



SB 535 RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR
Committee on Human Services

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports the purpose and intent of SB 535.

The beneficiaries of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have a tenancy to be renters. The percent of beneficiaries in public housing is not known.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs advocates for systemic changes to address lawless behavior, including alcohol and drug abuse and abusive and violent behavior, criminal property damage, and terroristic threatening. The need to have the housing authority to evict tenants who violate rules is necessary for systemic changes to happen.

OHA recognizes that physical solutions by themselves will not solve social and economic problems, but neither can economic vitality, community stability, and environmental health be sustained without a coherent and supportive physical framework like this bill giving the authority to evict tenants who violate rules.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.