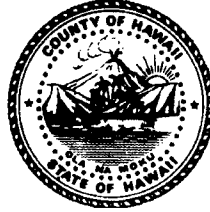


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January 28, 2019

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Committee on Human Services  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Ruderman and Committee Members:

**Re: SB 474 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Hearing Date: January 28, 2019**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 474.

Virtually every elected official and policymaker has identified homelessness as an issue to be addressed, if we are to establish a quality of life in Hawai'i that all can be proud of. This bill would provide appropriations in Section 2, items #1-4 (Housing First, Rapid Re-Housing, Outreach & Civil Legal Services, and the Family Assessment Center), and in item #27 (Stored Property and Debris Removal Services for State Lands). The emphasis rightly is on housing-focused services, while the stored property and debris removal item would enable the State to address enforcement of illegal encampments in all four counties and is necessary for those efforts to be sustained.

I hope you will support the entire package. These items would put the State and the counties in a better position to deal with homelessness, would build on past efforts, and would make them stronger.

We ask that funding for these important programs be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim  
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