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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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In consideration of
House Bill No. 562 House Draft 1
Relating to Solid Waste

Honorable Chair Cabanilla and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) No. 562 House Draft 1 (HD1), relating to solid waste.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the enactment of this measure, which would allow the HPHA to contract with private businesses to divert food and green waste from public housing projects, with amendments. This measure would further require the HPHA to submit a report to the legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014 regarding its progress on such contracts.

Currently, Chapter 356D-10 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), allows the HPHA to contract out to corporations that can provide the agency with services such as food waste and green waste recycling.

However, in working with the introducer of the bill, the HPHA respectfully requests that Section 3 of the bill be removed from the measure entirely.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding H.B. No. 562 HD1. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.