



**Testimony to the House Joint Committee on Human Services and Homelessness, and
Lower and Higher Education
Thursday, January 30, 2020; 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 2038, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS THE INTENT** of House Bill No. 2038, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Establish within the Department of Human Services (DHS) a two-year mobile facilities pilot program (Program) authorizing DHS to purchase, staff, and operate mobile facilities on Department of Education (DOE) property to provide laundry, oral hygiene, and food for any homeless minor and any member of the homeless minor's family;
- (2) Requires DHS to implement the Program no later than June 30, 2021, for a duration of two years;
- (3) Directs DHS to report its progress, findings, and recommendations on the Program to the 2021 Legislature; and
- (4) Appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for fiscal year 2020=2021 to purchase, staff, and operate the Program.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

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This bill is substantively similar to another measure proceeding through the Legislature -- Senate Bill No. 2469, which was heard by the Senate Committee on Human Services, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs on January 29, 2020. That bill would require DHS to acquire two mobile facilities and operate them as mobile health clinics for homeless populations. For that measure, we testified in support of the intent, but raised some concerns that we believe are relevant to this bill. Our observations and concerns were as follows:

Due to advances in technology, health care professionals are able to provide desperately needed services "in the field" and help populations that are greatly underserved. For the homeless and other marginalized groups, a simple cold or a scratch can linger and develop into more serious maladies requiring expensive treatments in the emergency room. These costs go unpaid and ultimately are borne by all of society through higher insurance premium rates, higher treatment costs and greater utilization of social services.

From that context, the use of mobile clinics is potentially a "game-changer" in health care. Professionals are able to go to where the patients are and treat injuries and sicknesses at an earlier stage to prevent them from getting worse and more costly to address.

This approach is already being taken and used in various communities throughout the State. HPCA members currently utilize mobile clinics to provide primary care services to the underserved.

While we applaud the intent of this measure, we have concerns on how the implementation of services by two State-run mobile clinics will be integrated with those that are already in use. There would be a need to ensure that areas serviced do not overlap or else other equally-needy communities are not left out from these services.

If the intent of this measure is promote the use of mobile clinics in underserved areas, this Committee may want to consider providing DHS the flexibility to contract with nonprofits that already do this to possibly expand service areas and the scope of services provided. Ultimately, that would facilitate the underlying goal of this measure.

With those concerns, the HPCA **SUPPORTS THE INTENT** of this measure and respectfully urges its approval for further discussion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or eabe@hawaiipca.net.

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Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheilyn P Subia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mabuhay! I am Sheilyn Subia, a delegate of the 2020 Secondary Student Conference amongst the 100+ other students from the state of Hawai'i. Upon intense studying, research, and debate over the course of 3 days, our collective group has chosen bill HB2038 to fight for. Addressing the problem of the current state our 3,000+ homeless students in Hawai'i are what we decided matter most. As I have mentioned, there are more than 3,000 homeless students who live in the streets alone to fend for themselves. Our ultimate goal is to provide a future and voice for them who do not have it yet. The passing of this bill will simply change their lives— financially, emotionally, mentally, and physically. It is easy to get caught up with the craziness of this world but please ponder the struggles and pain these students face at a young age. While we realize that the passing of this bill does not completely solve the homeless problem, it is the first step of solving it and proving that as a collective group of humans, we care deeply about our Keiki because THEY MATTER as any other human beings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheilyn Subia

HB-2038

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 7:17:27 PM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tania Henriques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

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Thursday, January 30, 2020

Support for H.B. No. 2038 Relating To Human Services

The Secondary Student Council is an annual conference where public school students across the state of Hawai'i gather together for three days to debate and vote on bills we believe should be passed. One of the bills we voted on was House Bill 2038 regarding the relation to Human Services. I am testifying in favor to support HB2038.

House Bill 2038 should be passed due to its vital abilities to make a change. This bill would provide the access of a facility where homeless students and their families are able to go to provide for their hygienic and nutritional needs. Not only that, but by passing this bill it would grant the help to those in desperate needs. It would provide confidence to the students who are ashamed of showing up to school in the condition that they're in. With this bill, it not only would help the ever-growing crisis of homelessness, but it would begin a change that would be headed in a positive direction.

