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TESTIMONY
OF
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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
APRIL 4, 2023, 3:00 PM

SENATE BILL 898, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 898, SD2, HD1.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports the intent of the bill however, the SPO objects to the procurement exemption for the selection of a qualified non-profit organization. The SPO testifies that the selection of a qualified non-profit organization should be in accordance with chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The SPO recommends the following change below.

Page 4, lines 8 to 13:

(d) The authority shall comply with ~~be exempt from~~ chapter 103D in selecting a qualified non-profit organization to administer the state rent supplement program for kupuna, and shall, without regard to chapter 91, establish rules and qualification standards for recipients of the state rent supplement program for kupuna.

Exemptions to the procurement code have always been a concern of the SPO. As stated in the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) white paper on "Ethics and Accountability," "Maintaining the integrity of public procurement is one of the most important pillars of government."

Chapter 103D, HRS, is the State's single source of public procurement policy to be applied equally and uniformly, while providing fairness, open competition, a level playing field,

government disclosure, and transparency in the procurement and contracting process vital to good government.

Public procurement's primary objective is to provide everyone equal opportunity to compete for government contracts, to prevent favoritism, collusion, or fraud in awarding of contracts. To legislate that any one entity should be exempt from compliance with both Chapter 103D and 103F, HRS, conveys a sense of disproportionate equality in the law's application.

Exemptions to the Code mean that all procurements made with taxpayer monies will not have the same oversight, accountability and transparency requirements mandated by those procurements processes provided in the code. It means that there is no requirement for due diligence, proper planning, or consideration of protections for the state in contract terms and conditions, nor are there any set requirements to conduct cost and price analysis and market research or post-award contract management. As such, Agencies can choose whether to compete any procurement or go directly to one contractor. As a result, leveraging economies of scale and cost savings efficiencies found in the consistent application of the procurement code are lost. It also means Agencies are not required to adhere to the code's procurement integrity laws.

The National Association of State Procurement Officials states that "Businesses suffer when there is inconsistency in procurement laws and regulations. Complex, arcane procurement rules of numerous jurisdictions discourage competition by raising the costs to businesses to understand and comply with these different rules. Higher costs are recovered through the prices offered by a smaller pool of competitors, resulting in unnecessarily inflated costs to state and local governments."

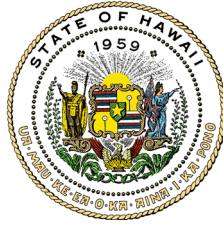
When public bodies are removed from the Hawaii Public Procurement Code, it results in the harm described above. As these entities create their own procurement rules, businesses are forced to track their various practices. Moreover, a public body often can no longer achieve the benefits of aggregation by using another public body's contract because different state laws and regulations may apply to the various public bodies making compliance more difficult.

Each year new procurement laws are applied to state agencies causing state agency contracts to become more complex and costly, while other public bodies, such as agencies with strong legislative influence, are exempted. Relieving some public bodies from some laws by exempting or excluding them from compliance with a common set of legal requirements creates an imbalance wherein the competitive environment becomes different among the various jurisdictions and the entire procurement process becomes less efficient and costlier for the state and vendors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB898 SD2, HD1
Relating to Kupuna Housing

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
REPRESENTATIVE KYLE YAMASHITA, CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE LISA KITAGAWA, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: April 4, 2023
3:00 PM

Room Number: 308
via Videoconference

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, supports SB898 SD2, HD1, Relating to Kūpuna Housing.

Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates an unspecified amount of funds from the general revenues of the State for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same amount as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for a state rent supplement program for kupuna, including public housing specialist positions within the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to support the program.

