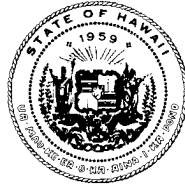


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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING**

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In consideration of  
**HCR 281**  
**URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUAL  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC HOUSING BY REMOVING PREFERENCES IN THE APPLICATION  
PROCESS**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) opposes HCR 281. HPHA feels it is important to maintain the flexibility to address changing needs by having the ability to use waiting list preferences. The seriousness of the homelessness situation demands that all available tools be available in addressing the needs. In addition, HPHA would like to establish a preference for working families in order to de-concentrate poverty in public housing. Those with earned income, whether homeless or not, would have an equal chance of being placed. We want to encourage self-sufficiency, and increasing the number of working families in public housing will do so. And because working families would pay higher rents, it would increase revenue for HPHA and provide more resources for improving the housing.