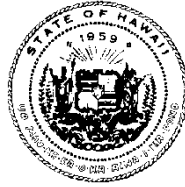


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House Bill 768, HD 2, SD1

Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Honorable Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 768, House Draft (H.D.) 2, Senate Draft (S.D.) 1, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports this measure to expand the HPHA's authority to dispose of property abandoned, seized, or remaining at Federal, elder or elderly, or state low-income housing projects, including property remaining upon eviction.

This measure allows the HPHA to better manage the upkeep and turnover of its units by eliminating abandoned and unwanted property in an expeditious manner. Currently, the HPHA is limited to removing abandoned or seized personal property at state low-income housing projects and may only do so in federal low-income public housing after an eviction. This measure expands the HPHA's authority to remove personal property abandoned, seized or remaining at state and federal, elder and elderly, and low-income housing projects.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the HPHA's position regarding H.B. 768, H.D. 2, S.D. 1. We respectfully request the Committee to pass H.B. 768, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.