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Statement of  
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING**

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In consideration of  
**H.B. 2813**

**RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) provides comments on H.B. 2813, which requires the HPHA to conduct a study on creating incentives to allow public housing residents to transition to permanent housing.

The report requires HPHA to conduct a study on the following:

- Using a portion of Section 8 or other rental assistance subsidies to transition to homeownership;
- Creating a homeownership savings program for individuals in public housing by setting aside a portion of the monthly rental payments; and
- Developing further, the individual development account program to assist first-time homeowners.

Please note that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development already has a structure in place that HPHA utilizes to assist Section 8 rent voucher holders transition to a homeowner voucher. These efforts are complemented by the Homeownership Savings program.

Also note that HPHA is currently focused on repairing and filling public housing units and executing capital improvement projects. Any additional reports tasked upon HPHA staff will be an unanticipated burden that may be difficult to meet.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.