To conclude, as a supporter of this bill, I personally believe it would be the change that everyone needs to see and be apart of. This bill could be that one step closer to making a change and possibly ending a national crisis. All it takes is your single vote, your one vote can allow this bill to be passed and for the change to begin, so I urge you to vote to pass House Bill 2038. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2020 9:19:59 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Castro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This pilot project can help tackle the homelessness problem from a different angle - supporting the youth that can't control the factors that brought them into homelessness but still must socially integrate with others. Access to things like showers can help them feel more confident and comfortable in coming to school daily. Students cannot learn if they feel inferior to others.

HB-2038

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Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawehi Bringas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To:

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Committee on Human Services

Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair

Committee on Lower & Higher Education

From:

Kawehi Bringas

Support of House Bill 2038, Relating to Human Services.

Aloha! My name is Kawehi Bringas. I am currently a Sophomore at Kalaheo High School. I support this bill in creating a facility operated on Department of Education property, in order to provide hygiene care, clothing care, food, and drinks for the homeless community in our schools.

Establishing these facilities will give an opportunity for the large number of homeless individuals in the state of Hawai'i, a place to care for themselves and their family members. In the year 2016 to 2017, the United States Department of Education reported that approximately 3,790 students attending public school has experienced homelessness. We as a state should be striving for our numbers of homelessness to decrease and to help our people to the best of our abilities.

Providing such care will allow these students to focus more on school and to acknowledge that their family members are also being taken care of.

A potential counterclaim, could be that these students do not wish to reveal that they are using these services. However, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), there is a law that enforces the school and school district to preserve student privacy. It is stated that the services of these facilities will be conducted out of school hours. So, this action will uphold the privacy of our students and their families.

With this bill, we will be able to support the lives of our homeless community. Thank you for your time and opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2020 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alec Dutil	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

January 29, 2020

**To: Representative Joy A.San Buenaventura, Chair
Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services & Homelessness
Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair
Committee on Lower & Higher Education**

From: Alec Dutil

Subject: Support of House Bill 2038 Relating to Human Services; Homeless Services

Hello, my name is Alec Dutil and I am currently a freshman at Kalaheo High School. I am emailing you in support of House Bill 2038 that would appropriate funds to establish a pilot program that would provide services for homeless children and their family members

In an experiment done by Whirlpool in New Jersey. Whirlpool set up a laundry service for students and their families. They concluded that the chronic absence rate went down from 35% to only 23%. This demonstrates that when students have clean clothes they will feel more confident and comfortable, therefore, they will go to school more often. When students are lacking in items such as a washer and dryer they will feel embarrassed, but with these appliances available they will feel more confident.

In the state of Hawaii, there are over 3,000 students that qualify as homeless which is one of the worst in the nation. These students are faced with the stress of always having school work, trying to find a place to live, getting food, and helping their families financially. I am stressed out and all I have is schoolwork. I think the least the state of Hawaii can do to these unfortunate students is to provide them with clean clothes a shower and dental hygiene. If this bill passes more homeless students can focus on school and likely become more successful than if they are continually inundated with money and housing issues.

I ask for your support in this bill as these changes are necessary for the future and success of our homeless student population.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alec Dutil

Testimony for HB 2038 from the 2020 Secondary Student Conference

All testimony directly copied and taken from their submissions at the Conference on January 25, 2020

TJ Maize - Gr. 12 - Mililani High School - Support

This bill is so important because personally I have volunteered at homeless shelters and I see a lot of high school students at the shelters who don't have clean clothes or have taken showers in days and you can visible see that they aren't happy. I'm fact my boyfriend experienced homelessness for years and was living in a church in Wahiawa, he told me that he only washed his clothes once a week, and only took a shower once a week or if he was lucky twice a week and wants the bill because he said that he wished he had support like that, that would've made school so much more enjoyable.

Ellie Nakasone-Amaguin - Gr. 10 - Roosevelt High School - Support

My name is Eleanor Nakasone-Amaguin, and I am the Hawaii State Student Council Representative of Roosevelt High School. I support HB2038 because homelessness is an extremely relevant issue within our state, and I think that taking these measures to support homeless students and their families is effective and greatly assists our youth. These students represent our next generation and our future, and I think that this bill will ensure that homeless students will have the necessary assistance to further their education while also making it a good experience.

