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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC HOUSING

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In consideration of S.B. 2940
RELATING TO HOUSING

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) <u>strongly supports</u> this bill to provide funds to repair public housing and to construct a permanent facility for the homeless.

Section 1 of this bill authorizes \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the HPHA to conduct non-routine repair and maintenance, improvements, and renovations to statewide public housing facilities.

Section 2 of this bill authorizes \$6,410,000 in general obligation bonds for the HPHA to continue the improvement of elevators and security at public housing projects.

Section 3 of this bill authorizes \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds to purchase or construct a permanent facility for the homeless.

Please note that HPHA appreciates the appropriations in this bill as they accurately reflect HPHA's request for capital improvement projects as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.