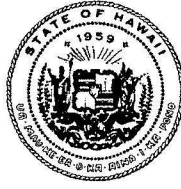


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RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) provides comments on this bill requiring HPHA's public housing projects to remain affordable in perpetuity.

HPHA acknowledges the importance of preserving state-subsidized housing for many of the families in Hawaii that have no other housing options.

Please note that HPHA is seeking to sell its non-public housing inventory at Wilikina Apartments (Wahiawa) and Banyan Street Manor (Palama) to nonprofits who will continue providing the units as affordable units. For Wilikina Apartments, HPHA owns the land and can support affordable housing in perpetuity. For Banyan Street Manor, the city owns the land. Proceeds will be used to reduce operating deficits or put into capital repairs.

HPHA also intends to explore redevelopment of public housing to include affordable and market units, as other housing authorities countrywide have done, while at least maintaining the current number of public housing units.

HPHA requests that the provisions of this bill not affect these endeavors.

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