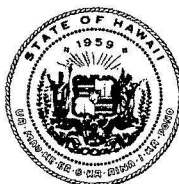


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Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING**

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

In consideration of  
**H.B. 3449**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports this measure to improve the safety of public housing projects.

H.B. 3449 confers specific power on chiefs of police to enter and enforce laws in common areas of public housing. Under current law, public housing properties are not included in the definition of public lands. Consequently, there has been some confusion as to the specific powers and duties of police officers in public housing projects. HPHA supports this bill because it will enable police officers to enforce laws on public housing property as on private property. This will ensure that public housing residents have the same protection of criminal laws that are afforded other citizens.

HPHA appreciates the introduction of and support for this measure. It will provide both the HPHA and county police departments with the support necessary to get rid of the criminals that are using public housing projects as a safe haven for criminal activity.

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



**HB 3449 Relating to Public Housing**  
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports the purpose and intent of HB 3449.

The Hawaii Housing Policy Study Update, 2006 confirmed Hawaiians are more likely to be renters and most may face significant challenges because of their relatively low income per household member. Public Housing is a viable housing solution.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs advocates for systemic changes to address lawless behavior, including alcohol and drug abuse and abusive and violent behavior, therefore, the need to have the police enter public housing property and extend the protection of criminal laws to all of Hawai'i's citizens is necessary for systemic changes to happen.

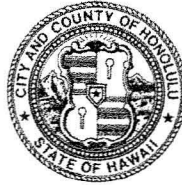
OHA recognizes that physical solutions by themselves will not solve social and economic problems, but neither can economic vitality, community stability, and environmental health be sustained without a coherent and supportive physical framework like this bill giving the police the right to protect all citizens.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

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February 5, 2008

The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Human Services  
and Housing  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 3449, Relating to Public Housing

I am Major Kurt Kendro of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 3449, Relating to Public Housing. This bill would allow the chiefs of police to have the power to enter the common areas of public housing projects without a warrant, to enforce state and county laws. Currently, the county police agencies have the authority to enter into the common areas without a warrant and enforce laws. Courts and existing laws do not recognize these areas as a public so such laws like alcohol consumption cannot be enforced. Thus, the problem lies with the existing laws and not the authority to enter these areas.

Therefore we urge you to oppose the passage of House Bill No. 3449.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
KURT KENDRO, Major  
District 5

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