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House Committee on Finance

HB 898, RELATING TO PARKED VEHICLES

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H. Director of Health

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this bill.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification**: The DOH believes that the requirement to adopt rules governing sleeping
- 4 in vehicles is unnecessary. Section 291C-112 HRS, currently bans living in vehicles, with the exception
- 5 for camping areas and other similar places. Currently, the county and the state law enforcement
- 6 agencies enforce rules regarding parked vehicles on public and private property in response to public
- 7 safety concerns. There is no reason for the DOH to promulgate more rules.
- 8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.