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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: S.B. 809, S.D. 2, RELATING TO CHILDREN

Hearing: March 16, 2009, Monday, 8:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purposes of S.B. 809, S.D.2, are to: 1) establish a task force to coordinate resources for homeless children; 2) establish and appropriate funds to the kokua na keiki special fund to create an administrative grant program for the Department of Human Services to award grants for programs that benefit homeless children.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services respectfully opposes this bill for the following reasons:

1. The requirement for a task force to coordinate public and private resources to benefit homeless children is restrictive, duplicative and unnecessary since there already is an Interagency Council on Homelessness that can serve that role and provide reports to the Legislature.

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2. We believe that the impact of homelessness is not restricted to children. We should be working to minimize the adverse effects of homelessness to the entire family to truly have a significant and positive impact on the homelessness problem facing our community today.
3. The Department cannot support this measure because it could adversely impact the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2009-2010.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY BY GEORGINA K. KAWAMURA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 809, S.D. 2

March 16, 2009

RELATING TO CHILDREN

Senate Bill No. 809, S.D. 2, establishes a task force to coordinate public and private resources to benefit homeless children, and also establishes and appropriates funds to the Kokua Na Keiki special fund. The special fund is to be administered and expended by the Department of Human Services. The moneys in the special fund shall be used to hire a homeless coordinator; a support staff position; and to provide grants for innovative programs that benefit homeless children or that help coordinate services for the benefit of homeless children. This fund would receive deposits from federal and private entities.

As a matter of general policy, this department **does not support** the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. It is difficult to determine whether the fund will be self-sustaining.

Furthermore, given the State's current financial situation, it does not appear fiscally prudent to establish the task force and special fund if adequate resources are not available to fund any of the initiatives which may be forthcoming.

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ON
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8:00 AM

SB 809, SD2

RELATING TO CHILDREN.

Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Brower and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 809, SD2. This bill, in part, creates an administrative grant program for the department of human services to award grants for programs that benefit homeless children.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports the intent of this bill. However, to promote an open, fair, and transparent competitive process, SPO recommends that the bill be amended to require that a request for interest process be conducted to publicly notify and allow all interested providers to submit a grant application.

The following amendments to SECTION 3, subsections (d) through (i), starting on page 5, are recommended:

- (d) The department of human services shall utilize a request for interest process for receiving grant applications and award of grants. At a minimum, a public notice shall be posted on the state procurement office and the department of human services website for a minimum of seven days until the submittal deadline. The request for interest shall include:
- (1) Identifying the department of human services as the state agency issuing the grant(s);
 - (2) The purpose of the grant;
 - (3) The description of the service or services to be supported by the grant;
 - (4) The target group(s) to be benefited;
 - (5) The grant amount(s) available;
 - (6) A statement that the grant shall be used for activities that are consistent with the purposes of this Act;
 - (7) The procedure for responding;
 - (8) The criteria to be used to evaluate applicants for selection;
 - (9) The deadline for submittal of responses to the request for interest; and
 - (10) Any other requirements that the department of human services deem relevant to the request for interest.

~~(d)~~ (e) Applications for grants shall be made to the department of human services and contain:

- (1) The name of the requesting organization or individual;
- (2) The purpose of the grant;
- (3) The description of the service or services to be supported by the grant;
- (4) The target group(s) to be benefited;
- (5) The cost of the grant; ~~and~~
- (6) A statement that the grant shall be used for activities that are consistent with the purposes of this Act; and
- (7) Any other requirement(s) that the department of human services set forth in the request for interest.

~~(e)~~ (f) A grant shall be rewarded only if:

~~(f)~~ (g) To receive a grant, an applicant shall:

~~(g)~~ (h) Each grant shall be:

- (1) Identified in the contract file with a written justification for the award to the selected organization(s) or individual(s);
- (2) Posted in a central location on the department of human services' website within five working days of contract execution;
- ~~(4)~~ (3) Monitored by the department of human services to ensure compliance with this Act and the purposes and intent of the grant; and
- ~~(2)~~ (4) Evaluated annually to determine whether the grant attained the intended results in the manner contemplated.

~~(h)~~ (i) Grants made by the department of human services...