Gaayatri Godbole - Gr. 11 - Waiakea High School - Support

My name is Gaayatri Godbole and I am a junior at Waiakea High School. I had the amazing opportunity to attend the Hawaii State Secondary Conference this past weekend where I learned about many of the bills relevant to Hawaii's schools, students, teachers, faculty, and staff. I was part of the School Environment committee and I debated about Bill 2038, which would provide facilities for homeless students and their families on school campuses. Such efforts have been taken in other states and clear benefits have been seen. For example, in the city of Cincinnati in Ohio, all schools have facilities such as the ones mentioned in Bill 2038. This city has seen a decrease in the achievement gap between African American and white students, student achievement has increased, and the city is the highest-achieving urban district in the state of Ohio. These are tangible benefits, which with this bill, we will be able to provide to Hawaii's 3600 homeless keiki and their communities. I strongly urge you to support Bill 2308 for a stronger Hawai'i for all.

Sarah Gauthier - Gr. 11 - Hilo High School - Providing a Comment

While it is important to help homeless youth in Hawaii, this house bill may not be the most accurate solution. Having this pilot program on school campuses will draw large groups/numbers of homeless people to campuses. It was not made clear whether or not these programs will be functional during

the school day, but if they are then it could serve as a danger/safety concern for students. Many parents may not want to send their children to school at a school where something like this on campus.

Joseph Abendanio, Gr. 11 - Kapolei High School - Support

My name is Joseph Abendanio, and I oppose HB2038. Homeless care is incredibly difficult to organize due to the various locations and differing resources. The bill does not do enough to alleviate or prevent the stresses of being homeless, and does not get the homeless students and their families off of the streets. The bill also includes an expiration date should the bill become an act, which makes the temporary solution to homelessness even more temporary. HB2038 should not go into effect.

Bronson Azama, Gr. 12 - Castle High School - Support

Aloha,

I support HB2038, it offers students support that they may not have at home. With this being a pilot program I would advise the state to implement this at a school in high need of such a mobile facility. This would be crucial in seeing if the program will be successful or not. I see this as being an extremely important step in the right direction to finding solutions rather than debating about possibilities.

Tiffany-Ryan Kusano, Gr. 12 - Roosevelt High School - Support

My name is Tiffany Kusano and I am in support of HB2038. This bill establish 2-year mobile facilities to those who are financially unstable and are classified as homeless and houseless. These services and facilities include laundry, showers, oral hygiene, and food. Homelessness is a concurring epidemic taking place in Hawaii, placing us at number two in the nation, right after New York. While this may not completely solve the issue of random people laying on the streets and loitering on business properties, it is definitely a baby step that hopefully grow and branch out into other aspect solutions. Since this bill is originated from school environment, it is important that everyone in the public school system receives a decent and equal education to other students, regardless of financial setbacks. Once again, I am Tiffany Kusano, and I am in support of HBH2038.

Tiffany Jansen Khamlong - Gr. 8 - Kalakaua Middle School - Support

I'm Timothy Jansen Khamlong, I am an supporter of the homeless bill because the rents is raising higher drastically and getting job is hard or getting payed at low-wage. So not all parents can support themselves and their kids, they just want their kids to be happy with a good life. So this will help the kids get a good start and make them all happy.

Lovely Molina - Gr. 8 - Kalakaua Middle School - Support

Hi my name is Lovely Molina and I am supporting this bill because growing up I've always seen many kids my age living on the streets having nowhere to wash or sleep other than beaches or at parks around the city, makes me believe that this bill would help them be more confident going to school and achieving their dreams.

Merydhol Joy James - Gr. 8 - Kalakaua Middle School - Support

My name is Merydhol Joy James. I support the bill HB2038. Having known and heard about students at my middle school who are in fact homeless, I should know that these students face problems like being bullied at school, which adds on to the reasons why they do not attend their classes. I believe that this bill will help these students be more comfortable coming to school. As in Beijing provided a place to take showers and given other facilities. All in all, these problems shouldn't be the reason to why our students and youth can't have a better education and stop them from having a brighter future.

Kaiea Orr - Gr. 11 - Radford High School - Support

My name is Kaiea Orr, and I support House Bill 2038 because, it helps students in need and it would keep things confidential aswell!

Gabrielle Pino - Gr. 12 - Mililani High School - Support

Through the Secondary Student Conference, I was able to learn about HB2038, which was a bill that talked about providing a two year mobile facility pilot program that allows homeless people to wash their laundry, take showers, and get food from different schools. Through this bill, homeless students should be able to shower and feel comfortable going to school. Allowing these students to do take care of themselves allows them to show up to school to get the education they need and not feel so ashamed of themselves. I know that there are students at school that come from many different backgrounds and most of them are not able to take showers and with this program will help many families get that stress off of their shoulders. I believe that this bill will be the next step to helping homeless students to feel more comfortable and get the same needs as every other student in Hawaii.

