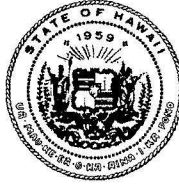


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Statement of
Chad K. Taniguchi
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING

February 5, 2008, 9:00 a.m.
Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
H.B. 1985
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports this measure to increase public safety at public housing projects.

Well-defined and supporting laws are required to assist the HPHA and police officers in warning and requesting persons who remain unlawfully on public housing project property to leave. This measure will help to curb activities, such as loitering, vandalism, and drinking alcohol, by non-residents and uninvited guests on public housing properties. The bill will provide an additional mechanism for HPHA managers and Honolulu Police officers to provide public housing residents with a safe living environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Strong Support for HB1985
Relating to Public Housing
Tuesday, February 5, 2008

To: Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and Members,
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Leonard Lester

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members,

My name is Leonard Lester, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1985. I am asking for safety for myself and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents, and guns and weapons. I have been regularly surrounded and threatened by gang members. The majority of these problems everyday are caused by outsiders, not by residents or their invited guests. If we could remove the trespassers from Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop most of this illegal behavior.

Mayor Wright Housing must not be a safe haven for illegal behavior. Please pass HB1985 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Leonard Lester
Mayor Wright Homes
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Strong Support for HB1985
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Tuesday, February 5, 2008

To: Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and Members,
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Fetu Kolio & the Mayor Wright Homes Community

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members,

My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of HB1984. We are asking for safety for our families and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents, and guns and weapons. The majority of these problems everyday are caused by outsiders, not by residents or their invited guests. If we could remove the trespassers from Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop most of this illegal behavior.

Mayor Wright Housing must not be a safe haven for illegal behavior. Please pass HB1985 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Fetu Kolio
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HOMES.

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To: Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and Members,
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Awleen Paul

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members,

My name is Awleen Paul, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1985. I am asking for safety for myself and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents, and guns and weapons. The majority of these problems everyday are caused by outsiders, not by residents or their invited guests. I had to get a restraining order against several outsiders after they repeatedly personally and racially threatened my husband and me and attacked me with kicks and punches. I am terrified of these outsiders. If we could remove the trespassers from Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop most of this illegal behavior.

Mayor Wright Housing must not be a safe haven for illegal behavior. Please pass HB1985 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Awleen Paul
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**Strong Support for HB1985
Relating to Public Housing
Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

**To: Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and Members,
House Committee on Human Services and Housing**

From: Eleanor Kolio

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members,

My name is Eleanor Kolio, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1985. I am asking for safety for my family and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents, and guns and weapons. The majority of these problems everyday are caused by outsiders, not by residents or their invited guests. I have problems sleeping, and I am terrified in my own home. If we could remove the trespassers from Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop most of this illegal behavior.

Mayor Wright Housing must not be a safe haven for illegal behavior. Please pass HB1985 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

**Eleanor Kolio
Mayor Wright Homes
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Tuesday, February 5, 2008

To: Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and Members,
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Marino & Judy Ricky

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members,

We are Marino and Judy Ricky, and we are residents of Mayor Wright Homes. We are testifying today in strong support of HB1985. We are asking for safety for ourselves and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have loitering, public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents, and guns and weapons. The majority of these problems everyday are caused by outsiders, not by residents or their invited guests. Ricky and another male relative were racially threatened and punched repeatedly by three known gang members in the parking lot. Only quick action by neighbors stopped the assault and brought the police. If we could remove the trespassers from Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop most of this illegal behavior.

Mayor Wright Housing must not be a safe haven for illegal behavior. Please pass HB1985 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Marino & Judy Ricky
Mayor Wright Homes
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Strong Support for HB1985

Relating to Public Housing

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

To: Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, and Members,
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Keondorie Thakhambor

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members,

I am Keondorie Thakhambor, and I am a 60-year-old resident of Mayor Wright Homes. I am testifying today in strong support of HB1984. I am asking for safety for myself, my daughter, and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents, and guns and weapons. The majority of these problems everyday are caused by outsiders, not by residents or their invited guests. I am an elderly resident with a heart condition, and I am terrified of the gangs that have taken over my front porch. If we could remove the trespassers from Mayor Wright Homes, we could stop most of this illegal behavior.

Mayor Wright Housing must not be a safe haven for illegal behavior. Please pass HB1985 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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