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Testimony on HB 2012
Relating to the State Budget

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

> March 7, 2012 9:00 am, Room 308

Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee, and members of the Finance Committee:

The Office of the Governor submits written testimony in support of HB2012 to ensure adequate funding its functions for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

The Governor's Office general fund appropriation in the current budget act is \$3,176,357, which is the same as for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Except for the gubernatorial transition last year, this amount is the lowest appropriation for the Governor's Office since 2006.

	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011*	<u>FY2012</u>	FY2013
General Fund								
Appropriation	3,174,794	3,557,994	3,894,690	3,712,323	3,176,357	1,683,915	3,176,357	3,176,357

However, because of labor savings (-\$80,926) and the transfer of the operations of Washington Place to the Department of Accounting and General Services (-\$103,048), the requested general fund appropriation for the Office of the Governor for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is now \$2,921,286. The Office of the Governor is proposing to transfer the maintenance and upkeep of Washington Place to the Department of Accounting and General Services because DAGS has the requisite expertise and resources to properly repair and maintain this structure.

We would like to note, that after diligently working to secure additional non-state resources, the Office of the Governor has four policy level positions to assist the Governor, and moreover, the state, in the areas of education, early childhood development, and healthcare transformation.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



# OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR STATE OF HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

BRIAN E. SCHATZ LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 6, 2012

# THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE BUDGET BRIEFING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

#### OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, PROGRAM ID LTG100

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

A core mission of the Lieutenant Governor is to act in place of the Governor when the Governor is out of state (Article V, Section 4 of the Hawaii State Constitution). Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor must be in constant communication with the Governor and his staff to ensure that he can effectively carry out the necessary functions of the office during these absences.

Pursuant to Section 26-1 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, another core function of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is to serve as Secretary of State for intergovernmental relations. In this role, the Lieutenant Governor is charged with directing and performing a multitude of activities for the general public which are administrative and coordinative in nature. These activities include: processing name changes, authentication of documents, sale and distribution of official state publications, compilation of administrative rules, compilation of legislative acts and monitoring of state open meeting laws.

Section 26-1 also indicates that, "the governor shall identify and direct other duties as necessary to the lieutenant governor." In the current administration, the Governor has asked Lieutenant Governor Schatz to develop and administer the "Hawaii Fair Share Initiative," a program geared towards maximizing the flow of federal and other external dollars into the State of Hawai'i. In the last year, the Lieutenant Governor, the Hawai'i Fair Share Initiative director and other staff have worked collaboratively and strategically with state agencies and

other organizations in an effort to make the State of Hawai'i as efficient and competitive as possible for grant opportunities given the changing and unclear federal budget climate.

This office also supported the Lieutenant Governor's role as the state liaison to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2011 leaders' meeting (APEC) held here in Honolulu in November. In an effort to continue the momentum generated from APEC, the Governor has asked the Lieutenant Governor to work collaboratively with other state agencies and the private sector to develop economic opportunities for Hawai'i within the Asia-Pacific region.

The Governor has also asked the Lieutenant Governor to take a leadership role in energy on behalf of the State. He has been assigned to coordinate and support the State's energy priorities in advancing our clean energy future. In this role, the Lieutenant Governor has been tasked with ensuring that decisions are being made collaboratively with our partners in Asia, the federal government, local businesses, non-profits, and community stakeholders.

Finally, the Lieutenant Governor provides administrative support to the Office of Information Practices (OIP), an agency attached to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

#### **Economic Impact**

Pursuant to Act 164 of the last legislative session, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's current allocation for FY 2012-2013 is \$646,188 (which amount is subject to an additional labor savings reduction equal to \$16,284). Essentially, this is the same budget that was appropriated for this office in the last year of the prior administration, which amounted to a 22% budget reduction thereby resulting in a 30% reduction of this office's workforce.

