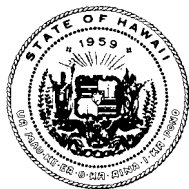




# SCR 13

Measure Title:	REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON HOMELESS YOUTH.
Report Title:	Homelessness working group; Interagency council
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March 4, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

FROM: Colin Kippen, Chair of the Hawaii Interagency Council on  
Homelessness, State Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: **S.C.R. 13 – REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO  
DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR COLLECTING,  
STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON HOMELESS YOUTH**

Hearing: Thursday, March 5, 2015; 2:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016; State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** S.C.R. 13 Requests that the Interagency Council on Homelessness convene a working group to determine best practices for collecting, storing and sharing data on homeless youth.

**POSITION:** I strongly support SCR No. 13.

I am Colin Kippen, Chair of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) and the State Homeless Coordinator. SCR No. 13 requests the HICH to . . . “convene a working

group to determine the best practices for collecting, storing, and sharing data on homeless youth.”

The precatory clauses on the second page of the proposed resolution accurately describe that we know little about the scale and nature of youth homelessness, that current estimates of youth homelessness are outdated and have significant limitations, that multiple state departments must work together to meet the wide ranging needs of homeless youth, that data is being collected by numerous agencies such as the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE) McKinney Vento Compliance Office, the Hawaii State DOE Longitudinal Data Center, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and is not being shared across offices and departments. Accurate data is a prerequisite to formulating sound policy decisions to address the issues identified. I support the findings stated herein.

I support this concurrent resolution and will organize and convene the necessary departments, agencies, and community partners necessary to accomplish this initiative. Given that I have no budget, anyone or agency who participates will have to understand that they will have to handle whatever expenses may be required for them to participate in this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee.

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Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.  
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Hawaii Student Television  
Hina Mauka Teen Care  
Hui Malama Learning Center  
Ka'analike  
KEY (Kualoa-Heeia Ecumenical Youth)  
Project  
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The Children's Alliance of Hawaii  
Waikiki Health Center  
Women Helping Women  
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February 20, 2015

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Human Services

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 13 REQUESTING THE  
INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO CONVENE A  
WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES  
FOR COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON  
HOMELESS YOUTH**

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SCR 13 Requesting the Interagency Council on Homelessness to Convene a Working Group to Determine the Best Practices for Collecting, Storing, and Sharing Data on Homeless Youth.

Unaccompanied runaway and homeless youth are the least recognized group in Hawaii's homeless population, yet they are the most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Each year, street outreach programs conducted on Oahu, Maui, and the island of Hawaii encounter more than 800 youth who are living on the street without support or guidance from family or guardians.

These youth have left home due to serious family problems such as child abuse or neglect or as a result of untreated mental health and substance abuse needs.

Youth living on the streets are at risk of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and exploitation. It is difficult for them to attend school. They often lack adequate nutrition and medical care.

They are negatively impacted by police enforcement of the "sidewalk laws" that are designed to make homeless persons less visible in tourist and business areas. As a result of these laws, youth have lost identification and medications when their backpacks are confiscated for being stored on the sidewalk next to where they were sitting. It has become more difficult to reach out to the youth since they are becoming harder to find and more suspicious of adults.

We strongly agree that better data is needed for this population and that government agencies that work with the homeless need to share data and resources.

**The membership of the working group fails to include the non-profit organizations that provide emergency shelter and other services to runaway and homeless youth. HYSN strongly recommends an amendment to the resolution to include the following organizations:**

- **Hawaii Youth Services Network**
- **Hale Kipa**
- **Maui Youth and Family Services**
- **Salvation Army Family Intervention Services**
- **Hale `Opio Kauai**
- **Waikiki Health**
- **Family Support Hawaii.**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Judith F. Clark, MPH  
Executive Director

# WAIKIKI HEALTH

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TO: Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

FROM: Sheila Beckham, RD, MPH SB  
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: March 2, 2015

RE: SCR13 REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR  
COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON HOMELESS YOUTH

We respectfully request your support for SCR13. Unaccompanied runaway and homeless youth are the least recognized group in Hawaii's homeless population, yet they are the most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Each year, Waikiki Health conducts street outreach to more than 400 youth through its Youth Outreach (YO) program.

We strongly agree that better data is needed for this population and that government agencies that work with the homeless need to share data and resources. We believe this working group would benefit by extending membership to non-profit organizations that provide emergency shelter and other services to runaway and homeless youth. Waikiki Health strongly recommends an amendment to the resolution to include the following organizations:

- Waikiki Health
- Hale Kipa
- Hawaii Youth Services Network
- Maui Youth and Family Services
- Salvation Army Family Intervention Services
- Hale `Opio Kauai
- Family Support Hawaii.

Waikiki Health feels that extending membership to qualified non-profit organizations will enhance the collection, storage, and sharing of data on homeless youth and will strengthen our community's ability to implement best practices across our islands. Thank you for your support.

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**SCR13**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leolinda Parlin	Family Voices of HI	Support	No

Comments:

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March 4, 2015

To: Chairperson Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Vice Chairperson Josh Green  
Members of the Human Services and Housing

From: Jessica Dickerson

Subject: Support of SCR 13, Homelessness working group; Interagency council

Aloha! I am Jessica Dickerson a senior at Kalaheo High School on Oahu. As a student that has been in public schools for most of my education and physically know of students that drop out of school and become homeless rather than staying at school and in their household. I strongly believe in this bill because it is time that Hawaii begins to understand the problem that is forming around us and find a solution. It is a great thing that the different committees such as Governor's Coordinator on Homeless, State Chief of Information Officer, Superintendent of the Department, and so many other organizations are bringing represented to help accumulate information that will benefit the youth of Hawaii.

In the Statewide Homeless Point-in-Time Count of 2014 Methodology and Results created by the State of Hawaii, Department of Human Services, Homeless Programs Office has presented a substantial amount of information overall about homeless, whether sheltered and individual or with a family but it does not offer more than a few categories where it mentions the percentage of child under the age of eighteen. It also has low percentages that do not seem to be including the number of teenagers that are also with a family. As a student perspective I truly do not have a good amount of knowledge but if we as a state want to further the well being of the children and teens, receiving enough data firstly to then plan and implement something that will effective impact the state is necessary. Whereas of 2014 the percentage in Oahu is only 0.8% which means there are only eight teenagers are homeless out of the entire state. This number could have gone up or down but it is important to determine whether there is a major issue and if we can solve.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I truly hope that you will support SCR 13.

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**SCR13**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alika Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the intent of this resolution though would encourage the inclusion of direct service providers as they are the ones with the most information about the dynamics of youth homelessness.

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Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair, Senate HSH Committee Chair Sen. Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland Vice Chair, Sen. Josh Green Senate HSH Committee I support the intent of SCR 13- REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR COLLECTING, STORING, AND SHARING DATA ON HOMELESS YOUTH. Report Title: Homelessness working group; Interagency council Description: Companion: HCR22 Package: Governor Current Referral: HSH Introducer(s): KIM (Introduced by request of another party) My intent for this support is to encourage the urgency and expeditious implementation of such collection and funding on a continuous basis using the possible target date to sunset n 2022 or earlier. Unless the two bodies can agree on this urgency and time-sensitive nature of what is at stake, it might be an example of studying the homeless youth. Something missing in this SCR is the kupuna and disabled homeless but if you can obtain funding this session of substance, perhaps next session you will be getting additional funding for other extension of the basic task force scope of the population. Mahalo, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Oahu Resident and Voter

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