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**OCS 22.1094**

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To: The Honorable Cedric Asuega Gates, Chair,  
The Honorable Adrian K. Tam, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 329 & Via Videoconference

From: Jovanie Domingo Dela Cruz, Executive Director  
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Position: Strong Support

**Re: SCR 185, SD1 – Denouncing Russia’s Actions in Ukraine**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

Proposed SCR 185, SD1 would place the Legislature on record in denouncing Russia’s actions in invading and making unprovoked war on the independent nation of Ukraine, causing massive human suffering, deaths, and a refugee crisis, as well as billions of dollars in damages.

**II. COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is an agency attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. OCS was created by the Legislature by Act 305, SLH 1985, codified as Chapter 371K, Hawai’i Revised Statutes.

The mission of OCS is to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty for economically disadvantaged persons, immigrants, and refugees in the State of Hawaii, by facilitating and enhancing the development, delivery, and coordination of effective programs for these persons and communities to enable them to achieve and maintain greater economic self-sufficiency and integration into Hawaii’s society.

OCS currently administers a pair of federal programs for refugees, providing social services and financial assistance to refugees.

OCS strongly supports this resolution. The Biden administration has announced that the United States government will accept the admission of 100,000 refugees from Ukraine.

Thank you very much for allowing us to testify on this important resolution.