#### Alternatives Considered

Please discuss the actions that your department has taken in the following areas:

- 1. <u>Generating additional revenue for the state</u>. The Administration has no plan to increase fees for services provided by this office.
  - The Hawai'i Fair Share Initiative has been working with various state departments to maximize external revenue coming into the state.
- 2. <u>Shifting general funded operational costs to non-general funds</u>. The office does not receive any non-general fund appropriations.
- 3. Outsourcing activities performed by eliminated personnel. None.
- 4. <u>Consolidation or elimination of programs within your department</u>. The office does not have attached programs that can be considered for consolidation or elimination.



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# STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, ACTING COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
March 7, 2012

H.B. 2012

#### RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Oshiro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 2012.

The Department of Accounting and General Services strongly supports H.B. 2012 and we ask for the Committee's consideration of the following budget requests:

1. Four (4) general funded requests for OIMT totaling \$10.4 million which address business process and IT/IRM reengineering (\$5 million), IT integration pilot projects (\$1.8 million), IT integration pilot project on digital archives (\$175,000) and technology triage initiatives to ensure operation of current mission critical systems (\$3.4 million). To address the archaic processes and aging hardware, the Executive Budget contains a \$15 million CIP request for OIMT to commence the planning phase of the implementation of a statewide financial system to reengineer and transform the statewide financial management process. This project will utilize an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system architecture which will support integrated

statewide financial activities.

# 2. CIP budget requests:

- a. Additional \$17 million to finish the Kamamalu Building;
- b. \$8 million to reseal the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the State Capitol which is failing and virtually not repairable; and
- c. \$1 million to update the Capitol District plan to reduce leased space and consolidate department personnel to increase departmental efficiency and productivity while lowering costs (i.e., leasing expense).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.





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Before the

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

March 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Room 308, State Capitol

In consideration of H.B. 2012 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

The HHFDC <u>supports Governor Abercrombie's Executive Supplemental Budget request</u>, which includes Capital Improvement Project (CIP) appropriations to address the shortage of affordable housing statewide. HHFDC's CIP requests are as follows:

Rental Housing Trust Fund Infusion, Statewide FY2013 \$5,000,000 (C) (in addition to the existing \$5,000,000 appropriation for FY2013 provided in Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011).

The additional funds will be leveraged with other funding sources to finance affordable housing development to respond to the high demand of affordable rentals statewide. While \$15,000,000 has been appropriated for FY12 and FY13, without an additional infusion of funds, the HHFDC will be limited in the funding of new affordable rental housing project applicants in the FY2012 and FY2013 competitive funding rounds. Rental Housing Trust Fund demand remains high. HHFDC received 9 applications requesting a total of \$37,224,388 from the Trust Fund to assist in the development or preservation of affordable rental projects located on Oahu, Hilo and Kona on February 29, 2012.

<u>Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide</u> FY2013 \$10,000,000 (C)

An infusion is needed to meet the demand for interim and permanent financing needed to partner with private developers and other government agencies to produce affordable housing statewide. HHFDC anticipates the following imminent affordable development housing activities: \$16,103,000 interim construction loan for the Halekauwila Place affordable rentals project and \$25,000,000 bridge loan for Hale Mohalu II affordable rental project.

# Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Loans, Statewide FY2013 \$7,250,000 (C)

The requested amount will fund program loans issued for the FY2013 program year. The loan program will generate increased project equity for the development or substantial rehabilitation of affordable rental housing by allowing the State low-income tax credits to be returned in exchange for tax credit loans and provide an alternative source of equity to the current Low Income Tax Credit program which has been negatively impacted by the economic downturn.

Thank you for your consideration of these important CIP requests.



# Hawai'i Tourism Authority

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Testimony of
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on

H.B. 2012 Relating to the State Budget

House Committee on Finance Wednesday, March 7, 2012 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 308

The Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) has as its major focus the responsibility for achieving its economic targets to benefit Hawai'i's residents and the state's overall economy. 2011, was a year of continuous growth, and we estimate that Hawai'i's visitor industry contributed \$12.6 billion in visitor spending, which is \$1 billion more into the state's economy than in 2010. Visitor spending in 2011 helped to generate more than \$1.1 billion in state tax revenues, and more importantly, supported close to 160,000 jobs for Hawai'i residents statewide.

