



**HINAMAUKA**

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair**

**Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair**

**Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 10:40 am**

**RE: Testimony for SCR213, Requesting the Department of Health to Restore Funding for Certain Substance Use Disorder Treatment Agencies for the Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for Residential, Outpatient, and Adolescent School-Based Services.**

*Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Distinguished Members of the Senate Health Committee. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the CEO of Hina Mauka, providing services for substance use disorder and mental health including programs for prevention, adult addiction treatment, adolescent treatment, case management, and withdrawal management. Helping people on Oahu and Kauai.*

Thank you for your strong support over the past several years of the need in our community for comprehensive substance abuse treatment programs in our state.

Annually for Hina Mauka, over 2,200, adults and students have had access to treatment via residential, outpatient and school-based programs. About 500 of the adults are treated annually in residential at Hina Maua.

As our state emerges from the pandemic, we are likely to see an avalanche of youth and adults who will seek treatment for substance abuse.

Unfortunately, due to the Department of Health's unusual and large funding cuts, despite excellent performance and outcomes from all organizations, substance abuse treatment organizations will be forced to turn away those who need help to heal because of lack of funding.

We believe that it is extremely important for the Department of Health to develop a statewide plan to identify, coordinate, and develop protocols for various forms of treatment which are comprehensive and include school-based treatment and residential treatment services.

None of the organizations that serve complex patients, who may have physical and behavioral health challenges along with their substance abuse disorder want to have to deny access to treatment.

We are therefore asking that the Department of Health restore the funding that was cut for substance use disorder treatment services for residential and outpatient adult and adolescent school-based programs for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 so that we can ensure that the right staff is in place and trained to treat those that are requesting help with their addiction.

Without funding and without treatment, these adolescents and adults may end up in our juvenile justice and judicial system which in the long run costs the state millions of dollars.

These individuals need our help, they need your help as our state's leaders to fight for the restoration of these funds to ensure access to treatment.

We are submitting this written testimony in favor of SCR213 and look forward to continuing this conversation with you and the Department of Health.

Aloha



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# The Salvation Army

Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

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## **SRC 213: Requesting the Department of Health restore funding to certain substance use disorder treatment organizations that provide services for residential, outpatient, and adults and adolescent school-based programs in fiscal year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024**

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### **The Salvation Army SUPPORTS SRC 213:**

The Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services and Family Treatment Services has been providing a very reputable, effective, evidence based, full treatment continuum of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services for over 3 decades. In our SUD treatment programs we serve over 1,100 unduplicated clients a year. The licensed and accredited full continuum of care, including social model withdrawal management services, to special populations like the un-insured, offenders, and pregnant and parenting women with dependent children has been a big part of our enduring mission of meeting human needs in Jesus' name without discrimination.

We love our work and value the continuation of doing our mission in the best way possible. We can only do this with the support of the Department of Health. We consider this partnership to serve the people of Hawaii an integral part of carrying out our mission. In 2021 The Salvation Army served over 227,000 people in our churches, substance use disorder treatment programs, emergency assistances, disaster services, foster/at risk youth programs, feedings, etc. We believe we do this very well and are more than experts at providing this help. For many years, other agencies, state departments, and families in our community trust us and rely on us to do this well.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing partnership with our state/government funders and consider it a privilege to carry out our mission with that support. We anticipate great needs in the months and years ahead as our community continues to deal with and recover from the pandemic and we would like to continue serving at the capacity that we had been in past. Together our investment in our neighbors' healing is invaluable. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this word of testimony in support of SRC 213.

Respectfully Submitted,

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April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health (HTH)**

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Aloha Chair Keohokalole and Distinguished Members of the Senate Health Committee. My name is Abby Paredes. I am the CEO of Po'ailani Inc., providing specialized treatment services for substance use disorder and mental health disorders for adults 18 years and older.

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**We are humbly asking that the Department of Health takes immediate action to restore the funding that was cut for substance use disorder treatment services for residential and outpatient adults and adolescent school-based programs for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 so we can continue to provide quality services to the people of Hawaii.**

The Department of Health's recent funding cuts, to include a decrease of rates, has directly impacted the most vulnerable and underserved population in crisis, especially in light of the COVID pandemic. The growing need for quality treatment services is reaching an alarming level.

Po'ailani Inc. treatment services has been an essential and highly successful treatment service to those who are suffering from severe and chronic mental illness, homelessness and/or release from the Hawaii State Hospital and Hawaii's prison system for re-integration into the community. We serve over 300 adults annually.

Hawaii has undoubtedly been faced with a continued, out of control and growing homeless population, increase of crimes as well as an increase of drug and alcohol use to include the newest drug that has over sieged our youth and young adults with accidental overdose deaths -- **Fentanyl** .

The people of Hawaii are in an immediate and urgent crisis and the need for specialized treatment programs and outpatient services is even greater than ever. Now is the time for additional funding and an increase of support and investments to help providers to continue desperately needed services. We have to prevent services and programs from closing their doors.

Po'ailani Inc. is submitting this written testimony in favor of SCR213 and look forward to be a part of the strategic planning and communication in the future and work collaboratively with the Department of Health and our communities in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Abby Paredes, CEO



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Chair, Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Vice Chair, Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 05, 2022 at 10:40AM

RE: Testimony for SCR213 SD1 Requesting the Department of Health to Restore Funding to Certain Substance Use Disorder Treatment Organizations that Provide Services for Residential, Outpatient, and Adult and Adolescent School-Based Programs in Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

*Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.*

My name is Ray Ogai, a citizen and an employee of a substance use disorder treatment agency on Oahu.

Thank you for your support as this resolution addresses the concerns expressed by certain substance use disorder treatment programs in our community regarding decreases in funding over the past several years.

Support for this resolution conveys a continued commitment for our special needs population in Hawaii to receive the highest quality of substance use disorder treatment programs and services.

This resolution requesting that the Department of Health restore funding ensures those who need help have access to critical substance use disorder treatment services, now and in the soon future where we expect to see an increase in need for these services.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in favor of SCR213 HD1.

Respectfully,

Ray Ogai LMFT, CSAC

