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Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:15 PM – Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of SB 2344
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Honorable Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill (SB) 2344, relating to homelessness.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** the enactment of SB 2344, which authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the HPHA for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals.

The HPHA believes in developing supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals and stands ready to assist the Legislature in this endeavor. The HPHA looks at this measure as an opportunity to be part of the overall solution needed to address all housing and homeless related issues in Hawaii.

For clarity, we request that the word "and" be added in page 3 line 1 to read "construction with a qualified developer <u>and/or</u> operator of permanent supportive housing units..."

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with its testimony. We thank you very much for your dedicated and continued support.

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# Testimony of DAWN N. S. CHANG Chairperson

### Before the Senate Committee on HOUSING

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

#### In consideration of SENATE BILL 2344 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Senate Bill 2344 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to develop and construct permanent supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals, requires the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to consider any available federal low-income housing tax credits to support HPHA, and requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to assist HPHA by providing suitable public lands. **The Department offers the following comments.** 

The proposed bill specifically requires the Department to assist HPHA by "providing suitable public lands" for this project. Lands best suited for public housing developments are those in the urban core with multifamily residential zoning and with necessary infrastructure (water, sewer, drainage, and electricity) in place or available for connection nearby. The Department notes that it generally does not have these kinds of lands readily available in its inventory but is nevertheless willing to work with HPHA to identify public lands under the Department's management that could potentially be developed for housing with a substantial investment in securing land entitlements and necessary infrastructure. Any such lands may be limited to rural areas primarily on the neighbor islands (with little or no infrastructure) as the Department already opened its inventory of unencumbered lands and transferred selected parcels to HHFDC for affordable homes/rentals. The Department has also worked with the various agencies and the counties on potential sites for homeless shelters and programs.

Finally, the Department notes that its "developed" commercial and industrial properties in urban areas support and fund the public trust natural and cultural resource management purposes of the Department. The revenues collected by the Department's Land Division cover the entire annual operating budget for the Land Division, the Department's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, and the Dam Safety and Mineral Resources Programs of the Department. The revenues fund over 80 Department staff positions, including 5 positions within the Commission on Water Resource Management, and provide funding support to the Division of State Parks and various resource protection programs administered by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife such as the protection of threatened and endangered species, removal of invasive species, wildland firefighting and lifeguard services.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

JOSH GREEN. M.D. GOVERNOR KE KIA'ĀINA



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To: The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Chair

Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: SB 2344 - RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

> Hearing: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 1:15 p.m.

> > Conference Room 225, State Capitol & Video Conference

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill, requests clarification, and defers to the Department of Budget & Finance, any impacted departments, agencies, and offices. DHS respectfully requests that any appropriation not reduce or replace priorities identified in the executive budget.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to consider any available federal low-income housing tax credits needed for construction of permanent supportive housing units.

DHS agrees there is a need for significant public financing of permanent supportive housing since the free market is not generating the essential inventory despite the need.

The department requests clarification of section 3(c) as to whether the section applies only to the developed units' brick and mortar maintenance and operation costs.

Supportive social services are a key component of permanent supportive housing. The DHS Homeless Programs office administers the State's Housing First program, which provides supportive services for Housing First clients. Additionally, the Med-QUEST Division is currently piloting the Community Integration Services (CIS) program, which provides pre-tenancy and tenancy supports to eligible households currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. If section 3(c) applies to both brick and mortar and supportive services to tenants, DHS respectfully suggests the highlighted amendment on page 4, lines 4-9 as follows:

(c) The Hawaii public housing authority may partner with other appropriate government and non-government entities to ensure that sufficient and appropriate services, including supportive social services for tenants, are accounted for in the development and operation of permanent supportive housing units.

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

JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR

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#### Statement of DEAN MINAKAMI

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Before the

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 6, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of S.B. 2344
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

HHFDC has **comments** on SB 2344, which: 1) authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals; and 2) requires HHFDC to consider any available federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits needed for construction of permanent supportive housing units, among other things.

HHFDC agrees that there is a great need for permanent supportive housing to serve various populations throughout the state, including the homeless.

Our concern with this bill is that the appropriation of funds to develop permanent supportive housing isn't accompanied by the necessary continual stream of funding to pay for on-site supportive services and building maintenance over the life of the facility. Without such a funding stream, permanent supportive housing projects are not financially feasible over the long term.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



#### **SB2344 Fund Supportive Housing**

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024 1:15: Room 225

#### **Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Supports SB2344:**

ALOHA CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization for substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment and prevention agencies and recovery services.

