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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SCR65
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ASSESS THE
REGISTRATION AND MONITORING OF CLEAN AND SOBER HOMES.**

SENATOR JOY SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

March 22, 2024, 1:00 PM Room Number: 225

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined
- 2 **Department Position:** The Department supports this resolution for two reasons.
- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) provides the
- 4 following testimony on behalf of the Department of Health (Department).
- 5 The resolution urges the Department to convene and lead an informal working group to discuss
- 6 the management of clean and sober homes, possible collaborations with counties and other
- 7 regulators to ensure clean and sober homes comply with county regulations, and to encourage
- 8 registration.
- 9 First, the Department prefers this resolution among the other related measures because it best
- 10 clarifies the current problem:
 - 11 • Alleged clean and sober homes that are noncompliant with county zoning regulations;
 - 12 • Concerns about the conduct and lack of neighborly behavior of alleged clean and
 - 13 sober home residents, including noise and parking;
 - 14 • Concerns that homes not on the registry are overcrowded and not well-managed; and
 - 15 • Concerns where alleged clean and sober home occupants continue to use alcohol and
 - 16 drugs while seeking recovery.

1 Second, the Department supports because we wish to convene an informal workgroup similar to
2 the 2012 Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses workgroup, whose report was
3 instrumental in the adoption of the current voluntary clean and sober homes registry (registry)
4 under Chapter 321-193.7, HRS. The 2012 workgroup was composed of representatives from
5 County planning departments, the Hawaii Paroling Authority, homelessness advocates, clean and
6 sober home and halfway house providers, legislators from the House and Senate, a legal
7 representative to address issues such as fair housing, mental health and substance abuse, as well
8 as representatives from the Judiciary and the Departments of Health, Human Services and Public
9 Safety.

10 Hawaii has limited options for clients to have a stable and safe environment in which to recover
11 from alcohol and/or drugs. The Department's voluntary registry currently has sixty-eight (68)
12 clean and sober homes statewide. If the Department offers outreach to unregistered homeowners
13 and operators on the current standards for these homes, by building trust they may want to join
14 and be part of the registry. An activated workgroup can also keep the Department aware in case
15 state or county enforcement is preferred, especially regarding criminal activity or nonconforming
16 land uses.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



SCR65 & SR53
Resolution for Registering and Monitoring Clean and Sober Houses
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair
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HSAC Strongly Supports SCR65 & SR53

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, prevention agencies and recovery-oriented services.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition appreciates the language in SCR65.

This resolution is the result of providers and DOH working together to address that some clean and sober homes are not behaving well.

1. The issue is that these homes are independently owned, tenants pay rent, and residents run their house democratically.
2. We don't want to violate ADA and Fair Housing Rules.
3. This solution, we believe, is best for going forward.
 - a) DOH to manage community complaints,
 - b) County to address permitting issues as identified by DOH on complaint homes, and
 - c) Providers to refer elsewhere until a misbehaving home does corrective action.

This doesn't violate the U.S. Supreme Court rulings to protect clean and sober homes and is something that the DOH and County have talked about before for working together to address problems given the shortage of staffing and resources.

We all want the community to feel safe as well as appreciate that recovering people are working on their recovery to return to their families and get jobs.

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

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Austin Salcedo	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Austin Salcedo

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Amendment to include: Be It Resolved, Mandatory for All Group Living Housing/Facility Projects on Oahu. Have Personal Liability Insurance for All Clients and Work Force.

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