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LATE TESTIMONY

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a Professor Emeritus of Public Health and former Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the Board.

PABEA supports the intent of HB 2281, which is to increase (with certain exceptions) the minimum age for admission to elderly housing from 55 to 62 years. We recognize that persons aged 55-61 often need low cost housing, and specifically public housing. However, given the limited supply of elderly housing units, we believe that it should be more appropriately allocated to those persons who better fit the designation of "elderly,"
i.e., persons aged 62 and older.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.