An investment in general obligation bonds are needed to begin the development and construction of permanent supportive housing units with a qualified developer or operator.

Chronic homelessness is distinct from other forms of homelessness and is the most expensive to healthcare. Moreover, the chronic homeless can be helped more cost-effectively by more supportive services with housing and case management.

This is a great pathway to ending the most dire homelessness that we see on the street.

Eventually, the chronic homeless once housed with benefits, SAMHSA reports that 50% to 70% will seek treatment because now they want recovery, they want wellness with a better quality of life. Connection, support, sobriety, employment, and quality of life—these are all significant outcomes for people in recovery.

#### **Core Components**

Supportive housing links decent, safe, affordable, community-based housing with flexible, support services designed to help the individual stay housed and live a more productive life in the community. There is no single model for supportive housing's design.

There are three approaches to operating and providing supportive housing:<sup>1</sup>

1. **Purpose-built or single-site housing**: Apartment buildings designed to primarily serve tenants with the support services typically available on site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unites States Interagency Council on Homelessness: Supportive Housing. https://www.usich.gov/solutions/housing/supportive-housing/

- 2. **Scattered-site housing**: People lease apartments in private market or general affordable housing apartment buildings using rental subsidies. They can receive services from staff who can visit them in their homes as well as provide services in other settings.
- 3. **Unit set-asides**: Affordable housing owners agree to lease a designated number or set of apartments to tenants who have exited homelessness or who have service needs, and partner with supportive services providers to offer assistance to tenants.

#### **MODEL**

Supportive Housing (SH) is community-based housing that combines housing with case management and wrap around care. The Hawai'i Supportive Housing Work Group was formed by the Hawaii Interagency for Homelessness through funding by the 2022 Hawaii State Legislature to establish a broad stakeholder group that could benefit from supportive housing, by pairing a housing unit with a rental subsidy and supportive services that fit the residents' needs.

- This combination enables housing stability for community members with higher needs who may not be able to stay housed with a housing unit alone.
- Local and national studies demonstrate the benefits of supportive housing on individual residents, our public systems, and our entire community.

SH is not formal treatment but has elements similar to treatment in that they involve peer support and other addiction recovery aids.<sup>2</sup> It's important to have various housing options for people because recovery is unique to each person.

Supportive Housing (SH) helps to develop and provide housing and related supportive services for higher needs people moving from homelessness to independent, supportive living.<sup>3</sup> Program funds help homeless people live in a stable place, increase their skills and their income, and gain more control over the decisions that affect their lives.

Services include housing subsidies, transitional housing, outreach, case management, childcare, social skills development, job training/placement, health care, and transportation. Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can help with funding. Supportive housing combines non-time-limited affordable housing assistance with wrap-around supportive services for people experiencing homelessness, as well as other people with disabilities including substance use disorders and mental health disorders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SAMHSA Affordable Housing Models and Recovery https://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/hpr-resources/affordable-housing-models-recovery

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> HUD Exchange SHP Supportive Housing Program https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/shp/

#### SAMHSA's Definition for Homeless towards Recovery<sup>4</sup>

- 1. Choice Making informed, healthy choices that support physical and emotional wellbeing.
- 2. Home–A stable and safe place to live.
- 3. Purpose–Meaningful daily activities, such as a job, school, volunteerism, family caretaking, or creative endeavors, and the independence, income and resources to participate in society.
- 4. Community–Relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope

Study after study has shown that supportive housing not only resolves homelessness and increases housing stability, but also improves health and lowers public costs by reducing the use of publicly-funded crisis services, including shelters, hospitals, psychiatric centers, jails, and prisons.

- The SH model has been demonstrated to permanently keep the majority of people who enter the program from ever becoming homeless again.
- A primary goal is to address those significant challenges to help people avoid future episodes of homelessness.
- It's a higher level than a shelter that often limits the hours when a person can be onsite resulting in homeless individuals wandering through the neighborhood during the day.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for further questions.

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 $<sup>^4</sup>$  SAMHSA's Working Definition of Recovery. http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//PEP12-RECDEF/PEP12-RECDEF.pdf



#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

#### TESTIMONY: SUPPORT SB 2344: RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

TO: Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Hearing: Tuesday, 2/6/24; 1:15 PM; CR 225 & Videoconference

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members, Committee on Housing:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in Support of SB 2344,** which authorizes the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to issue GO bonds for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing. It also requires the Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to consider available low-income housing tax credits needed for construction of permanent supportive housing units. I am Rob Van Tassell, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

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, people experiencing homelessness, and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai`i. Catholic Charities Hawaiʻi has a long history of working in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness.