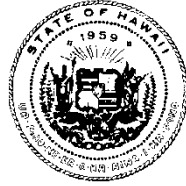
Purpose and Justification: The purpose of this bill is to temporarily expand the state rent supplement program to specifically target qualified kupuna who are sixty-two years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, and appropriate funds for this purpose. According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau data the poverty rate amongst Americans age sixty-five and older has increased from 8.9% in 2020 to 10.3% in 2021. As housing costs and inflation rise, kūpuna, who rely on retirement income from Social Security and/or are on

fixed incomes, struggle to pay for basic necessities. As a result, kūpuna are forced to cut back on essential expenses, such as food, transportation, and medication just to stretch their finite funds. Any setback in their income can affect their ability to pay their mortgage or rent and put them at risk of becoming homeless. Creative, long-term, affordable housing strategies are needed to prevent kūpuna, who are financially struggling, from becoming homeless.

Recommendation: The EOA supports the intent of this measure and defers to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to provide state rent supplemental assistance and services to Hawai'i's vulnerable kūpuna.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
3:00 p.m. – Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
SB 898, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING

Honorable Chair Yamashita, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 898, SD2, HD1, relating to kupuna housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** the enactment of SB 898, SD2, HD1, which would temporarily expand the State Rent Supplement Program to target qualified individuals who are sixty-two years or older and at imminent risk of homelessness.

The HPHA's mission is to provide Hawaii's residents with adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and suitable living environments that are free from discrimination through both its public housing and rental assistance programs. The HPHA serves our state's most disadvantaged populations, including families earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income, the disabled, and the elderly.

The HPHA would truly appreciate the opportunity to expand the capacity of the Rent Supplement Program to serve more of our community's at-risk kupuna. Our agency has the expertise to develop and manage the expansion of this program as well as a proven track record of successful collaborations with the non-profit community.

Please know that an appropriation of approximately \$1,000,000 and 1.0 FTE for a Public Housing Specialist II position will be needed for approximately 250 households.

Our agency stands ready to assist the Legislature in this endeavor and believes this measure is a significant step forward to solving our State's affordable housing crisis. The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with its testimony regarding SB 898, SD2, HD1. We thank you for your dedicated and continued support.



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**The State Legislature
House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Conference Room 308, 3:00 p.m.**

TO: The Honorable Kyle Yamashita Chair

RE: Support for S.B. 898, SD2, HD1 Relating to Kupuna Housing

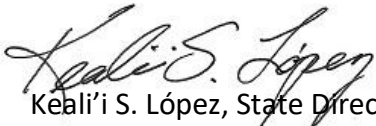
Aloha Chair Hashimoto and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social impact organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawaii. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families.

AARP supports S.B. 898 SD2,HD1 which temporarily expands the state rent supplement program to specifically target qualified individuals who are sixty-two years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Hawaii's high cost of housing is making it unaffordable for many, but especially for those at low or fixed income. These residents are more vulnerable of becoming dependent on other family members for shelter, or face homelessness. The Habitat for Humanity's 2021 State of Home Affordability in Hawaii reports that 1 in 5 households spend half or more of their income on housing. According to the same report, in total, 53% of renters and 30% of homeowners are cost-burdened, paying more than 30% of their income on housing. According to AARP/Statista analysis of close to 1000 older adults (age 55+) are expected to be evicted in 2023 and more than 1500 older (55+) are expected to experience homelessness in 2023 in Hawaii. It is essential to assist older adults from facing housing crisis and therefore, the proposed S.B. 898 SD2, HD1 will help many vulnerable kūpuna from being displaced from their residence. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support **S.B. 898, SD2, HD1**.

Sincerely,


Keali'i S. López, State Director

PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu's Continuum of Care

Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB898 SD2 HD1, RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING

TO: House Committee on Finance

FROM: Partners In Care (PIC)

Hearing: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 3:00PM, Conference Room 308/videoconference

Chair Yamashita and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of SB898 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.**

Partners In Care (PIC), a coalition of more than 60 non-profit homelessness providers and concerned organizations, works on Oahu to end homelessness.

Kupuna has a deep and honored position in our Hawaii community. Our Kupuna should be honored and respected and should be seen as living treasures, but that is not the case for so many of our senior community members. Due to the high cost of living in Hawaii, we are pricing our Kupuna out of housing and much of their support system is moving away from the islands.

