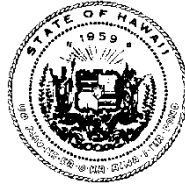


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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

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In consideration of

**House Bill 514, House Draft 2**  
**Relating to Public Housing**

Honorable Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 514, House Draft (HD) 2, relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) has confirmed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that the HPHA is the only statewide public housing agency (PHA), and that there are only four county PHAs that administer Section 8 vouchers. Since there are no other non-profit or for-profit entities that are considered PHAs, the HPHA does not see the issue with removing the existing language from Section 201H-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

However, we understand that the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation have their concerns of some possible unintended consequences that could occur, and therefore will **support** our sister agency, and look at this issue again in the future, if their concerns are mitigated.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the agency's position regarding H.B. 514 HD2. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure with amendments favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.