



**HB 2238, HD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING**

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Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports the purpose and intent of HB 2238, HD 1 (HSCR 787-08).

As you are aware, public housing does help to fill the affordable rental housing needs of our families in Hawaii in the income group in most need of housing. The Native Hawaiian communities have many families struggling to find adequate housing who are in this same income group in most need of housing. This group's income often does not increase accordingly to meet the cost of living and need to stay in public housing longer. Therefore, keeping public housing affordable in perpetuity is necessary to keep our residents in homes.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide this testimony.