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TO: The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, (CHAIR)
The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, (VICE CHAIR)
and Members of the Education and Housing Committee

DATE: Friday, April 24, 2009
9:05 a.m. Room 329

RE: HCR-281 URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO
PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC HOUSING
BY REMOVING PREFERENCES IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a community resident of Kalihi-Palama and a resident of Hawaii Public Housing, at MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES. I also serve as a Member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No.#15, and a strong community participant of the Weed & Seed program in my community. I am testifying today in STRONG SUPPORT of HCR-181 RESOLUTION.

HCR-281, would help in a fair process for families that need a home in public housing, and by helping all families across the state of Hawaii. Also it will help by decreasing the 14,000 on the waiting list, with the down turn on the economy families are in greater need for Public Housing in Hawaii.

Hawaii's Public Housing, has turn into safe-havens for gangs, that are drug dealers, and drug users, and also they are criminal elements that are terrorizing the surrounding neighborhoods and communities. Majority, of the problems are caused by relatives or friends of Public Housing Tenants.

Thank you for hearing HCR-281 resolution and my testimony please pass HCR-281.

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HAWAII STATE SENATE

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In Support of HCR 281-relating to Public Housing

Aloha Chair Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani and members of Education and Housing Committee.

I am Flor Martinez, a radio announcer at KNDI radio. I am testifying in support of HCR 281 that mandates minimum contribution by tenants that will provide landlord resources to be used in maintaining housing facilities to be safe, in good condition and will provide dignity to the tenant. Rental income will also assist the housing projects to stabilize. Public housing should serve as a transitional stage for individuals to incentivize them to look for a better job and do better in life.

Tenant selection rules will facilitate the transition of families out of the program and will prevent extended period of time for individuals and families to remain unsheltered and increased exposure to circumstances of the highest risk factors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.