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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

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Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of  
**SCR31, SD2**

**REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PUUWAI MOMI AND WEST OAHU ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECTS (KNOWN AS AMP 30 AND AMP 44) TO COMPARE THE PERFORMANCE OF STATE OPERATED AND PRIVATELY OPERATED PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES; AND TO DETERMINE THE RELATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDING LEVELS, MISMANAGEMENT, AND TENANT AND VISITOR ACTIONS TO THE FAILURE TO MEET PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THESE PROPERTIES**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) opposes SCR31, SD2 for the reasons indicated in previous testimony on this measure and on HCR94.

HPHA is addressing many of the issues raised by public housing residents and the Legislature. Contracts have been awarded and work is underway to repair housing projects; new goals and objectives have been set and progress is being made.

HPHA is already audited heavily by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is overseen by a Board of Directors. We are currently involved in a lawsuit over Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) which is commanding a large amount of administrative time, and adding a legislative audit at this time would compromise our ability to deal fully with existing workload.

If the Legislature feels an audit is absolutely necessary, then we request that it be delayed one year in order to allow HPHA to devote the time necessary to participate in an audit.