This bill would continue the planning for future housing and services to vulnerable homeless populations in our state. Ending homelessness cannot be achieved without addressing chronic homelessness. The lack of a supportive housing system impacts on the ability of these individuals to live independently and positively in the community. Furthermore, it can result in costly institutional care and other high public costs. The 2018 report that evaluated Honolulu's Housing First program (Pathways Project) found that health care costs decreased by 76%, resulting in a cost savings of \$4,247/per person/per MONTH. Incarceration costs showed a decrease of 40%-60%. Stable housing with regular services enables more preventative and ongoing care which can shift medical needs from the ER to regular out-patient settings.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i appreciates the legislature's support last year to start a pilot program to begin serious consideration of how to effectively create a system of permanent supportive housing. Three key elements are needed for success: rental subsidies, ongoing services and construction funds to create these units. SB 2344 would provide a big step forward to create more affordable housing units targeting some of our most vulnerable residents. As the pilot program identifies successful models, these GO bonds to HPHA and coordination with HHFDC for construction funds are essential.

The price may seem big, but our emergency rooms, hospitals, jails, prisons, and our streets are overwhelmed. By working to end homelessness, great savings can be achieved. Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808 527-4813 if you have any questions.









Senate Committee on Housing Hearing: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:15 pm

#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2334: RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Hashimoto, and members of the committee,

The Hawaii State Youth Commission (HiYC) was established to "advise the governor and legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the youth of the state." We are writing in **strong support of SB2334**.

The driving force of the commission is to advocate for and represent Hawaii's youth, this especially includes vulnerable youth. With homelessness being one of the biggest concerns in the state at the moment, we believe that providing housing is an important step in addressing the greater issues that cause homelessness and alleviating the most immediate concern. According to the 2023 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Annual Homeless Assessment Report, ~65% of Hawai'i unaccompanied homeless youth were unsheltered.¹ These youths have higher rates of becoming a part of the juvenile justice system, suspending their education, and substance use. ² SB2334 provides what we consider to be an effective avenue for youths and their families to access housing. Permanent supportive housing would greatly reduce the strain on affected individuals and allow for a greater chance of an improved quality of life.

As the Youth Commission advocates to support the health, well-being, and development of our state's next generation of people and leaders, it is imperative that we protect those most compromised within the community and create accessible opportunities for their most basic needs to be met. Thus, the Hawai'i State Youth Commission vehemently encourages the committee to **PASS SB2344** 

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR to Congress) Part 1: Point-In-Time Estimates of Homelessness. December 2023." *HUD User*.

https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2023-AHAR-Part-1.pdf. Accessed 4 February 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Youth Topics - Homelessness and Runaway." Youth.gov,

https://youth.gov/youth-topics/homelessness-and-runaway. Accessed 4 February 2024.

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## TESTIMONY FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I

#### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

#### **February 6, 2024**

SB 2344: Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals. Requires the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to consider any available federal low-income housing tax credits needed for construction of permanent supportive housing units.

**POSITION: SUPPORT** 

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i <u>supports</u> SB 2344, as it relates to "Homelessness".

This bill supports the spirit and intent of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform, adopted at the 2022 State Convention, which states under **Housing**:

"We believe housing is a human right. We believe that each and every person should have access to safe, stable and adequate housing regardless of ability to pay. We support policies that deliver housing that is affordable to people at the bottom of the income scale where the need is greatest."

#### And:

"We believe that houselessness is the symptom of an inequitable economic system that creates generational poverty and hardship. We believe this system must be changed.

We support policy that gets people experiencing houselessness re-housed quickly and efficiently, and we support policy that delivers wrap-around services to recently re-housed individuals and families. We support adequate public funding for these initiatives."

This bill is going to help address the housing needs of individuals in the State, including those individuals who are exiting correctional facilities, those with severe mental illness or developmental disabilities, and those who are stepping down from a higher level of care in institutional settings.

