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DATE: July 7, 2021

TO: Office of Health Status Monitoring (OHSM) Staff

FROM: Lorrin Kim, OHSM Acting State Registrar 

RE: **WAIVER OF FEES FOR HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS**

The purpose of this memo is to extend until further notice the waiver of fees for legitimate homeless service providers that request certain certified copies of vital records.

Act 174, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 required the Department of Health to furnish, free of charge, certified copies of birth certificates for any individual who is homeless, provide the individual's homeless status is corroborated by a verification letter issued by a homeless service provider. This law sunset on June 30, 2021 and a bill to extend or make permanent this exemption failed to pass this session.

However, because homelessness is still a major issue for which resources are limited, and after discussing with the Governor's Coordinator on Homeless, Mr. Scott Morishige, we find greater value for our community in extending this policy at the expense of modest special fund revenue for OHSM. Although not required by the original law, marriage certificates were considered in scope and this memo also extends the practice of waiving fees for marriage certificates in the spirit of Act 174 SLH 2018.

Attached to this memo is a list of homeless service providers recognized by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Please consider entities therein as legitimate providers eligible for the waiver. If an unlisted entity requests a waiver, please contact me for verification with DHS.

Mahalo.

Copy: Scott Morishige, Homeless Coordinator, Office of the Governor
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Cathy Ross, Deputy Director

Attachments

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