



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

February 8, 2022

TO: The Honorable Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: **HB 1749 – RELATING TO HOUSING.**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this measure and respectfully offers comments. If this measure proceeds, the Coordinator requests that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the executive budget request.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to establish and appropriate funds for a supportive housing task force to develop a new monitoring and forecasting system, bring stakeholders together to develop a roadmap for implementing supportive housing, address financing opportunities, bridge housing developers with supportive housing service providers, and develop best practices for supportive housing in the State.

The Coordinator recognizes the critical need to scale supportive housing inventory statewide. Supportive housing offers long-term housing with integrated wraparound social services for individuals with acute needs and may be provided either through site-based projects or utilizing a scattered-site voucher system. Importantly, the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) estimate of supportive housing units described in the preamble is not limited only to units for homeless or chronically homeless individuals. For example, the CSH data includes unit estimates for other populations that may not meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definition of homelessness (e.g., individuals exiting

correctional facilities, and individuals with severe mental illness or developmental disability stepping down from a higher level of care in an institutional setting, etc.).

Currently, there is limited inventory of housing with social service supports for individuals exiting institutional settings who are not literally homeless. The lack of supportive housing specifically for individuals exiting the mental health and criminal justice systems places strain on the homelessness system. For example, as of December 2021, the homelessness system identified 2,100 homeless individuals and 542 families participating in the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System and on the By Name List for housing.¹ The proposed task force will address increase both the number and diversity of supportive housing units by assembling key stakeholders to assess the current supportive housing system, estimating the number of units needed for different sub-populations, and developing a plan for financing and construction of units statewide.

Regarding the task force, the Coordinator acknowledges the need to have representation both from agencies with an understanding of how to provide and finance social services, as well as agencies familiar with housing development and construction financing. In addition, the Coordinator appreciates the inclusion of the four counties, which oversee planning and zoning locally and administer housing resources such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Act funds. However, as currently drafted, the bill is specific in the membership serving on the task force and does not allow for other individuals to attend a meeting if a designated member is unable to. If this measure proceeds, the Coordinator suggests a friendly amendment to allow for task force members to appoint a designee in their absence.

As Chair of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH), the Coordinator recognizes supportive housing development is just one piece of a more comprehensive effort to address homelessness. In December 2021, the HICH adopted policy priorities for the 2022 legislative session, which include scaling low-income statewide, as well as reducing upfront barriers to accessing rental housing and expanding programs that assist key homeless sub-

¹ Please see page 3 of DHS Annual Housing First report at: http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/12-28-21_CB_Section-346-378_Housing-First-combined-signed.pdf

populations (e.g., unsheltered youth, adults with severe mental illness, etc.). For more information about the 2022 HICH policy priorities, visit <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/advocacy>.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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To: House Committee on Housing

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: February 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 423 and Via Videoconference

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 1749
Relating to Housing

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would establish a Supportive Housing Task Force charged with developing a new monitoring and forecasting system and a roadmap for implementing supportive housing, educating developers on supportive housing, and identifying financing opportunities for supportive housing. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) takes no position on the substance of this bill, but offers **comments and a technical amendment** regarding the exemption of the proposed Task Force from chapter 92, HRS, part I of which is the Sunshine Law, at bill page 7, lines 8-9.

The bill does not explain why a complete exemption from the Sunshine Law is necessary for the Task Force. The Task Force is charged with developing policy and goals for supportive housing, identifying funding sources, and developing best practices, all of which are likely to be of public interest, particularly to those directly affected by or with an interest in the issue of providing supportive housing for individuals needing that support, and **the proposed exemption would cut off access to this policymaking process for the interested members of the public.** In the absence of any justification for exempting this group from the

Sunshine Law's requirements, **OIP recommends that the exemption at page 7, lines 8-9, be deleted from this bill.** However, if there are reasons not explained in the bill why full compliance with the Sunshine Law would be problematic for this group, **OIP would be happy to work with interested parties on a permitted interaction or other partial exception to the Sunshine Law's usual requirements tailored to the specific problems the group anticipates.** OIP also notes that the Sunshine Law is only part I of chapter 92, and the rest of the chapter includes provisions addressing an assortment of topics including quorum, authorized copy charges for government records, and neighborhood boards, so **as a technical matter an exemption from the Sunshine Law should be an exemption from part I of chapter 92 rather than from chapter 92 as a whole.**

Thank you for considering OIP's testimony.