With homelessness being one of the most pressing problems facing our island home, we urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo nui loa,

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### 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 SB 2344: RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

TO: Senate Committees on Housing

FROM: Partners In Care (PIC)

Hearing: Tuesday, 2/6/24; 1:15 pm; CR 225 or via videoconference

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members, Committee on Housing:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support SB 2344, which authorizes the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to issue GO bonds for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing. It also requires the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to consider available low-income housing tax credits needed for construction of permanent supportive housing units. Partners In Care (PIC) is a coalition of more than 60 non-profit homelessness providers and concerned organizations. We urge your prioritization of funding to end homelessness and give hope to the people of Hawai'i.

Homelessness is a state-wide issue. Homelessness creates high public costs. The personal costs are even higher for people who have no place to go. For example, vulnerable elders on walkers sometimes come into emergency shelters. Besides being the most vulnerable, elders face significant health trauma from homelessness and are at high risk for costly institutionalization. In the last 2 years, Hawaii has experienced almost a two-fold increase in elders becoming homeless.

Our streets are overwhelmed with persons who have become chronically homeless. They need specialized housing that can offer an affordable rent as well as ongoing services. This bill could be a big step forward. The GO bond funding and coordination with funding from the Hawai`i Housing Finance and Development Corporation are critical with our current lack of affordable rentals. This bill would build on last year's allocation of funding for a pilot program for permanent supportive housing.

Hawai`i needs to significantly increase its investment in affordable rentals with services to house the chronically homeless. <u>Housing is healthcare—and can prevent much more expensive medical care and reduce the stress on public systems.</u>

Partners In Care urges your continued prioritization of funding for these affordable rentals that will include services to end homelessness and give hope to the people of Hawai`i.

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair The Senate Committee on Housing Thirty-Second Legislature, 2024 State of Hawaii

Testimony on Bill No. SB2344 Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals. Requires the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to consider any available federal low-income housing tax credits needed for construction of permanent supportive housing units.

Jennifer L. Cruz Social Work Graduate Student UH at Manoa February 5, 2024

#### Aloha,

My name is Jennifer L. Cruz. I am a Distance Education Graduate student in the Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health. I am currently a resident of Guam. I want to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Bill No. SB2344.

The National Health Care for the Homeless Council is a national organization "grounded in human rights and social justice, the NHCH mission is to build an equitable, high-quality healthcare system through training, research, and advocacy in the movement to end homelessness." Home - National Health Care for the Homeless Council (nhchc.org) The NHCH believes that Housing is Healthcare!!!

I believe that every person deserves to be housed and have affordable housing. Housing is a basic human right. The Unites States signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), recognizing adequate housing as a component of the human right to an adequate standard of living (1948).

Our current system limits opportunities for individuals to be housed. As a society, we hold high expectations of one another to include successes in life. Individuals who may have been less fortunate do not have the same opportunities for support. We should have more support systems such as Housing First Program, affordable housing, and community programs to teach skills to obtain and maintain housing. Cost of living continues to rise which creates socioeconomic barriers for the working-class citizens to have affordable housing let alone the unhoused population. Not having a physical address creates additional barriers for an individual to try and improve their outcome such applying for public benefits and obtaining vital documents which are critical to seek employment or pursue a higher education.

SMI Adviser provides a resource which states the following. "Individuals without stable housing are at increased risk for acute and chronic medical conditions with multiple medical comorbidities.

Lack of control over diet and living conditions, precedence given to meeting basic needs over health care, limited opportunities to follow an optimal treatment plan, and mobility coupled with a fragmented health care delivery system consistently increase displaced people's risk for complications of chronic illness and premature mortality. Because the homeless may not seek or be able to obtain care until their illness is advanced, they often present with more acute, life-threatening conditions.... Furthermore, psychosocial, and societal issues such as discrimination and stigma that impede homeless people's access to treatment and self-care often increase their risk for medical complications." Are individuals who are experiencing homelessness at higher risk for serious medical conditions compared to the general population? - SMI Adviser

I urge all members of Thirty-Second Legislature, 2024 State of Hawaii to support Bill No. SB2344. Housing is Healthcare!!

Mahalo,

Jennifer L. Cruz

Jennifer L. Cruz

#### **SB-2344**

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 5:39:24 PM

Testimony for HOU on 2/6/2024 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Justin Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

#### Comments:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the development and construction of permanent supportive housing for certain vulnerable individuals.

<u>SB-2344</u> Submitted on: 2/1/2024 12:06:55 PM

Testimony for HOU on 2/6/2024 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Greg Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

#### Comments:

My name is Greg Misakian and I currently serve as the 2nd Vice President of Kokua Council.

I support SB2344.