in the homeless population can be helped if there are enough services to assist them.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

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MONDAY, April 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Room 308.

S.B.398 SDS1 HD1 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

TESTIMONY

Ann Shaver, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters strongly supports this bill. It is an attempt to establish parity between established nonprofit agencies in urban areas with their rural counterparts. Located in sparsely populated areas, often without ready access to professionals, including research academic staffs, rural agencies may have innovative ideas for reducing homelessness but are not well-versed in the steps and regulations of government procurement procedures. Because of their deficiency in knowing how to go through the necessary steps to obtain grants, their ideas may never turn into effective programs addressing homelessness in rural areas.

The League of Women Voters was created 99 years ago to educate newly enfranchised woman voters on the mechanisms of voting and obtaining and using political power. This bill is similar in that its intent is to provide less savvy rural agencies with training on how to obtain and manage government grants specifically targeting the homeless population.

The League of Women Voters strongly endorses this bill both because it supports the clear intent of the bill and because it sees the bill as firmly fitting into the League's stated century-long mission of increasing access to government.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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EPIC, Inc.

Family Programs Hawaii

Family Support Hawaii

Friends of the Children of West Hawaii

Hale Kipa, Inc.

Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.

Hawaii Children's Action Network

Hawaii Health & Harm

Reduction Center

Hawaii Student Television

Ho'ola Na Pua

Kahi Mohala

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Maui Youth and Family Services

Na Pu'uwai Molokai Native

Hawaiian Health Care Systems

P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

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PFLAG – Kona Big Island

Planned Parenthood of the

Great Northwest and Hawaiian Islands

Residential Youth Services & Empowerment (RYSE)

Salvation Army Family

Intervention Services

Sex Abuse Treatment Center

Susannah Wesley Community Center

The Catalyst Group

March 31, 2019

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
And members of the Committee on Finance

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 398 SD 1 HD 1 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 398 SD 1 HD 1 Relating to Homelessness with a recommendation for an amendment.

Organizations in rural areas are typically smaller in size in budget and staffing than urban organizations offering comparable services. A large organization can support staff that specialize in fund development and contract management while smaller agencies often lack that option. The pool of highly qualified applicants to perform these functions is much smaller in rural areas.

Increasing the skills of staff responsible for fund development and contract/grant management will improve their organizations' ability to apply for government funding, increase compliance with contract requirements, and help to ensure appropriate use and accurate accounting of funds.

The training should not be limited to organizations that provide outreach or housing services to homeless persons. Homeless individuals and families also need to access family strengthening, medical, mental health, substance abuse, legal, and other types of services. Use of these services helps homeless persons to leave the streets and sustain safe, appropriate housing. **HYSN recommends an amendment to broaden the range of organizations providing services to the homeless that are eligible to participate in training.**

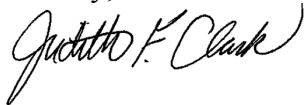
Hawaii Youth Services Network has been a provider of organizational capacity building services in Hawaii and the outer Pacific Islands for more than 30 years. Our experience shows that providing customized technical

assistance following training greatly increases the likelihood that the knowledge and skills learned will be successfully applied in practice. HYSN urges the inclusion of follow-up technical assistance as a core component of the training program.

Finally, HYSN offers its assistance to the Department of Human Services in the design and implementation of the proposed training program for rural homeless service providers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



O'ahu County Democrats
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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Finance Committee,

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RE: SB398, SD1 HD1, Relating to Homelessness.

The O'ahu County Democrats support the proposed measure, Senate Bill 398, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1.

The purpose and need of this measure is to provide equity in homeless services for the rural parts of the state. We know that homeless persons in fact live in every kind of community and environment in our state, under bridges, up steep ridges, in the backs of rainy valleys, and along remote beaches, to name a few.

In order to provide adequate services, this measure would establish publicly-funded training and resources for non-governmental organizations that provide aid to our homeless persons in rural areas.

If successful, this bill may improve the widely-reported disparities in homeless population growth and homeless individuals per capita across Hawai'i, as measured in the state-coordinated Point-In-Time counts. We Democrats proudly support this bill both for its intended and possible effects at the statistical, population-level, and its moral justification. We affirm that housing "is a basic human right" in our Platform, and aspire to the day that all people will be housed and fully re-integrated into society. To that end, we support prudent tactical measures for that goal like SB398.

Members, please vote 'aye' on Senate Bill 398, SD1 HD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, VICE CHAIR

O'AHU COUNTY COMMITTEE, O'AHU COUNTY DEMOCRATS

References

1. Platform of the O'ahu County Democrats. <https://www.oahudemocrats.org/oahuplatform.htm>
2. Hawaii, Data USA. <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/hawaii/>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brianne Villarosa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony of Brianne Villarosa

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair

House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair

House Committee on Health

March 31, 2019

Bill Number: SB 398

Aloha Members of the Committee,

My name is Brianne Villarosa and I am a Masters of Social Work student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. I am testifying on the measure SB 398 implementing a program to provide training on government procurement and other relevant procedures to nonprofit organizations that offer homeless outreach services or manage homeless housing programs in rural areas of the state. I am testifying in support of the measure to establish a training program for organizations serving the homeless populations in Hawaii.

This year I will be graduating with my MSW degree and specializing in children and families. Throughout my education and through my work it has been very important for me to advocate for those that can't always advocate for themselves. According to the 2019 Point in Time Count there were 4,311 homeless individuals living on Oahu, with an increase of 12% of unsheltered homeless individuals on Oahu. These individuals need access to services available and the organizations willing to help need to be aware of government procurement and other relevant procedures.

In closing, I am in support of the measure establishing a training program for non profit organizations serving the homeless population. The homeless population in Hawaii requires services from the government and with the growing number of unsheltered individuals organizations willing to help need to be aware of the procedures that relate to them.

Brianne Villarosa

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

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