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Aloha Councilmember Fukunaga, Councilmember Chang, and members of the PSED Committee,

On behalf of Waikiki Health Center, I offer this testimony relating to Bill 7.

For more than 45 years, Waikiki Health Center has provided medical and social services to our community's most in need, regardless of their ability to pay. In 2012, the Center provided comprehensive services for nearly 4,000 homeless individuals throughout the island of Oahu. Services included assistance with obtaining identification and medical insurance, substance abuse counseling, behavioral health interventions, a wide range of medical services, and emergency shelter.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, we actively seek out hard-to-reach populations, including those experiencing homelessness. Waikiki Health Center supports a collaborative community-wide approach to reduce the prevalence of homelessness; and we recognize this requires long-term commitment from local government, non-profit agencies, and the business community. We especially support efforts that provide additional affordable and supportive housing options.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter. For additional information, you may contact me by calling (808) 791-9351 or email mgannon@waikikihc.org.

Respectfully,  
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