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To: The Honorable Representative Lisa Marten, Chair

House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

House Committee on Health & Homelessness

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: HB 2325 - RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

> Hearing: Thursday, February 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

> > Conference Room 329, State Capitol & Video Conference

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure, provided that any appropriation does not reduce or replace priorities identified in the executive budget or any forthcoming Governor's messages.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the continued implementation of the return-to-home pilot program, established pursuant to Act 94, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

DHS is working with the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS) to implement the pilot program. SOHHS will monitor and take lead on the contract and move the program forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

HB-2325

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Greg Misakian and I support HB2325.





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Testimony of **John Mizuno**Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness
Before the **House Committee's on Human Services/ Health and Homelessness**February 8, 2024
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

In consideration of House Bill No. 2325
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Aloha Chair Marten, Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Amato, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of this measure, provided that any appropriation does not reduce or replace priorities identified in the executive budget or any forthcoming Governor's messages.

The Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS) is taking the lead on this pilot and will continue to work to implement this program. The return to home program has successfully reunited homeless individuals with their families on the continent and saves our state resources that can be redirected to local homeless individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Mahalo,

John Mizuno Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness Wednesday February 7, 2024

Written Testimony

Health and Homelessness Committee

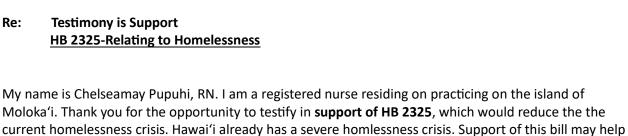
To: Representative Della Au Bellati, Chair

Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

From: Chelseamay Pupuhi, RN

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to ensure that the homeless/houseless residents of this state will get the help they need without the burden of incoming homelessness from the other states. Homeless individuals/families that come to Hawai'i should be given an opportunity to fly back to their home state for assistance, thus making more

funding available for the current homeless/houseless residents of this state. Thank you for this