HAWAI‘I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Committee: House Committee on Housing
Bill Number: H.B. 1749
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission
with **COMMENTS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT** to
H.B. 1749, Relating to Housing

Aloha Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai‘i State Ethics Commission (“Commission”) respectfully suggests the deletion of the second sentence of Section 2, subsection (h), “No member of the task force shall be made subject to section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member’s participation on the task force.”

The Ethics Commission’s longstanding practice is to exclude the activities of task force members from the general provisions of the State Ethics Code, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (“HRS”) chapter 84, making the language in this measure unnecessary. Additionally, the Legislature recently enacted language in the Ethics Code applicable to task force members and their potential conflicts of interests.

[E]very task force member or designee or representative of a task force member shall publicly disclose the nature and extent of any interest or transaction that the task force member or task force members’ designee or representative believes may be affected by the task force member’s official action.

HRS § 84-13(c).¹ This relatively minimal burden appears to strike a balance between encouraging stakeholders to participate in a public task force, and recognizing that many

¹ The State Ethics Commission recently adopted administrative rules that spell out the requirements of this provision.

Section 84-14, HRS, does not prohibit a person from serving on a task force, or making statements or taking official action as a task force member or a task forces member’s designee or representative, provided that the task force member, designee, or representative shall publicly disclose the nature and extent of any interest or transaction that they believe may be affected by their official action. This disclosure shall be made verbally at the first available meeting of the task force and shall be memorialized in any task force report. If no meeting is to occur before the task force member, designee, or representative takes official action affecting their interests, the disclosure shall be made in writing to all other task force members, and then subsequently in any task force report.

Haw. Admin. R. § 21-8-5.

stakeholders – by dint of their experience in the area -- will have some form of conflict of interest.

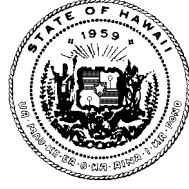
The Commission respectfully requests that the Committees delete the sentence about Haw. Rev. Stat. § 84-17 from the measure. The Commission is aware that bills proposing task forces often contain an identical sentence purporting to exclude task force activities from chapter 84, and the Commission will be making the same request as to those measures as well.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission's work and for considering the Commission's testimony on H.B. 1749.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Robert D. Harris
Robert D. Harris
Executive Director and General Counsel

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February 7, 2022

TO: The Honorable Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Chair
Committee on Housing

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1749 – RELATING TO HOUSING.**

Hearing: February 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure, requests amendments, and provides comments. The Department respectfully requests that any appropriation not replace or reduce budget priorities identified in the executive budget.

PURPOSE: The purposes of the bill are to establish and appropriate funds for a supportive housing task force to develop a new monitoring and forecasting system, bring stakeholders together to develop a roadmap for implementing supportive housing, address financing opportunities, bridge housing developers with supportive housing service providers and develop best practices for supportive housing in the State.

The Department agrees that there needs to be a concerted effort by the government to create housing inventory for low-income residents, especially for those who require supportive services, as the free market is not generating the needed inventory despite the need.

The Department respectfully requests that designees from the named programs be allowed to serve on the task force. The designee will have hands-on subject matter expertise regarding available homeless and Medicaid services. Also, note that these DHS programs do

not engage in brick and mortar capital improvement projects and will not have the necessary knowledge regarding capital improvements or housing development. The Legislature may want to consider encouraging professionals with working knowledge of public finance or development to join this very important task force.

Support for the task force should include at least a 1 FTE planner or specialist position and funds for administrative expenses. However, we ask that these appropriations not replace or reduce priorities identified in the executive budget.

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

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1749

February 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Room 423 and Videoconference

RELATING TO HOUSING

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1749: 1) establishes a supportive housing task force within the Department of Human Services (DHS) for a period of two years; 2) sets the responsibilities of the task force; 3) sets membership appointment requirements for the task force; 4) provides the task force authority to meet virtually and exemption from Chapter 92, HRS; and 5) appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds to DHS in FY 23 to provide administrative support to the task force.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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February 8, 2022

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The Honorable Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing
The Thirty-First Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Nakamura and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB1749 Relating to Housing

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB1749** which establishes and appropriates funds for a supportive housing task force to develop a new monitoring and forecasting system, bring stakeholders together to develop a roadmap for implementing supportive housing, address financing opportunities, bridge housing developers with supportive housing service providers, and develop best practices for supportive housing in the State.

