



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness**

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair

and

**The House Committee on Housing**

Representative Tom Brower, Chair

Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill 471, Senate Draft 2 Relating to Homelessness

**Purpose:** Appropriates funds to the outreach program, rapid re-housing program, housing first program, family assessment centers, law enforcement assisted diversion program, and coordinated statewide homelessness initiative. Establishes and appropriates funds for a long-term rental assistance pilot program. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary **supports** the establishment of this program. The Judiciary's Community Outreach Court efforts include outreaching in the communities. Through these efforts, we observe the need for coordinated services to better the lives of the homeless individuals and families. The proposed program would share goals with the Judiciary's growing Community Outreach Court program, which helps homeless persons or near-homeless people to access services and help them get back on track with their lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.