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The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
The Thirty-First Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Keohokalole, Senator San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SCR 119/SR 93 – Change eligibility criteria for the Home and Community-Based Services for individuals having intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental illness.

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **appreciated the intent of SCR119/SR 93**, which seeks to change the eligibility criteria for the Home and Community-based services for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and or mental health.

While the Council appreciates the intent, there is a need for more clarity within this resolution. Specifically, on page 2, lines 21-23 regarding “the Department of Health is requested to change its eligibility criteria for Home and Community-Based Services.” How is the Department of Health changing their eligibility? The process? The criteria? What criteria or metric will the Department of Health be required to use? What rules would be affected? The Council believes this is a critical part of this resolution, and it is a discussion that needs to happen.

For this reason, we respectfully suggest that the Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division be required to convene a task force to design the eligibility criteria and process.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony appreciating the **intent of SCR119/SR 93**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus".

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