Taylor-Ann Okimoto - Gr. 12 - Mililani High School -Support

Hi I am Taylor-Ann Okimoto from Mililani High School that had the opportunity to be a delegate at the Secondary Student Conference this year. I am for HB2038 because I believe that it will allow homeless students to be able to be more comfortable to going to school and I also believe that it will also help them to feel less stressed about their situation that is happening outside of school. Another reason why I am strongly for this bill is because during the Secondary Student Conference we were able to have a face to face talk with the introducer of this bill Ryan Yamane and within that talk with him he explained how this bill would help get rid of the "stigma" of homelessness, and to help make students feel more comfortable. He was definitely very passionate about this bill that he created. Also during this conference we were able to talk to Toby Portner who is an education specialist and a part of the education of homeless children and she even said that this bill is the "next step" to helping homeless students stay in school, to help better their future. All of these different talks and researching on this bill during this conference made me really support the idea of this bill. I believe that it will help all students who have the hardships of being homeless, because it is a stepping stone to helping their future to make sure that they have an opportunity to have a better future. So in all I support HB2038, because it will give a chance for those who may not have the resources to help their own future, to give them a chance to better their future by providing them with the basic necessities they need. So I hope that in the end that HB2038 will be put into law at the end of this legislative session, as it can help the future of homeless students.

Kayla Muh - Gr. 11 - Mililani High School - Support

My name is Kayla Muh. I am a junior at Mililani High School, and I am speaking for House Bill 2038. I believe in supporting this bill because it would improve the lives and futures of the 3,000 homeless students in our state. Many of these students are unable to take showers and have clean clothes and it makes them feel self-conscious about showing up to school. It is proven that students in unstable housing are more prone to lower attendance rates and also lower graduation rates. Since the students in our state will be our future, we want them to be educated to the best of their ability. The facilities being offered by HB2038 would give the homeless students in the state the self-confidence to attend school and make relationships. 82 other schools across the country tried a program like the one offered in this bill and they found a 91% increase in attendance, which just goes to show how big of an impact the facilities could make. The HB2038 bill could change the lives of our homeless students.

Charmaine Fagaragan - Gr. 11 - Radford High School - Support

The programs funded by the Department of Human Services through this bill beneficially helps provide needed funds for homeless students and their families. Giving students and their families the opportunity to obtain basic necessities on schools grounds enhances their confidence in society. Therefore, giving them the proper assurance that their wellbeing is important through these programs by enabling them to gain skills that will guide them to a stable lifestyle. Evidently, a large percentage

of Hawaii's students who don't graduate do not have a home nor resources that make them feel comfortable to attend classes on a daily basis. In brief, this bill will relieve those issues by providing resources on school properties that will ultimately take care of homeless youth wellbeing, while enhancing their ability to receive a compassionate learning environment. With this, I support this bill for the future wellness of homeless education. Mahalo.

- Charmaine Fagaragan

Jonathan Okamura - Gr. 10 - Hilo High School - Support

I support HB2038, "Homelessness; Mobile Facilities Pilot", because I think it will improve the sanitary and mental condition of our school environment. At our school, a lot of students smell bad and wear dirty clothes. Since this bill provides students and their families with laundry and shower facilities, less fortunate students will be able to improve their hygiene. They will probably feel better about themselves as well which would improve their schoolwork and school environment.

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Circle your SSC Committee: Co-Curricular Concerns or Student Achievement or School Environment

Bill Number: H02038 Bill Title: Homeless Students

Circle your Position Statement: Support or Opposition or Providing a Comment

YOUR Testimony: State who you are, your position, and reasons why you feel this way. Include facts, figures, experiences, or personal narratives to support your position. Your closing statement should include any summary remarks and re-state your position. Use the back of this sheet if needed.

Bill HB2028 is a law that implaments homeless students to have access to clothing, showering and donations. This helps Homeless Students have better Confidence at school while being able to focus too. Lastly It helps homeless people get off of the streets.

