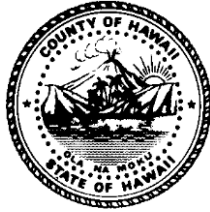


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January 30, 2020

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Nakamura, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 2417, Relating to Human Services

Although Hawai'i County has long had a Mayor's Committee on People With Disabilities, I confess that I was unaware of the extent to which services are available on Oahu to persons who are blind or have a significant visual impairment, but unavailable on the Neighbor Islands.

I thank the Deaf and Blind Task Force for identifying this gap and bringing it to the attention of our lawmakers. I am pleased to be able to support HB 2417, and pledge our County support for any pilot program that may be initiated if this bill passes. I hope you will act favorably on HB 2417.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR