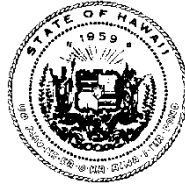


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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 1, 2016 3:00 P.M.
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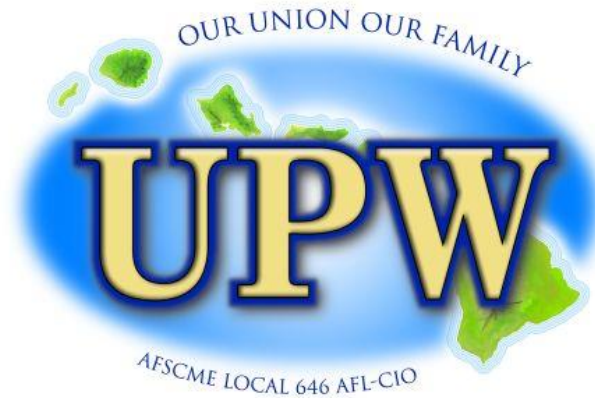
In consideration of
SB 2998, SD 2, HD 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

Honorable Chair Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Senate Bill (SB) 2998, Senate Draft (SD) 2, House Draft (HD) 1, relating to public housing.

The purpose of this measure to appropriate funds for plans, design, construction, equipment, and development for the renovation, improvement, upgrade, and development of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA) facilities statewide.

The HPHA **supports the intent** of this measure, provided its passage does not adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget. This measure makes an unspecified general fund appropriation to the HPHA toward the repair and maintenance of the HPHA's existing public housing stock, including but not limited to sewer repairs, site light upgrades, major modernization, site and infrastructure improvements, reroofing and exterior repairs, fire alarm upgrades, fencing, etc. The HPHA faces a backlog of repairs of \$800 million over the next ten years that if not addressed will mean more costly repairs in the long run, as well as less families that can be housed sooner. Therefore, we respectfully request any proposed appropriation to help the HPHA effectively address this tremendous backlog of repairs and maintenance.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Finance with the HPHA's position regarding SB 2998, SD 2, HD 1. We thank you very much for your dedicated support in addressing the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii.



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2998, SD2, HD1 RELATED TO PUBLIC HOUSING

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State Director of the United Public Workers (UPW)
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB2998, SD2, HD1 appropriates funds for plans, design, construction, equipment and development for the renovation, improvement, upgrade and development of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority facilities statewide. The UPW supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