Many individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) are a part of our low-income community. The only residential option they can afford and find is typically on Oahu in a licensed or certified home (such as an Adult Foster Home or a Residential Care home) with individuals they may have never met or share a common interest with. For those who do not want to live in such an environment, they become homeless or are bounced around from one emergency shelter to another.

We are in support of a task force that will address the supportive housing needs in each county.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB1749**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus".

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

Statement Before The
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
9:30 AM
Via Videoconference and Conference 423

in consideration of
HB 1749
RELATING TO HOUSING.

Chair NAKAMURA, Vice Chair HASHIMOTO, and Members of the
House Housing Committee

Common Cause Hawaii offers comments on HB 1749, which establishes and appropriates funds for a supportive housing task force to develop a new monitoring and forecasting system, bring stakeholders together to develop a roadmap for implementing supportive housing, address financing opportunities, bridge housing developers with supportive housing service providers, and develop best practices for supportive housing in the State.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization focused on upholding the core values of American democracy through increasing civic engagement and breaking down the barriers to participation in our government.

Common Cause Hawaii understands the depth and seriousness of the housing issue in Hawaii and appreciates that HB 1749, at page 3, lines 4-9, establishes “a supportive housing task force to improve data collection on supportive housing needs, bring stakeholders together to develop a roadmap for implementing supportive housing, address financing opportunities, bridge housing developers with supportive housing service providers, and develop best practices.”

Common Cause Hawaii, however, questions why the supportive housing task force is “exempt from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.” See HB 1749 at page 7, lines 8-9. Given the demand for supportive housing needs, public participation should not be excluded from the process and such a task force should be subject to Sunshine Law. “Opening up the governmental processes to public scrutiny and participation is the only viable and reasonable method of protecting the public’s interest.” Hawaii Revised Statutes § 92-1. This is especially true with regards to the supportive housing task force.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 1749. If you have any questions, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

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 HB 1749 RELATING TO HOUSING

TO: House of Representatives, Committee on Housing,
FROM: Partners In Care (PIC)
Hearing: Tuesday, February 8th, 2022, 9:30 am via videoconference
Position: **SUPPORT**

Chair Nakamura and Members of the House Committee on Housing :

Partner In Care, Oahu's Continuum of Care, stands in support of **HB 1749 RELATING TO HOUSING**.

There has been a shortage of affordable housing in Hawaii for several decades. We are far behind in our production of affordable housing at every level of the median income. As our population ages we are seeing an increasing need for affordable senior housing and for housing dedicated to those in our community who need a higher level of care in order to maintain housing. The purpose of this act is to create an Affordable Housing Task Force that is dedicated to bringing the data together to help determine the need for this type of affordable housing and address these needs in our community.

Partners In Care has recently participated in strategic planning focused on addressing the higher level of care needs of those within our veteran population who are experiencing homelessness. We have identified more than a dozen veterans who have been homeless for extended periods of time due to the lack of this type of housing. We are doing a disservice to our veterans and a disservice to our entire community if we do not address these needs now. The expense in both human cost and dollar cost is extraordinary if these folks remain homeless. The entire Continuum of Care is actively involved in bringing data together on folks who need special and affordable housing and they are committed to assisting these folks.

Partners In Care respectfully requests that the 2 Hawaii Continuums of Care, Bridging the Gap and Partners In Care, be named as participants in this Task Force. Both Continuums collect and have the ability to share aggregate data with policy makers to help determine the need for housing focused on addressing individuals who have a higher level of care and the providers and stakeholders who can assist with this information. We would also suggest that individuals with lived experience be part of this task force to bring their voices to the table.

Thank you for the opportunity to testifying on this measure. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Aloha

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1749: RELATING TO HOUSING

TO: House Committee on Housing
FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: **Tuesday, February 8, 2022; 9:30 am; via videoconference**

Chair Nakamura, Chair Hashimoto, and Members, Committee on Housing:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in Support of HB 1749**, which would establish a supportive housing task force to develop a monitoring and forecasting system, bring stakeholders together to develop an implementation roadmap, bridge developers with supportive housing service providers and develop best practices. I am Rob Van Tassell, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i. We are also a member of Partners In Care (PIC).

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless, and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has a long history of working in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness.

Supportive housing is a growing need not only to address homelessness but also for many other populations, such as the growing number of elderly and other low income people who need supports. The lack of a supportive housing system not only impacts on the ability of these individuals to live independently and positively into the community, but it can result in costly institutional care. By bringing together many stakeholders as well as developers and other housing experts, the Task Force would develop a road map to help the state identify and plan for the number of housing units needed for different populations with access and functional needs. Another important element is bringing together developers with expertise in housing with supportive housing service providers to create workable and best practice models for our state.