Partners In Care has assisted many seniors with housing assistance and this is one of the most difficult populations to find housing for due to their fixed income and complex health needs. This measure proposes to expand the State Rent Supplement Program to those who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Hawaii has a large aging population and we need to recognize this and support our Kupuna. Our Kupuna deserve better, our elders deserve affordable housing so that they can be a resource and a teacher for our generation and beyond.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in SUPPORT OF SENATE 898 SD2 HD1. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Laura E. Thielen
Executive Director
Partners In Care



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 898 SD2 HD1: RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING

TO: House Committee on Finance
FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: **Tuesday, 4/4/23; 3:00 PM; Room 309 & via videoconference**

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members, Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in Strong Support** of **SB 898 SD2 HD1**, which would temporarily expand the State Rent Supplement Program to target kupuna, sixty-two years of age or older who are homeless, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. I am Rob Van Tassell, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i. We are also a member of Partners In Care (PIC).

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless, and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has a long history of working in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is gravely concerned about increasing homelessness among the kupuna in our community, mainly due to increasing rents. Many longtime elderly renters are coming to CCH for help since they cannot afford rising rents. Our Housing Assistance Program's waitlist for elders who are homeless or at imminent risk has almost doubled since last year. Many are over 75 years of age. Our biggest challenge is the lack of rentals that our clients can afford on their low incomes. Kupuna are forced to live in cars or on the streets when rents go up.

Our kupuna have worked all their lives yet face homelessness when they are unable to work and must live on their low incomes. One sad example of kupuna at risk is an 81 year old woman with limited English. She had become homeless (living at a bus station) after she fell ill and could no longer work (at 81!). Although alert and able to use public transportation, all we could do immediately was to help her get on a waitlist for an emergency shelter which was full. She kept repeating, "I have never had to ask for help before." These sad stories go on and on.

This \$500 rent supplement would be a godsend to keep elders in stable housing before they become homeless, as well as enable homeless kupuna to obtain a unit. We need to help house these kupuna as fast as possible. We support exempting the HPHA from the Hawai'i Public Procurement Code when selecting a qualified non-profit to administer this program. This will allow HPHA to expedite implementation of the needed mental health services, housing counseling and landlord assistance services, which are urgently needed. The economic stress and the anxiety of facing no place to go when a lease ends or rent is increased, can have a huge impact on the health of our kupuna.

Please help. Please provide our kupuna with assistance to pay their ongoing rent and the program support needed to expedite these payments. Contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808) 527-4813 if you have any questions.



April 2, 2023

Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
3:00 pm
Via Videoconference



RE: **SB898 HD1** Relating to Kupuna Housing (**Support with Amendments**)

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa & Committee Members,


The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce (CSC) testifies with conditional support of SB898 HD1, which temporarily expands the State Rent Supplement Program specifically for qualified persons who are sixty-two years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, requires the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to submit annual reports to the Legislature and appropriates funds.

As business owners who strive for a triple bottom line and know we can strengthen our economy without hurting workers, consumers, or the environment, we urge this committee to **pass SB898 HD1 and amend the bill to make the expanded subsidy permanent - kupuna need housing security, not year to year uncertainty.**

The entire Section 1 rationale for this bill references ongoing, permanent challenges that kupuna face with affordable housing. None of the factors will get better, only worse. Kupuna need to know that when they finally get help, they do not need to worry about being pushed back onto the streets or be worried that the assistance they receive will be taken away.



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April 4, 2023

The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair

House Committee on Finance

State Capitol, Conference Room 308 & Videoconference

RE: Senate Bill 898, SD2, HD1, Relating to Supportive Housing

HEARING: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lyndsey Garcia, Director of Advocacy, testifying on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i and its over 11,000 members. HAR **supports** Senate Bill 898, SD2, HD1, which temporarily expands the State Rent Supplement Program specifically for qualified persons who are sixty-two years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to submit annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Repeals 6/30/2026. Effective 6/30/3000.

Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® believes everyone needs safe, decent and stable housing as housing and shelter is one of our fundamental needs. As such, expanding the State Rent Supplement Program helps our kupuna at risk of homelessness to ensure they have a place to call home and the support they need.

For the foregoing reasons, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® supports this measure. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



THE KŪPUNA CAUCUS



FIN_04-04-23_1SB 898-393

TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair

Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

CONCERNING: SB 898, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1400) RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.
SB 393, SD1, HD2 (HSCR1537) RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT
CODE.

POSITION: FULL SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Yamashita and Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the Committee

Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has an enrolled membership of over 2000 politically active seniors and we encourage you to pass SB898 and SB 393 in their current forms as vital to helping seniors retain or find safe housing.

Current economy is clearly stressful on everyone with limited incomes, but this situation presents even greater problems for a majority of seniors who are usually on a fixed income.

Costs for food, utilities, housing, clothing, transportation are continually rising, but they are not matched by equal increases in social security or supplemental social security, or the EBT food program (which has just gone down by \$95 a month) to name just a few senior resources.

More than ever seniors need more support to pay for established and new housing. For many of them the only other options are to live on the street, or quite simply, die.

SB898 will provide additional funding for seniors who are too close to becoming homeless. SB393 will also assist people on the verge of homelessness to negotiate for the additional time necessary for some of the State and Federal housing funding programs to come through.

I can speak from direct experience as I applied for emergency supplemental rent funding in June of 2022 to the City and County of Honolulu Rental and Utility Relief Program. My application did not begin the assessment process until February of this year. My eventual approval of the application took another month, and now we wait to see if my landlord will fill out the W9 tax form required by the program. I have been warned that even when that happens it may take months more for any funds to be made available.

Please give all of us the time necessary to resolve rent payment delays that are carried over from the pandemic's effect on our economy.

Martha Randolph for the Kūpuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m

Re: SB898, SD2, HD1 - RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING.

Aloha Chair Yanashita and Committee Members. My name is Linda Dorset, a senior resident of Wailuku, Maui. I thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding the above referenced legislation. I strongly support SB899 that will temporarily expand the state rent supplement program to specifically target qualified kupuna who are sixty-two years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and appropriate funds for this purpose.

Hawaii is facing an acute housing crisis with limited affordable options for many. Kupuna and others with limited resources are at higher risk for homelessness or eviction, and I can see a future where I might be one of those kupuna. The state urgently needs to seek solutions to address housing crisis so that individuals can age safely and securely in their homes with dignity.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority has testified that it would truly appreciate the opportunity to expand the capacity of the Rent Supplement Program to serve more of our community's at-risk kupuna; and that it has the expertise to develop and manage the expansion of this program.

Linda Dorset
Wailuku Citizen

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 10:46:32 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Yamashita and Members of the Finance Committee - I ask for your support of this very needed legislation. It will address key housing shortfalls where it is most needed: seniors age 62 or over who are homeless or in serious risk of becoming homeless. Getting currently homeless seniors into housing and preventing currently housed seniors from being evicted should be a goal foremost in the minds of legislators and us all. Thank you for supporting this critical initiative.

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 12:36:21 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 1:28:23 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The 2017 Homeless Service Utilization Report found that there are 1,386 houseless elders in the state. Many more elders face houselessness as rents continue to rise. Due to the fixed incomes of elders, a state rent supplement program targeted toward kupuna that expands on the existing state rent supplement program administered by the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority is needed. Please pass SB898 SD2 HD1.

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 1:35:41 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Garland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The 2017 Homeless Service Utilization Report found that there are 1,386 houseless elders in the state. Many more elders face houselessness as rents continue to rise. Due to the fixed incomes of elders, a state rent supplement program targeted toward kupuna that expands on the existing state rent supplement program administered by the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority is needed. Please pass SB898 SD2 HD1.

