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# LATE TESTIMONY

## BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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Rep. Rida Cabanilla, Chair  
Rep. Pono Chong, Vice Chair

To members of our COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

### **Reservations of HB2319-Relating to Housing**

Aloha my name is Alice Greenwood. Living a life of a homeless person has given me a different outlook on life. As a publisher of Street Beat, I was given an opportunity to travel many parts of our island including the outer islands, and was able to speak to many of our homeless, caregivers and businesses.

Section 1- Defines very well the crises our State is in. The composition of the intent is well worded, however does it addresses or identifies the barriers of the impact and effects it may have? Has considerations been given to adverse effects? Are people mentally and physically ready for the changes?

With the influx of people, baby boomers, low minimum wage (\$7.25 an hour), shorten work hours (40 to 20 hours a week) and the eminence high cost of living, is this the time frame for changes?

With many of our people succumbing to alcoholism and substance abuse causing an underlining form of challenges and homelessness compiled and causing an overregulated system, we should in the near future be investing in a tent city for men, women and children in very district for prisoners.

Thank You