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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Senate Committee on Human Services S.B. 94, Relating to Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H. Director of Health Saturday, January 26, 2013, 1:15p.m., Room 229

1 Department's Position: The Department of Health (DOH) supports this bill.

2 Purpose and Justification: The Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness has been an effective

3 agent in developing plans and actions to respond to the challenge of finding permanent housing for

4 Hawaii's homeless citizens. Adding the executive director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority will

5 enhance the diversity of the Council membership and bring a unique perspective to the work of the

6 group. This addition will improve the scope and quality of the Council's work. The DOH has been and

7 will continue to be an involved participant in the important work of the Council.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Human Services Re: SB 94

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help support SB 94 and the inclusion of the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority in the interagency council on homelessness.

Mahalo, Robert Scott Wall Vice-President