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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
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**Before the House Committee on
HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023
9:30 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 329 and Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1254
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 1254 proposes to appropriate moneys to establish a homelessness coordinator position for the island of Maui within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department supports this bill.**

The Department notes that when it does clean-ups on Maui, the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) and the Department of Transportation, who holds the statewide contract for storage and debris removal, are always involved. A full time Homeless Coordinator could likely address the problem areas more frequently, but would be dependent on both DOCARE and the Department of Transportation's contractor's availability, unless funding for a Maui based contract is also included.

The Department notes that we are not yet sure where a coordinator would be physically located, but are confident that if provided this position we would find a solution. Almost all of the Department's offices have grown and therefore we have submitted CIP proposals to address the Department's overall need for space.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruth Love	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

DLNR should not be handling the homeless. That should be under social services and health department for mental health needs