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Circle your SSC Committee: Co-Curricular Concerns or Student Achievement or School Environment

Bill Number: HB 2038 Bill Title: Relating to Human Services

Circle your Position Statement: Support or Opposition or Providing a Comment

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My name is Jacob Lester and I support HB2038. I say this because in a study done in the school year of 2018-19 ~~months~~ which found that there ~~are~~ were 3,064 students that were living in unstable housing. Plus, ~~the~~ only 66% of the seniors in that group of students graduated high school. Also, I am friends with many people ~~who~~ who are in unstable homes. To conclude, I support HB2038.

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Through SSC (secondary student conference) I was able to discover the means of homelessness. Homeless is far more than just not having a home, it includes facilities, transportation needs and resources. This means more people, friends, peers and our own family are included in this bill. They can get the help that they need now. In the words of Representative Yamane, there is a stigma amongst the homeless community. Therefore causing a distance barrier and comfort barrier between students and their peers. This pilot program will not have the ability to fix everything yet, it offers an instant solution and helping hand in high convenience. I understand that many acts such as the McKinney-Vento Act are already in place. This is a stepping stone aiding these students and their families directly. This boosts the comfort and confidence within these students and creates a second home. I think this bill deserves a chance to adapt with the communities and build a strong bond between community and the students in need.

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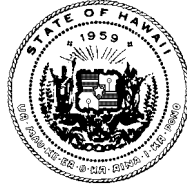
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I am in ~~so~~ support for this bill because it will create a better learning environment for homeless students. Over 3,000 students in the state of Hawaii are homeless or living in unsuitable living, showering and cloths washing facilities would greatly help these students be more comfortable and find more success in the classroom. This bill will greatly help students in need succeed in school.

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January 30, 2020

TO: The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

The Honorable Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
House Committee on Lower & Higher Education

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2038 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and offers comments. DHS defers to the Department of Education (DOE) as to services currently provided to students on its campuses, and any concerns or plans for the proposed mobile or other services to address the needs of students experiencing homelessness.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a 2-year mobile facilities pilot program for the Department of Human Services to purchase, staff, and operate mobile facilities on Department of Education property to provide services including laundry, showers, oral hygiene, food for homeless children, and their family members. Appropriates funds.

DHS is concerned with establishing and operationalizing a new government program when there are several existing mobile clinics that provide similar services in the community. DHS respectfully suggests that sufficient amount of funds be appropriated for the purchase of services and be made available to different community organizations.

If DHS is required to procure the equipment, regarding section 1 (d), procurement of a mobile facility equipment will need to be in accordance with chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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



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January 30, 2020

TO: The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

The Honorable Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
House Committee on Lower & Higher Education

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

SUBJECT: **HB 2038 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciate this bill and offers comments. In addition, the Coordinator respectfully requests that any appropriation not replace or adversely impact priorities identified in the executive budget.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a two-year mobile facilities pilot program for the Department of Human Services (DHS) to purchase, staff, and operate mobile facilities on Department of Education (DOE) property to provide services including laundry, showers, oral hygiene, and food for homeless children and their family members. The bill will also appropriate an unspecified amount for Fiscal Year 2021 to fund the mobile facilities pilot program.

Over the past two years, several mobile programs have been established to increase access to hygiene facilities for homeless individuals, including Project Vision Hawaii's Hiehie program and Revive + Refresh. In addition, the John A. Burns School of Medicine's Homeless Outreach and Medical Education (H.O.M.E.) project currently provides mobile medical services at several shelters on Oahu, as well as in areas near established homeless encampments, to provide more direct access to basic medical care. Hiehie, Revive + Refresh, and the H.O.M.E.

Project all work in coordination with homeless outreach and shelter providers contracted by DHS and the Department of Health (DOH), as well as homeless liaisons within the DOE. The use of mobile centers complements and strengthens existing services, and increases access to care particularly in rural areas that lack access to public transportation.

The Coordinator notes that, in addition to current programs, similar measures have been introduced to support a pilot mobile clinic to provide behavioral health and other medical services. If this measure proceeds, the Coordinator respectfully requests that the mobile facilities pilot program be expanded beyond DOE facilities to include other potential locations, and that the scope of services for the pilot program be expanded to potentially include behavioral health and other medical services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Reduction Center

Hawaii Student Television

Ho'ola Na Pua

Kahi Mohala

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Kokua Ohana Aloha (KOA)

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

January 30, 2020

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To: Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

Representative Justin Woodson, Chair
And members of the Committee on Lower and Higher Education

Testimony in Support of HB 2038 Relating to Human Services

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 2038 Relating to Human Services

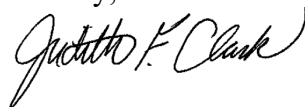
Providing laundry, personal hygiene and food services to homeless minors and their families on Department of Education property is a low barrier approach to meeting the needs of this vulnerable population. It will reach homeless students in a comfortable, familiar setting.

