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Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC HOUSING

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

April 3, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
SCR 152 / SR 82

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the intent of SCR 152/SR 82, requesting the HPHA and Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC) to create a redevelopment master plan for Kukui Gardens and Mayor Wright Homes.

HPHA is supportive of plans that will improve the condition of public housing facilities at Mayor Wright Homes as well as the overall quality of life for public housing residents and the surrounding community. The redevelopment of the Palama area will be a major undertaking and HPHA is open to working with HHFDC, residents, and other stakeholders to discuss revitalization efforts.

HPHA believes that public housing redevelopment plans should seek to preserve at least the current levels of assistance to the low-income families currently served by HPHA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Statement of
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**REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND
THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TO CREATE A REDEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN FOR KUKUI GARDENS
AND MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES.**

The HHFDC supports the concept of S.C.R. 152 and S.R. 82, and believes that there is significant potential for redevelopment of the State-owned properties in the Kukui Gardens/Mayor Wright Homes areas. We defer to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority as to their plans for Mayor Wrights Homes, a federal public housing project.

With respect to Kukui Gardens, the first priorities are to complete the structured transactions for acquisition of the property, and rehabilitate the existing buildings. Any master planning effort that follows would include the lessee, Kukui EAH/DGI Associates, L.P.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.