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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC HOUSING

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In consideration of
S.B. 2428
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the intent of S.B. 2428, which provides funds to acquire land to provide temporary shelter for the homeless. While much progress has been made in accommodating the needs of the homeless on the Leeward Coast, more needs to be done for the homeless throughout the State. Point in time data from our Homeless Management Information System data base puts the number of homeless in Hawaii on any given day at 11,514 persons, 8,395 of whom are in State homeless shelters. The vast majority of the unsheltered homeless (2,345) are on Oahu.

Thank you for considering an appropriation to meet the needs of the homeless.