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## **BUDGET (BUD)** Meeting

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Testimony:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair & Members of the Committee,

My name is Zhizi Xiong (Angela Melody Young). I'm testifying on behalf of my grassroots, CARES, in strong support for the reprogramming of funds of the federal dollars.

The City provides financial support to at-risk people through the Rental & Utility Relief Program to prevent unnecessary evictions. THE RURP program houses 6,571 Oahu families safely housed and continues to provide support for an equitable recovery for our communities. Appropriating & reprogramming the funds to be utilized to support these efforts is wise.

To prevent homelessness and to address on-going homelessness will require collaboration & cooperation of all levels of the community & government to integrate knowledge and then to be able to access resources & funding to give support to those who need it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Testimony:

Ko'olau Housing Hui supports the continuation of funding for the rent and utility assistance program because the need is great and there are still families who are inquiring in our various communities. Rental rates are rising yet wages are not and that poses a serious problem for families and individuals.