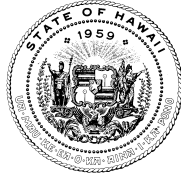


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**TESTIMONY OF IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HEARING ON MARCH 15, 2023 AT 9:00AM IN CR 312**

SB 1040, SD 2, RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

March 15, 2023

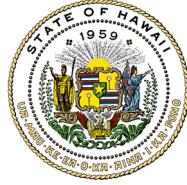
Aloha Chair Hashimoto, Vice Chair Aiu, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comment on this measure that requires and appropriates funds for DHHL to establish a Rent-With-Option-To-Purchase Pilot Program on the Leeward Coast of Oahu to provide rent-with-option-to-purchase individual or shared micro housing units and services to native Hawaiian beneficiaries who are homeless, or threatened with homelessness, and who are on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waiting list.

DHHL appreciates the intent of this measure that seeks to establish a rent-with-option-to-purchase pilot program, similar in nature to projects in Kapolei and west Hawaii island. DHHL has recently begun to analyze the number of beneficiaries that are homeless and has an RFP out for rehabilitation and renovation of a building in Kalaeloa for use as a temporary transitional housing for homeless native Hawaiian beneficiaries. This type of project to rehabilitate and renovate a building to house homeless beneficiaries is a better first step.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1040 SD2
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON **HOUSING**

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Aloha Chair Hashimoto, Vice-Chair Aiu, and members of the committee:

I am James Barros, Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

HI-EMA provides written testimony to **OFFER COMMENTS** of SB1040 SD2.

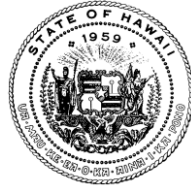
HI-EMA had previously expressed concern about a provision in an earlier version of SB1040 that would have exempted certain developments from provisions of Hawai'i Revised Statutes 46, a vital provision for Hawai'i's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In the Senate committee process, this provision was removed, and HI-EMA no longer has concerns about the bill in its current form.

We wish to express our appreciation to the committees which considered and addressed our previous concerns and note for the record that those concerns have been resolved.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH
Testimony to the House Committee on Housing
In SUPPORT of S.B. 1040 SD2
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday March 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii law, HRS §334-10, established the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) as a 21-member body to advise on the allocation of resources, statewide needs, and programs affecting more than one county as well as to advocate for adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, individuals with mental illness or emotional problems, including those with co-occurring substance abuse disorders. Members are residents from diverse backgrounds representing mental health service providers and recipients, students and youth, parents, and family members. Members include representatives of state agencies on mental health, criminal justice, housing, Medicaid, social services, vocational rehabilitation, and education. Members include representatives from the Hawaii advisory commission on drug abuse and controlled substances and county service area boards on mental health and substance abuse.

The SCMH supports the intent of this measure to reduce homelessness which persists in threatening the mental health and well-being of many island residents. The effort seeks to fill a gap in the continuum of housing where the need is acute and urgent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please contact us at DOH.SCMHChairperson@doh.hawaii.gov.

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VISION: A Hawaii where people of all ages with mental health challenges can enjoy recovery in the community of their choice.

MISSION: To advocate for a Hawaii where all persons affected by mental illness can access necessary treatment and support to live full lives in the community of their choice.

Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i

March 15, 2023

House Committee on Housing

Hearing Time: 09:00 a.m.

Location: State Capitol

Re: SB 1040, SD2 Relating to Homelessness

Aloha e Chair Hashimoto, Vice Chair Aiu, and members of the Committee:

We are writing in **strong support** of SB 1040, SD2 Relating to Homelessness.

This bill will require the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to establish the Rent-With-Option-To-Purchase Pilot Program on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu to provide rent-with-option-to-purchase individual or shared micro housing units and services to native Hawaiian beneficiaries who are homeless, or threatened with homelessness, and who are on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waiting list.

According to the Partners in Care 2022 Point in Time Count, 52% of the overall homeless population identified Native Hawaiian and/or Pacific Islander (NHPI) as either their only race or part of their multiracial identity. As the ancestral inhabitants of this land, it is our duty and responsibility to make substantial efforts towards providing safe and secure housing for Native Hawaiians. This program would utilize land from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for these housing units – land that rightfully belongs to Kānaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians) in the first place. The State of Hawai'i has failed the Hawaiian people over the course of its history. It is high time we start remedying our harm and injustices, and we need to do so expeditiously.

Our collective, Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i (OYAH), works to support young people under the age of 25 who are disconnected from school and work, referred to as "opportunity youth." This developmental time period is extremely consequential to the individual growth and overall life chances of our children. **We support this measure.**

Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i is a collaboration of organizations and individuals committed to reducing the harmful effects of a punitive incarceration system for youth; promoting equity in the justice system; and improving and increasing resources to address adolescent and young adult mental health needs. We seek to improve the continuity of programs and services for youth and young adults transitioning from minor to adult status; eliminate youth houselessness and housing market discrimination against young adults; and promote and fund more holistic and culturally-informed approaches among public/private agencies serving youth.

Please support SB 1040, SD2.

SB-1040-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2023 11:06:49 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/15/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support this legislations' intent of a rent-with-option-to-purchase pilot program on the Leeward coast of Oahu to provide housing and services to native Hawaiian beneficiaries, who are homeless, or threatened with homelessness, and on the department of Hawaiian home lands waiting list.

SB-1040-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2023 4:50:15 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/15/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, COMMENT AS FOLLOW

LIMITED TO 80 UNITS ONLY

RENT MONIES TO DHHL

SECTION 8 ACCEPTABLE

FIXED INCOME - KUPUNA AND/OR UNSHELTTED

LEASE TRANSFERABLE TO BENEFICIARY, UNIT AND/OR SINGLE FAMILY UNIT

INCOME/AGE POPULATION

SB-1040-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2023 10:56:34 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/15/2023 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB1040. While I write as an individual, I have served as President of Institute for Human Services, and advocate for Faith Action for Community Equity Housing Now.

SB1040 is a positive and much needed approach to build a bridge from rental to home ownership for lower economic incomes on Hawaii, particularly among our Native Hawaiian community. There is so much that needs to be done to address the tragic history of wait lists for DHHL lands. This bill is one step in the right direction.

Thank you for consideration of my testimony.

Ellen Godbey Carson.

SB-1040-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 10:08:31 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/15/2023 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support SB1040 SD2.