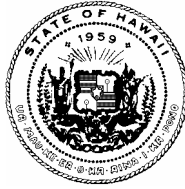


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education and Housing

Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

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

Hearing: Monday, March 15, 2010; 1:45 p.m.
Conference Room 225, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 2568 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.

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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

March 15, 2010 1:45 P.M.
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In consideration of
H.B. 2568
**RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports H.B. 2568 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. 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.