



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i

Testimony to the House Committee on Finance

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill 471, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 Relating to Homelessness.

Purpose: Appropriates funds to homeless programs, including outreach, rapid re-housing, housing first, family assessment centers, and diversion programs and the coordinated statewide homelessness initiative. Establishes a long-term rental assistance pilot program for individuals over sixty years old. (SB471 HD1)

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.