This success is a direct result of the tremendous collaboration and coordination between the HTA, working closely with state and county offices and officials, global marketing partners, Hawai'i's visitor industry and island communities to achieve our economic targets while also supporting efforts which highlight our unique place and world renown aloha spirit.

At the start of 2012, Hawai'i's tourism industry continued to fare well as compared to other visitor destinations, and is sustaining the upswing in momentum that began in 2010. But there is still much work to do in order for us to reach or exceed our 2012 targets, which will support over 166,000 jobs made achievable by an anticipated \$13.3 billion in visitor spending.

We are energized by this momentum and our *kuleana*, and the HTA remains committed to driving demand from our major market areas, distributing the benefits of tourism across all islands, and leveraging opportunities from developing markets and especially the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to brand marketing efforts, the HTA supports programs which provide a unique Hawai'i experience. We will work vigilantly to maintain Hawai'i's competitive advantage and invest in unique experiences that celebrate who we are as a people, place and culture. We strongly believe these efforts are critical to sustaining Hawai'i's tourism economy and will pave the way for a bright future.

We recommend that the HTA be allowed to retain its current level of TAT into the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund at \$33 million, and that the revenues deposited into the Tourism Special Fund be increased to \$71 million to allow HTA to take advantage of President Obama's initiatives to increase international travel to the United States. This investment will result in approximately \$141 million in appropriations, which will enable the agency to meet its goals and have a significant and direct impact on the state's economy and overall resident quality of live. The additional \$2 million will be used for the development and implementation of programs to take advantage of expanded visa programs and international travel opportunities, particularly from Asia, as a result of federal government initiatives and sustained momentum punctuated by Hawai'i's successful hosting of APEC Leaders' Week in 2011.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES P. O. Box 339 Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

March 7, 2012

TO:

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

House Committee on Finance

FROM:

Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT:

H.B. 2012 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Hearing:

Wednesday, March 7, 2012; 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 308, State Capitol

**PURPOSE**: The purpose of H.B. 2012 is to adjust and request appropriations for the State for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

<u>DEPARTMENT'S POSITION</u>: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the adjustments and appropriations as requested by Governor Abercrombie for the State budget for the fiscal biennium 2011–2013. The Governor's budget will enable DHS to provide timely, efficient, and effective programs, services, and benefits to empower those who are the most vulnerable in our State to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity.

Highlights of the DHS budget requests include: \$6,880,719 in HMS 301 (Child Welfare Services) for critical purchase of services contacts; \$1,530,000 in HMS 301 to ensure adequate shelter and services for domestic violence victims; \$8,135,700 in HMS 401 (Health Care Payments) to cover basic Medicaid services for beneficiaries; \$90,938 AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGENCY

in HMS 903 (General Support for Self-Sufficiency Services) to support welfare fraud investigation; \$18,191,515 in HMS 903F for TANF client services; and \$5,800,000 in HMS 904 (DHS General Administration) to address long-standing payroll shortfalls.

Additionally, the DHS is requesting emergency appropriations of \$11,881,157 for HMS 401 (Health Care Payments) and \$736,478 in HMS 204 (General Assistance Payments) to maintain cash assistance benefits for disabled recipients.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



#### STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY 1002 NORTH SCHOOL STREET Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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Statement of **Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director**Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

March 7, 2012 9:00 A.M. Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of H.B. 2012
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Honorable Chair and Members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill 2012, relating to the state budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) <u>supports</u> enactment of the measure provided it is <u>amended</u> to incorporate the recommended revisions submitted by the Office of the Governor via Governor's Message dated March 1, 2012. The Governor's supplemental budget request and his requested revisions would provide the HPHA with the additional capital and operating funds necessary for the agency to fulfill the mission of providing decent, safe, affordable housing for this State's most vulnerable populations, such as those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income, the disabled, and the elderly.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Finance with the agency's position regarding H.B. 2012. We respectfully request the Committee to amend this measure and pass it favorably.

# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

# TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2012 A BILL RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

#### PRESENTATION TO THE

# **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

BY

# MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG ADJUTANT GENERAL

March 7, 2012

Chair Oshiro and Committee members:

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Adjutant General, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony in support to House Bill 2012.

We support House Bill 2012 as submitted by the Administration with a few changes mutually agreed to between the finance committees and our department. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony that supports this bill.



# House Committee on Finance Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

March 7, 2012 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 308 Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting House Bill 2012, To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2011-13 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2012 with a request for restoration of general fund appropriations to previously appropriated levels of \$82,140,000 for HTH 212.

In fiscal year 2012, HHSC was assessed a \$10.2 million "labor savings reduction" to its general fund appropriation by the Administration, a 12.5% reduction. After careful examination of its budget, HHSC was able to make budget adjustments to absorb the general fund reduction, but not without having to increase its accounts payable balances and reduce its cash balances. The Administration is recommending carrying this adjustment forward into fiscal year 2013, reducing HHSC's general fund appropriation for HTH 212 to \$72,039,336. Given HHSC's projected stressed financial condition at the end of fiscal year 2012 and the budgetary pressures of declining reimbursement and increased costs of complying with federal mandates, it is anticipated that several of HHSC's facilities will not be able to sustain operations throughout fiscal year 2013 at the proposed general fund appropriation level of \$72,039,336.

Recent state and federal actions will place significant downward pressure on reimbursements to HHSC facilities in fiscal year 2013. These actions include the following:

1. Failure of the U.S. Congress "Supercommittee" to resolve the federal budget deficit this past fall resulted in automatic sequestration cuts of 2% for Medicare. The

impact of these sequestration cuts to HHSC is roughly \$2,000,000 in less reimbursement.

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- 2. Recent legislation in Congress to delay the implementation of steep cuts to physician reimbursements resulted in the reduction of bad debt reimbursement for Medicare to providers from 70% to 65%. Impact to HHSC is almost \$1,000,000 in less reimbursement.
- 3. The State Department of Human Services (DHS) imposed 3% MedQUEST reimbursement cuts to providers in FY 12, which will continue into FY 13. The impact to HHSC of this reimbursement cut is approximately \$2,300,000 less reimbursement per year.
- 4. Part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act imposed market basket reductions for Medicare payments to providers. The impact of these market basket reductions to HHSC is approximately \$2,600,000 less reimbursement in FY 13.
- 5. Further cuts to Medicare reimbursements to providers are contained in President Obama's deficit reduction act for FY 13, and many of the cuts significantly impact critical access hospitals. However, it is difficult to estimate the probability of the implementation of these proposals as they must be debated and scrutinized by both houses of Congress.

HHSC also faces budgetary pressures from compliance with federal mandates for healthcare providers as well as uncertainty regarding state collective bargaining negotiations. These budgetary pressures are as follows:

- 1) It is essential for HHSC to remain on-track with implementing its Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system in order to qualify for federal incentive payments and avoid penalties. The first facilities are scheduled to go-live on the EMR system in November 2012, with subsequent facilities going-live in various increments through September 2013. Operational costs for the EMR project for fiscal year 2013 are estimated to be between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000, primarily from increased staffing costs and product maintenance and support costs. Municipal lease payments for the EMR project are estimated at \$1,350,000 for fiscal year 2013.
- 2) The federal government is mandating that all healthcare providers move to an expanded set of codes for reimbursement called ICD-10. The current coding set, called ICD-9, has 13,677 possible codes for physician and outpatient billing; ICD-10 has 68,064 codes. For hospital billing, the change is even more dramatic—ICD-9 uses 3,768 codes; ICD-10 will start off with 86,916 codes for inpatient procedures. And there is room for 155,000 more. HHSC estimates that the increased costs to get ready for ICD-10 are approximately \$2,400,000 in operational costs and an additional \$1,600,000 for additional software for computer assisted coding.
- 3) The State still has not settled collective bargaining contracts for HGEA unit 9 (registered nurses) and UPW unit 10 (certified nurse assistants, licensed practical nurses, etc.). Public sector employees in these two units represent approximately 50% of HHSC's total employees. As a result, HHSC will not be able to recognize any labor savings from at least half of its employees until agreements are reached with these two units. As a result, HHSC incurred \$16,000,000 in costs from the restoration of pay cuts and furloughs in fiscal year 2012, and that increase in costs will carry forward into fiscal year 2013.

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Given these financial pressures, HHSC respectfully requests that the general fund appropriation for HTH 212 be restored back to the \$82,140,000 that was originally appropriated by the Legislature. HHSC certainly is extremely grateful for this committee's decision to increase HHSC's investment capital appropriations by \$20,000,000, and would support this amount of investment capital appropriations in the final budget bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee.

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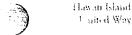
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Chair Rep. Oshiro, Vice-Chair Rep. Marilyn Lee (House Finance Committee) and Committee Members

I am Howard Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service. This testimony is in strong support for the budget request from the Department of Human Services, but also strongly requests that certain Child Welfare funds that were cut effective November 30, 2011 be restored. These funds supported certain critical services to children and families who are either in the child welfare system or are at risk of entering the system. I believe these funds totaling \$446,000 are for services that will ultimately pay for themselves in preventing costs associated with foster care, group homes, child abuse and neglect, homelessness and even potential placement in the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF). Let me take a moment to describe these services that were eliminated in the DHS cuts that were made to various child welfare programs effective November 30, 2011.

Permanency Support Services-Oahu is a program that serves families in which there is a risk that the adoption could disrupt. This program was eliminated in the above mentioned cuts. However, without this program, one young person in a family where the adoption disrupts who ends up placed in a CAMHD (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division under the Department of Health) group home would pay for the contract. (The annual contract amount was \$160,389 and the annual cost of for one youth in a CAMHD group home is \$157,048. More than one disruption would add foster care, group home or higher costs than the total contract amount.) This seems "penny wise and pound foolish".

Family Centers-Kauai-These neighborhood-based programs are designed to prevent child abuse by providing for basic human needs services for families (such as food pantries), parenting education, budgeting, and case management services that all can strengthen the family and lower the risk of child abuse/neglect. Without these services families could end up in the Child Welfare system at higher cost to the state. If we prevent 5 children from entering the Child Welfare system, we prevent costs of foster care and other child abuse/neglect services  $(\$37,724 \times 5=\$188,620 \text{ vs. annual contract amount of }\$151,391).$ 

We may also prevent homelessness for a family which is estimated to cost the state over \$20,000 a year per family. 7 or 8 families we help to prevent homelessness would pay for the cost of the contract. (The annual contract amount was \$151,391 and annual state costs for homelessness are \$21,265 per family x 8 families=\$170,120).

Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui-This program supports recovering parents who are clean and sober and are working on reunification with their children. Without this program, reunification efforts might be delayed leading to increased costs of prolonged foster care placement for the children. Also, if relapse occurs for either parent, the reunification plan would be put on hold thus prolonging foster care placement for the children. Not only is this a worse outcome emotionally for the children who have no sense of permanency, but it drives up the costs through longer foster care placements. If we can reunify just 4 children, the contract would pay for itself. (\$133,810 annual contract amount vs. annual estimated child abuse/neglect related costs including foster care of \$37,724 x 4 children=\$150,896).

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Our Missiom Strengthening Families and Fostering the Healthy Development of Children

Chair Rep. Oshiro, Vice-Chair Rep. Marilyn Lee (House Finance Committee) and Committee Members Page 2

It makes absolute sense to restore these contracts that easily can pay for themselves in reduced costs or cost avoidance within the Child Welfare system.

We also strongly support your approval of the DHS budget request that is essential to prevent further cuts to child welfare services. Such cuts could even include the elimination of sexual abuse treatment for children. This would be terribly wrong to not provide services to child victims of abuse. Clearly this would be going too far.