Catholic Charities Hawaii urges you to **add to the list of members of the task force: A representative from each of the two Continuums of Care (CoCs) in Hawaii who serve the homeless population.** Partners In Care and Bridging the Gap have developed a wealth of data on the families, elders, disabled and other individuals they serve. These 2 new members would also represent the expertise of many supportive housing service providers.

We applaud the bill's inclusion of 2 supportive housing services users or advocates. We suggest that a person with lived experience of homelessness would offer a helpful perspective for the task force to understand the barriers, concerns, and hopes of the people for whom services are being planned.

We urge your support for this initiative to address these growing needs. Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org or (808) 373-0356 if you have any questions.



HB-1749

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 7:58:43 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/8/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kevin Carney	EAH Housing	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Members of the House Committee on Housing, on behalf of EAH Housing, I am pleased to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1749 to establish and appropriate funds for a supportive housing task force. EAH has been a proponent of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for many years. Our experience in Hawaii has been limited, mainly due to the availability of project based Section 8 and free land. However, our PSH portfolio in California has grown substantially over recent years with 1,650 current units and another 1,000 units in the pipeline. With each new project our knowledge base in developing and managing PSH expands exponentially as no two projects are alike. We would be very interested in sharing our experience should this task force be created.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Carney, (PB) NAHP-E

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HB-1749

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 9:18:04 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/8/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Todd Apo	Hawaii Community Foundation	Support	Yes

Comments:

Housing remains a significant issue for all sectors of our community. HB1749 provides a needed focus to this portion of our community that is often impacted by inequity on our systems.



LATE

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
State Capitol, Via Videoconference
415 South Beretania Street
9:30 AM**

February 8, 2022

RE: HB 1749 - RELATING TO HOUSING

Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the committee:

My name is Daryl Takamiya, 2022 President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

BIA-Hawaii is in strong support of HB 1749, Relating to Housing. This bill would establish a supportive housing task force to develop a new monitoring and forecasting system, and bring together housing stakeholders with the intent of developing best housing practices for the state.

The bill could be an important first step as the state attempts to tackle the housing crisis in Hawaii. The state currently lacks a dedicated Housing Coordinator, who understands real estate development and the government land process. This has resulted in virtually no understanding of the state's overall goal to increase the supply of housing at all price points, and state land assets being unfortunately redeveloped for uses that do not achieve a greater public purpose.

We hope that we could be involved in this process as it moves forward.

We are in strong support of HB 1749, and appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

Hawaii Rep. Nadine Nakamura, Chair
Hawaii Rep. Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Hawaii House of Representatives
Committee on Housing



Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022

Support for H.B. 1749, Relating to Housing

Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto and members of the committee:

My name is Sandra Oshiro and I'm submitting testimony as the mother of an adult daughter who is autistic. I coordinate a support group of about 50 Hawaii families who have young adults on the autism spectrum.

Those of us who are aging parents worry whether our sons and daughters will have a safe place to live after we pass away. Autism's impacts can range from mild to severe so many of our grown children will need support services to live independently, if that is their wish.

The need for assisted housing will only grow as the number of children diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities continues to rise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now estimates that one in every 44 eight-year-old in the U.S. has autism spectrum disorder.

The creation of supported housing must be accelerated if Hawaii is to meet the demand that is here and that is coming. This need is not solely for children with autism but others in the community who face the threat of homelessness because of age, disability or circumstance.

On the path to creating supportive housing, H.B. 1749 takes an important step in the right direction by creating a task force that would examine this pressing issue. We need a gathering of stakeholders, better data and a clear roadmap, all of which the legislation calls for, to implement development of homes that can sustain lives in the long term.

One suggested amendment: while the bill would exempt the task force from Chapter 92, the committee could consider wording restoring the law's public access protections as the pandemic recedes.

Thank you for your support of this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,
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HB-1749

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:32:55 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/8/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gigi V Davidson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is very important as Hawaii does not do a good job supporting those adults with disabilities that need long term housing and supports. As a parent of a person with a lifelong disability one of my main worries is how will my son be cared for when I am no longer around or able to do so.

Initiating a task force to get this issue off the ground and become more visible is extremely important.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you will support this bill.

Aloha

Gigi Davidson