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To the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

March 15, 2010 1:45 P.M.
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
H.B. 2568 S.D. 1
**RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports H.B. 2568, SD1 reducing the quorum requirement for the HPHA Board of Directors. The change to require only a simple majority, 6 members, to conduct business would enhance the Board's ability to deal with business in a timely manner.

The current requirement that 7 of the 11 members of the Board be present to conduct business has hindered the efficient operation of the Board. Because Board members come from each county to attend meetings, there are occasions when travel schedules result in fewer than 7 members being present and business cannot be conducted timely. Other state boards such as those of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the Board of Education, and Land and Natural Resources require only a simple majority to conduct business. We support amending the quorum for HPHA's Board to a similar requirement.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2568, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 23, 2010; 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 2568, S.D. 1, is to reduce the quorum requirement for the board of directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services strongly supports this Administration-sponsored bill which would reduce the number of HPHA board members that must be present to constitute a quorum, from seven to six members. This change will align HPHA's quorum requirement with that of other state boards and will ensure that the HPHA board is able to conduct business in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.