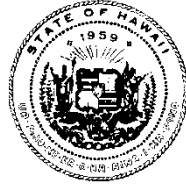


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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**AND**

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**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**  
**1:10 PM - Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**SB 2951**  
**RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, Honorable Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill (SB) 2951, relating to short-term rental assistance.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the enactment of SB 2951, which creates the short-term rental assistance fund and establishes the short-term rental assistance program, so long as it does not adversely impact the Governor's Supplemental Budget.

This measure looks to create a similar program to the HPHA's State Rent Supplement Program and would go a long way to prevent homelessness. Please know that the HPHA is here to assist the Legislature in this endeavor and would humbly request that funding for this program be inserted into the HPHA's base budget.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committees with the HPHA's testimony regarding SB 2951. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 2951.

S.B. No. 2951: 1) establishes the Short-Term Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) within the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to provide rental assistance for individuals and families whose incomes do not exceed 50% of the area median income; 2) establishes the Short-term Rental Assistance Revolving Fund (SRARF) to be administered by HPHA to facilitate SRAP payments to participating property owners; and 3) appropriates undetermined amounts of general funds and special funds for FY 21 to be deposited into and expended out of the SRARF, respectively.

As a matter of general policy, B&F does not support the creation of revolving funds that do not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.4, HRS. Revolving funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work, and an explanation of why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and

charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. Regarding S.B. No. 2951, there does not appear to be any significant source of revenues to support the SRARF aside from appropriations from the general fund.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.