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In consideration of
S.B. 2250

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO
UPGRADE FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the intent of this bill, which appropriates \$10,000,000 for fire safety systems upgrades at public housing projects, to the extent that it does not adversely impact agency priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

This bill highlights the need for a fire alarm system at Kuhio Park Terrace. Currently, HPHA has design and construction federal funding for the fire alarm system at Kuhio Park Terrace. Work is scheduled to be completed in 2009. HPHA also has funding and is working on fire alarm systems at Lae`ola (Wahiawa) and Hale Po`ai (Kalihi). HPHA is requesting information from housing managers and the county fire departments to determine additional fire safety system needs.

HPHA supports the intent of S.B. 2250 so long as funds are in addition to other funding priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for opportunity to present testimony on this measure.