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Gabe Johnson, Chair  
Affordable Housing Committee

RE: Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan: Right to Shelter (AH-14(1))

Aloha Chair Johnson:

This is in response to your February 3, 2022 letter where you asked the Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness to discuss the proposed bill and provide comments to the Affordable Housing Committee.

We began our discussions at our last meeting, held on March 24, 2022 as you know, as you were monitoring the meeting. You also asked us during the meeting for specific solutions as well. No one had any new suggestion at our April 28, 2022 meeting. Please see attached.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'W' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Wendy A. Hudson

Enclosures

Why “residents” and what does that mean? We feel this needs to be more specific. Is it based on the person’s intent to be a resident? What classifies some one as a resident? Can some one vouch for them? Perhaps “citizen?” It’s just too vague currently, to be understood.

#### 9.37.020 Intent

We liked this vision

#### 9.37.030 Defintiions

“Crisis Intervention Team Training” – please add “(CIT)” after this if that is the team you are referring to – is it the group who trains at MPD? It includes MPD personnel and others from the Maui Community? That is who we think should be present.

“Encampment” – is just one tent, structure, etc. enough to be considered an encampment? Is that who this is really targeting? Individuals and not just groups?

“Obstruction” – perhaps a different word – “impediment” or “obstacle?”

“Outreach provider” – seems like a good definition that is inclusive. You may want to add “Outreach workers” to the definition.

“Pu’uhonua” – we prefer “By the county” for instance, because the description is not necessarily that of what Pu’uhonua really means. “Place of refuge” may be a better substitute, but Pu’uhonua doesn’t seem appropriate here.

#### 9.37.050 Encampment removal and notice requirements

(C) 45 days – the group was okay with 45 days but you might consider a shortened period of time. It may difficult for the outreach providers to figure out how many beds they’d have available over 6 weeks away.

#### 9.37.060 Identifying or providing alternative shelter before removing encampments

Change “Pu’uhonua” to some other word. Include that the removal should be done in a “culturally competent way.”

#### 9.37.070 Outreach for encampment removal

Add in after “at least one female police officer responding” “If there are females in the encampment, otherwise a female officer isn’t necessary.”

We really liked that you had CIT officers required – we suggest “at least 50%” of the responding officers be CIT trained

Interestingly, a couple of people on the Commission who work with or are involved with shelter and assisting the homeless, said that their organizations didn’t want to be at the removal of the encampments, for various reasons. You may want to designate certain agencies to be included such as addiction recovery services, mental health services (AMHD), etc. to be present, “when available.

9.37.080 Encampment Removal and cleanup

Consider the State Law 291C-112, Is there still a county ordinance against "Human Habitation in a Car?" If so, that needs to be amended.

9.37.090 Post Encampment removal notice

Consider providing a written list of the items to each individual, something they can take with them. Give them something on the spot, how about a photo of all of their stuff, items too? This will help them identify their things later, especially if they have someone else go get their things from the County storage site.

9.37.120 Right to Shelter

We love that pets are included but think it should be more specific about what a pet includes. Animals? Birds? Mice? What do you mean exactly?

9.37.140 Administrative rules

We think that it should be the Managing Director's Office, not DHHC.