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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR38 SD1
URGING RESTAURANTS TO DONATE ANY LEFTOVER FOOD TO HOMELESS
SHELTERS AT THE END OF THEIR BUSINESS DAY AND URGING THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE TEMPERATURE
CONTROLLED FOR SAFETY FOOD DONATION GUIDELINES**

REPRESENTATIVE JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: April 12, 2019
9:30 am

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This resolution has fiscal implications not reflected in the department's
2 operating budget.

3 **Department Testimony:** The department supports this resolution with one amendment
4 requested.

5 The department asks that the request to conduct a public service announcement (PSA) regarding
6 liability protection under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act of 1996 be
7 removed.

8 PSA's by the department must reflect the mission of the department and are typically part of a
9 coordinated campaign to promote public health issues.

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11 Feeding the homeless is an honorable endeavor, but it is not the goal or mission of the
12 department to do so. This would fall more in line with other departments, programs or charitable
13 organizations that concentrate their time and effort on feeding the homeless.

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15 The Food Safety program will develop guidelines for food establishments on how to safely
16 donate Temperature Controlled for Safety (TCS) foods and will disseminate those guidelines to
17 the Hawaii Restaurant Association (HRA) and all food establishment permit holders.

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19 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution



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To: Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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From: Victor Lim, Legislative Lead
Hawaii Restaurant Association

Subj: SCR 38 SD 1 Urging Restaurants to Donate Leftover Food to Homeless Shelters...

Date: April 9, 2019

The Hawaii Restaurant Association represent over 3,600 restaurants here in Hawaii supports the spirit and intent of this resolution.

We do have many members that work closely with Aloha Harvest, Hawaii Food Bank, and others to do exactly what this resolution calls for and we continue to encourage our members to do where operations allow for them to do so.

Aloha Harvest allow us to provide the donation of cooked or prepared foods and is facilitated by providing foil pans and one-call pick up makes it easy for the restaurants and the food gets to the needy properly. We even have Ku'ulei Williams, the executive director of Aloha Harvest on our board. Some of our restaurants also use other services to deliver when opportunities arise.

Michael Miller from Tiki's Grill and Bar, one of our former chairs, is a member of the Hawaii Food Bank Board. Many of our supplier and distributors also donate their excess inventories to the Food Bank.

We will be glad to work with the Department of Health when their guidelines are available and will help get this information to our membership as we continue to educate and encourage.

Thank you



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

Comments:

The Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats write in support of SCR38, SD1.

We believe that the Department of Health can work with this initiative, which intends to supply unconsumed restaurant food to homeless shelters within certain timelines and following certain protocols for health and human safety.

The purpose and need of this measure is this island's approximately 5,000 houseless persons are food insecure, and in need of proper nutrition. This resolution is intended to address, and logically addresses, win-win answer for this problem. We do not intend nor do we foresee adversity for the business community, as manifested in the Hawaii Restaurant Association. We hope that the legislature work shall with them, as with the DOH, for successful implementation.

We thank Senator Chang for introducing this measure, and ask that the Committee vote for its passage.

Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chair
Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/10/2019 3:54:33 PM

Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SCR38. There is no excuse for throwing out food by restaurants with all the homeless and hungry people in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn
Kihei

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Testimony for HSH on 4/12/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Gauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: