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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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In consideration of
H.B. 2665 HD1, SD1
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) is submitting comments on H.B. 2665 HD1, SD1 per the request of the Senate Committee on Tourism and Government Operations.

HPHA previously submitted testimony to the Legislature in support of H.B. 2665 HD1. HPHA is generally supportive of measures that seek to aid in the construction and renovation of the state's public housing inventory. Upon further examination, however, we have concluded that H.B. 2665 HD1, SD1 is unnecessary.

HPHA already has the authority to create the criteria in a request for proposal (RFP) for the construction and renovation of public housing. HPHA has concerns that the bill as currently written may curtail the flexibility HPHA currently possesses to create RFPs that accurately reflect the specific needs of a project.

HPHA is committed to adhering to federal and state regulations in order to ensure an effective, efficient, and fair RFP and contracting process.

HPHA respectfully requests that the Committee hold this bill.