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Statement of Fetu Kolio & Mayor Wright Homes Community
Resident of Public Housing Authority
Before the
The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair, and Senate Committee on Education and Housing
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Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol
In consideration of
S.B. 1221

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB1221. We are asking for safety for our families and all the people who live in Mayor Wright Homes.

We have public drinking, shootings, drugs, gangs, attacks on residents and guns and weapons. While the Federal Weed & Seed Program was in effect, we had pretty good security at Mayor Wright Homes. Since the program ended, conditions have deteriorated which is why we are testifying today. We need improved security, and we need the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to be accountable for progress in security improvements.

Please help us restore trust in the security of Mayor Wright Housing. Please pass SB1221 so that all the residents of Mayor Wright can live in safety and peace.

Thank you for allowing us to testify.

Fetu Kelio, Mayor Wright Homes.