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To: Representative John Mizuno, Chairman  
House Committee on Human Services

Members of the House Committee on Human Services

From: Nancy McGuckin

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Re: H.B. 1914 Relating to Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force

Good morning Representative Mizuno and members of the House Committee on Human Services. My name is Nancy McGuckin and I am testifying in support of HB 1914 which creates a Task Force to address issues of poverty in the State of Hawaii. The State is blessed to have numerous agencies, organizations, and individuals involved in assisting those in our society that are living in a state of poverty, however, to my knowledge there is no one place for the work to be coordinated, no one policy that clearly speaks to reduction of poverty as a goal of government. This Task Force would provide a framework for documenting the issues, our collective and individual responses, and determining "best practices" for identified outcomes.

I would be pleased to be involved in the work of the Task Force for the betterment of all the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.