Another important item in the DHS budget request is \$1.5 million for domestic abuse shelters. Rainy Day funds have saved shelters from closing their doors this fiscal year. Without this budget line item approval, victims of domestic violence could be faced with no safe haven to turn to when they are facing bodily harm, or in the worst case scenarios, death. It is essential that these funds remain in the DHS budget request.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on such an important matter that relates to protecting children and victims of domestic violence.

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#### Comments:

As a domestic violence advocate who provides services to victims of domestic violence on Lana'i, I strongly urge you to KEEP SHELTERS OPEN AND SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS! The requested funding will help provide life-saving services to domestic violence victims in Hawaii. The Department of Human Service request for \$1.5 million additional funds for Domestic Violence Shelter and Support is urgently needed across the state. On the island of Lana'i, there is no shelter, but we are able to get our women to the Maui shelter. This is a life saving resource, and women's lives depend on the availability safe shelter. Please support DHS request for this \$1.5M additionalfunding.

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#### Comments:

I am an attorney and on the Board of Child & Tamily Service, the largest non-profit family service provider in Hawaii. I submit the following comments:

1) Please restore \$446,000 in funding for three child welfare contracts that were eliminated effective November 30, 2011: Permanency Support Services-Oahu, Family Centers-Kauai, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui.

2) Please support the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget request for \$1.5 Million for the Domestic Abuse Shelters (HMS 301).

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#### Comments:

please restore funding (\$446,000) for three contracts for child and family service: permanency support services, oahu; family centers, kauai; and substance abuse counseling services, maui. i realize that funds are very tight but i strongly believe that restoring these relatively low cost contracts will bear results that will be cost effective to the state and beneficial to each island where these contracts affect a very needful part of our

also, please support the dohs supplemental budget request for \$1.5 million for domestic abuse elters (hms 301) thank you.

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Testimony for HB2012 on 3/7/2012 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308

Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Tony Mizuno Organization: Individual E-mail: tmizuno@boh.com Submitted on: 3/5/2012

#### Comments:

Please restore \$446,000 in funding for three child welfare contracts that were eliminated effective November 30, 2011 for Permanency Support Services-Oahu, Family Centers-Kauai, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui.

Also, please support the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget request for \$1.5 Million for the Domestic Abuse Shelters (HMS 301).

ese programs are critical to the health of our island families.

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Testifier position: Comments Only Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Kathryn Inouye Organization: Individual

E-mail: kinouye@kobayashi-group.com

Submitted on: 3/5/2012

#### Comments:

Please support the restoration of \$446,000 to Child and Family Services which provide muchneeded services on Oahu, Maui and Kauai. In addition, the supplemental budget request of \$1.5M for the Domestic Abuse Shelters is badly needed as our facility continues to try to meet the expanding demand with dangerously low staffing ratios.

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Submitted on: 3/6/2012

Testifier position: Comments Only Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Jan Yokota Organization: Individual E-mail: jyokota@reitmr.com

#### Comments:

1) Please restore \$446,000 in funding for three child welfare contracts that were eliminated effective November 30, 2011: Permanency Support Services-Oahu, Family Centers-Kauai, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui.

2) Please support the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget request for \$1.5 Million for the Domestic Abuse Shelters (HMS 301).

Thank you for your consideration.

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Testifier position: Comments Only Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Anton Krucky Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/6/2012

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Testifier position: Comments Only Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: David Haverly Organization: Individual E-mail: <a href="mailto:dhaverly@abprop.com">dhaverly@abprop.com</a> Submitted on: 3/6/2012

#### Comments:

- 1) Please restore \$446,000 in funding for three child welfare contracts that were eliminated effective November 30, 2011: Permanency Support Services-Oahu, Family Centers-Kauai, and Substance Abuse Counseling Services-Maui.
- 2) Please support the Department of Human Services' supplemental budget request for \$1.5 Million for the Domestic Abuse Shelters (HMS 301).



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Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Todd Hairgrove Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 3/5/2012

Comments: