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March 19, 2021

To: Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services and Homelessness

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 7 HR 8 URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS RAISED AT THE TWENTY-SEVENTH CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMIT AND ADVANCE PATHWAYS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE HOMELESS IN THE STATE.

Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HCR 7/HR 8 Urging the Legislature to Address the Concerns Raised at the Twenty-Seventh Children and Youth Summit and Advance Pathways for the Betterment of the Homeless in the State

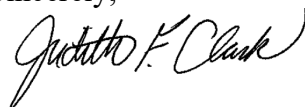
. In October 2020, 55 youth gathered over a 3-day period to come to agreement on what the Hawaii Legislature needs to do to make our state a better place to live, learn, and work. More than 1,100 youth then voted to rank the priorities.

Offering job training and other resources for homeless in public parks, and funding rapid re-housing, transitional housing, and plantation style housing for homeless through a tax were two of the top priorities identified.

Hawaii Youth Services Network urges you to honor the voices of our youth by passing this resolution.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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