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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 226
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chun Oakland:

Enclosed per your request, is a copy of the written testimony given on January 29, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the State Capitol, Room 016, with regard to Senate Bill No. 2141 Relating to Public Housing. Our office did hand deliver the testimony to the clerk in Room 226 on the morning of January 29, 2008 once it was approved, but unfortunately it was too late to be placed in your hearing folders. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Sincerely,


John C. Wong
Deputy Attorney General

Enclosure



**TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

SB.NO. 2141 RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

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BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

DATE: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 **TIME:** 1:30 PM

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016
Deliver to: Committee Clerk, Room 226, 1 copy

TESTIFIER(S): Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General
or John C. Wong, Deputy Attorney General

Chairperson Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this Bill which prohibits the consumption of any liquor on any public sidewalk or common area within a public housing project. The Bill amends section 281-78, HRS, the public intoxication law, by prohibiting the consumption of liquor on any public sidewalk within a public housing project, and within any common area within a public housing project. Common areas within a public housing project includes the community facilities as defined in the law. We believe this measure will curtail and eliminate incidents related to the consumption of alcohol at public housing projects which oftentimes result in or lead to other inappropriate and illegal behavior. We respectfully request that this measure be passed.