

HB 2647 HD 2

Measure Title:	RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.
Report Title:	Work for a Day Pilot Program; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Establishes a Work for a Day Pilot Program to be administered by the City and County of Honolulu that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities. Appropriates funds. Requires matching funds. (HB2647 HD2)
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Testimony for HMS/PSM on Mar 17, 2016 13:15PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, We can and must do better by our homeless population, Mahalo,

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March 14, 2016

TO: Representative Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Human Services

Representative Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Representative Gil Riviere, Vice Chair, Human Services

Representative Will Espero, Vice Chair, Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Members, House Committee on Human Services

Members, House Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

RE: H.B. 2647, HD2: Relating to Homelessness- **SUPPORT**

Date: March 17, 2016

Time: 1:15 PM

Place: Conference Room 016

FROM: Camille Cristobal

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to submit testimony in support for H.B. 2647, HD2. My name is Camille Cristobal, and I am a graduate student at the University of Hawaii – Manoa. I am testifying in strong favor of H.B. 2647, HD2. This bill will establish a Work for a Day Pilot Program administered by the City and County of Honolulu that provides homeless individuals with work opportunities.

I support this bill for the following reasons:

- It is clear that Hawai'i's homeless population is growing and more programs need to be created to give homeless individuals alternative ways to find employment. Employment for many individuals can be difficult but becomes extremely difficult for an individual who is homeless because of the additional challenges they face with unstable living conditions. The program will provide individuals with a small amount of income and getting access to social services, which is a step to improving their circumstance.
- The Work for a Day program can empower homeless individuals because they become contributing members of society.
- Employment has the potential to allow individuals to gain autonomy, which can lead to the right path to gaining long term employment opportunities.

Passing this bill would help to support the need for homeless individuals to have alternative programs to help with employment opportunities. Homelessness are added difficulties individuals face that make it difficult to maintain employment. I believe the program will help individuals strengthen their self – determination by being able to work.

Thank you,
Camille Cristobal

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Emily Aleckson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. I am writing in support of HB 2647 because it provides an opportunity to make significant changes in homeless people's quality of life. While there are many programs in the State of Hawai'i that work with the homeless to find jobs and housing, this program would cut out the necessity for the homeless to find resources by themselves. This program will provide hands on assistance for people to find work, have a full meal, and at the end of the work day, be directly linked with social services. There is not an easy-fix, quick solution to end homelessness in Hawai'i but I believe that HB 2647 will provide a sustainable component in addressing the homelessness issue in Hawai'i. Thank you.

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March 11, 2016

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
And members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Royce Okamura, Student at the University of Hawaii's Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

RE: HB 2647 HD2, Relating to Homelessness - Work for a Day Pilot Program - Testimony in **SUPPORT**

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair, and members of the Human Services Committee, I support HB 2647 HD2, Work for a Day Pilot Program. This measure provides an excellent start to helping homeless individuals and their families try to make a living and move out of poverty.

I strongly support this measure for the following reasons:

- Gives the opportunity for homeless individuals to gain employment, which would otherwise might not be possible
- Connects job opportunities with meals and shelter services
- Boosts the self-esteem and morale of homeless individuals

I urge your favorable consideration of HB 2647 HD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of this measure.

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

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