The program is likely to improve school attendance as students are reluctant to come to school in dirty clothing and without opportunities to bathe and are at increased risk of bullying when they do attend. Students who are hungry or thirsty have difficulty concentrating and learning in class so providing food and drinks may result in improved academic performance. Ensuring that basic hygiene and nutrition needs are met will improve the health and nutritional status of the students and their families.

The program should be accessible to unaccompanied minors who are living alone as well as those who are homeless with their families. Parent or guardian consent should not be a requirement to receive these services.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

Date: 01/30/2020

Time: 02:00 PM

Location: 309

Committee: House Human Services &
Homelessness
House Lower & Higher Education

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2038 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Purpose of Bill: Establishes a 2-year mobile facilities pilot program for the Department of Human Services to purchase, staff, and operate mobile facilities on Department of Education property to provide services including laundry, showers, oral hygiene, and food for homeless children and their family members. Appropriates funds.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2038 to establish and appropriate funds for a two-year mobile facilities pilot program for the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide services which will include laundry, showers, oral hygiene, and food for homeless children and their family members on Department property.

Currently, the Department has schools that provide students access to showers and oral hygiene supplies and all schools provide school breakfast and lunch programs. Through generous community partners, such as Servco Pacific Inc., we have been able to retrofit schools with washers and dryers to also allow students and their families access to laundry services. This pilot program would complement the efforts of the Department and provide more help to our schools, students, and their families.

The Department is aware of the stigma that may be attached to students who are homeless and is committed to working with DHS to mitigate this concern while providing students and their families with easy access to the services provided.

We look forward to this partnership with DHS which will alleviate some of the issues surrounding our homeless students so our students can focus on their education.

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

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.



January 30, 2020

House's Committees on Human Services & Homelessness and Lower & Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 309
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

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RE: **SUPPORT for House Bill 2038**

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Chair Woodson and fellow committee members,

I am writing in SUPPORT for House Bill 2038 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii's oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization. HB 2038 establishes a 2-year mobile facilities pilot program for the Department of Human Services to purchase, staff, and operate mobile facilities on Department of Education property to provide services including laundry, showers, oral hygiene, and food for homeless children and their family members.

The number one reason homeless and lower income youth are bullied is because of smelling due to lack of access to laundry facilities and showers. When families have to make a choose between putting food on the table and washing clothes, food wins out every time.

This is a great pilot project as it will take these needed resources in the communities where the homeless families are located.

An ounce of prevention is with worth a pound of cure and this pilot project will provide a lot of prevention from bullying while also providing the most vulnerable in our society access to much needed services.

For these reasons the LGBT Caucus fully supports HB 2038.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.
Chair
LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

HB-2038

Submitted on: 1/30/2020 11:34:37 AM

Testimony for HSH on 1/30/2020 2:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

January 30, 2020

To: Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

Members of the Human Services Committee

From: Noah Candelario

Subject: Against for H.B 2038, Relating to Human Services

My name is Noah Candelario, and I am a junior attending Kailua High School. I strongly oppose House Bill 2038, and I ask for your support for the opposition side. The reason why I oppose this bill is that it does not solve the homelessness issue, and in certain instances, it will encourage homelessness even more, by providing basic necessities for free, at the cost of the middle-income tax dollars. The mobile services will just be a short term solution to a larger problem. The larger problem, in fact, that one is very expensive to live in Hawaii, and two the income inequality.

The United States has become one of the most unequal countries in terms of income. Big corporations like Amazon, are paying zero in taxes, while the workers of those companies are paying more in their taxes for their hard work. Instead of paying for pity programs for those that might just take advantage of it, at the expense of the middle class who are struggling for being in that class. The national and state government should take charge of dealing with big businesses.

I see the idea and purpose of this bill, but we can do more than just give basic supplies for living. We should take responsibility for this issue, and tackle the reason why people are becoming homeless. That is the reason why I oppose H.B 2038.