

# HB 2162

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION.

**Report Title:** Government Issued Identification; Appropriation (\$)

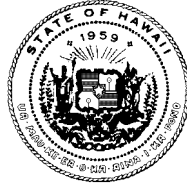
**Description:** Appropriates funds to the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services for services to help the homeless obtain government issued identification. (HB2162 HD1)

**Companion:**

**Package:** None

**Current Referral:** HMS, WAM

**Introducer(s):** MORIKAWA, BELATTI, CREAGAN, EVANS, HASHEM, ICHIYAMA, ING, ITO, JOHANSON, KOBAYASHI, LOWEN, MIZUNO, OSHIRO, SAIKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, TAKAYAMA, TAKUMI



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March 15, 2016

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

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2162 HD1 – RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 15, 2016; 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure, and requests the Legislature appropriate the entire \$2 million requested in the Executive Budget for homeless outreach services to include assistance with obtaining government identification.

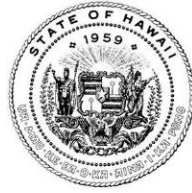
**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Homeless Programs Office for services to help the homeless obtain government issued identification (ID).

The working group created by Act 243 (2015) learned that with the passage of the federal REAL ID ACT, Pub. L. 109-13, 119 Stat. 302 (2005), obtaining and maintaining REAL ID compliant ID requires individuals to possess and maintain their vital records to establish one's identity and principal address. Community legal services providers that assist homeless individuals with obtaining government issued ID reported to the Act 243 working group that individuals have difficulty obtaining certified copies of vital records that establish their identity because they lack the financial means to pay requisite fees and individuals require assistance, including civil legal services, to navigate multiple government, most often out-of-state and foreign country, records systems. There is currently limited private funding available for document fees and there are often periods of delay to wait for funds to become available to pay for document fees.

The Social Security Administration identifies assisting disabled homeless individuals secure government ID as a key strategy to assist homeless applicants for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits, see [https://www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness/docs/Final Key-Strategies-for-Connecting-People-Experiencing-Homelessness.pdf](https://www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness/docs/Final_Key-Strategies-for-Connecting-People-Experiencing-Homelessness.pdf).

DHS asks the committee to support the entire Executive Budget request of \$2 million to enhance homeless outreach efforts. At the time the budget request was prepared, the Act 243 working group had not issued recommendations, and cost and fees for this added outreach service to assist with government ID were not included in the budget request. It is important for homeless outreach service providers to have adequate resources to provide outreach services, including the resources to assist homeless individuals to pay for replacement documents and obtain government issued ID; DHS requires the entire \$2 million request identified in the Executive to procure the array of outreach services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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TO: The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: **HB 2162 HD1 – RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 1:15 p.m.  
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**POSITION:** The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness supports this measure to the extent that passage of this bill does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. The Coordinator defers to the Department of Human Services in regard to specific issues related to implementation of the proposed service. While the Coordinator establishes and coordinates State policy to address homelessness, the Department of Human Services Homeless Programs Office (HPO) is responsible for the administration and implementation of homeless programs.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill is to appropriate an unspecified amount of funds to HPO for services to obtain government issued identification.

There are a variety of factors that contribute to the difficulty homeless individuals face in attempting to obtain government issued photo identification. According to service providers, many homeless individuals lack the supporting documents necessary to verify their identity, such as a Social Security Card or Birth Certificate. To add to this difficulty, photo identification is sometimes required to obtain these other identification documents. In addition, service providers report that many homeless individuals lacking photo identification or supporting documents are from out-of-state, and each state or community may have a different process or set of fees necessary to obtain a Birth Certificate or other identification documents.

The Coordinator notes that the Governor's Executive Budget request includes \$2 million to expand homeless outreach services statewide, and asks for the Legislature's support of this entire request. Homeless outreach providers offer a wide range of services to unsheltered homeless individuals, including assistance in obtaining identification and other necessary documents. The additional funding requested for homeless outreach would increase the capacity to provide support in obtaining identification, as well as assistance with housing search and the completion of applications for housing and other public benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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March 11, 2016

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

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2162 HD1 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION**

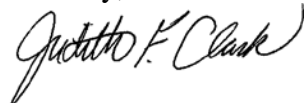
Hawaii Youth Services Network, a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 2162 HD1 Relating to Government Issued Identification.

There are many creditable reports of homeless individuals who have lost essential identification during sweeps of homeless encampments and enforcement of the laws that forbid sitting, lying, or storing possessions on a sidewalk. Homeless persons are also at high risk for theft of their identification as they lack secure facilities to store their belongings. This includes unaccompanied runaway and homeless youth who are living without support or guidance from their families.

Without identification, it is difficult to obtain employment, enroll in school, or obtain housing. Replacement of confiscated identification can be a long and tedious process requiring months of effort. It is especially difficult for adolescents who are not legally adult, and lack the experience and skills for adult independent living.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Camille Bourcier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I think it is an excellent movement that will help the chronically homeless population find permanent housing and other social services.

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