Testimony of
Malia Tsuchiya

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

To: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair

Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Conference Room 308

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Re: SB898 SD2 HD1 Relating to Kupuna Housing

Position: **IN SUPPORT**

Aloha e Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa and respected members of the Committee on Finance,

Thank you for allowing a hearing for SB898 SD2 HD1. Thank you for allowing for testimony **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 898 SD2 HD1.**

So many of our Kupuna live on set incomes and one mishap can put them in detriment of homelessness. In a state that prides itself on the ideas of Ohana, Kuleana and Aloha it is integral that our actions align with our value systems. SB 898 allows us, as a community, to show our love, support and gratitude to our Kupuna who have sacrificed to allow us the opportunities we are afforded today.

My mother is 64 years old, she still works and lives in a kupuna housing unit in Waimanalo. She makes a meager income and lives very frugally. A few months back she broke her foot and was

unable to work full time but also unable to collect disability because she did elect to work part time whenever able. Without financial aid my mother would have been a kupuna at risk of homelessness.

Like so many of our Kupuna age 62 and up she works a full time job and plans to continue to work. SB 898 helps to ensure that kupuna like my mom will hopefully never have to face the horror of homelessness due to one of life's mishaps.

Until we find better ways to secure the long-term wellness of our growing Kupuna population I kindly and most respectfully ask for your **SUPPORT OF SB 898**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Malia Tsuchiya

April 2, 2023

TO: Committee on Finance
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

RE: SB898 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Kupuna Housing

Hearing scheduled : April 4, 2023 – 3:00PM
Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

Honorable Chair Yamashita; Vice-Chair Kitagawa; and Members of the
Committee on Finance:

I support SB898 SD2 HD 1 – This measure temporarily expands the State’s rent supplement program specifically for kupuna over 62 who are homeless or may become homeless due to rising costs of rent prices and inflationary circumstances beyond their control. Many seniors in this category are on a fixed income and need rental subsidies to avoid becoming homeless.

As written, this bill provides guidelines for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to maintain records of the disbursements of funds and provide an annual report to the Legislature.

The high cost of living plus the additional baby boomers entering the ‘kupuna age’ highlights the need for this additional subsidy for residents in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of extending this funding – and for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure : **SB898 SD2 HD1**.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Olah
Resident, State of Hawaii

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 9:53:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm born and raised in the Hawaiian Kingdom a Kanaka Maoli.

I'm writing in SUPPORT of SB898 SD2 HD1.

The 2017 Homeless Service Utilization Report found that there are 1,386 houseless elders in the state. Many more elders face houselessness as rents continue to rise. Due to the fixed incomes of elders, a state rent supplement program targeted toward kupuna that expands on the existing state rent supplement program administered by the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority is needed. Please pass SB898 SD2 HD1.

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo, Mō'ili'ili

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 10:52:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hunter Heavilin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB898, a bill that seeks to address the issue of homelessness among our elderly population by temporarily expanding the State Rent Supplement Program. The legislation is a crucial step towards providing safe and affordable housing for individuals aged sixty-two or older who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

The proposed legislation is fiscally responsible and helps to prevent costly emergency services that often result when elderly citizens are left without stable housing. By requiring the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to submit annual reports to the Legislature, the program will be held accountable and ensure that it is effective. I urge lawmakers to pass SB898 to provide our kupuna population with the support and care they deserve.

Hearing Date: April 4

RE:SB 898

Submitted by Dolores Foley

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 898 SD 2

Dolores Foley supports Senate Bill (SB) 892 SD2. Extends funding for kupuna sixty-two years of age or older and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dolores Foley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dolores Foley

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 9:47:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jeanne wheeler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill to help kupuna - Mahalo, JW

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:18:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kendrick Farm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support the passage of this bill

Mahalo,

Ken Farm

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 8:26:20 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for your support.

SB-898-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 12:59:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/4/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jim Cisler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this needed assistance for all the homeless, but especially us kupuna in need with few alternatives to turn to. Thank you!

SB-898-HD-1

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