

LATE TESTIMONY

House Committee on Housing
Wednesday, February 04, 2009, 9:00 a.m. CR 325

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1692

Chair Rida Cabanilla and Vice Chair Pono Chong and HSG committee members

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support for HB 1692. I am, Ilalo Parayno, a retired educator and spend 40 in the DOE as a teacher and administrator.

This bill is necessary to get those in transitional housing a chance to get into public housing. The purpose of public housing is for those who are in need to become self-sufficient to develop job skills to become self reliant over a reasonable number of years.

There are many, many residents of Hawaii who have waited for many, many years to get into public housing. There are over 14,000 deserving persons who are in need of help waiting to get into public housing. They are denied equal access because there are very few if any openings because those in there have been there for 3 to 4 generations with no incentive to become self supporting.

The current residents are those who got in the Public House three generations ago and are still there and their children and grandchildren with them too. They have been occupying the same public housing for three generations. The public housing was meant to be used as transitional housing to help them become self sufficient.

If occupants remain in Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) which was meant to be transitional House, remain in there for 3 generations, other will unfairly be denied others the use of public housing.

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