



# SB 1362

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE REVOLVING FUND.
Report Title:	Rental Assistance Revolving Fund; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Description:	Restricts the ability of the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to use the rental assistance revolving fund for projects relating to affordable rental housing.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HSH, WAM
Introducer(s):	WAKAI, GREEN, INOUYE, KIDANI, Baker, Dela Cruz, Galuteria, Kahele, Keith-Agaran, Nishihara

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Statement of  
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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

February 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 016

In consideration of  
**S.B. 1362**  
**RELATING TO THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE REVOLVING FUND.**

The HHFDC opposes S.B. 1362, which eliminates the ability for HHFDC to utilize the Rental Assistance Revolving Fund (RARF) to provide interim construction financing for our own affordable rental housing projects.

The RARF was created to encourage the development of affordable rental housing. The program provides project-based rental assistance payments, as well as interim construction financing for affordable rental housing projects with preference for projects developed by non-profit or for-profit developers.

Up to \$11.5 million from RARF may be used for interim construction financing. HHFDC has made interim loans for 10 rental projects totaling 846 units. While none of these projects is owned by HHFDC, S.B. 1362 would reduce the flexibility we currently have to fully utilize the fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.