

SB2108

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In consideration of
S.B. 2108
RELATING TO HOUSING

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) opposes S.B. 2108, which would change the composition of the HPHA Board of Directors (Board) to require that 2 members, instead of 1, be persons directly assisted by public housing or Section 8. The current composition of the Board has worked well by reflecting a broad range of viewpoints and fields of expertise; this bill would not expand that range.

Hawaii Revised Statutes §356D-3 requires that the 9 public members of the Board appointed by the Governor include at least one person assisted by HPHA's programs, one advocate for low-income or homeless persons, one advocate for disabled persons, and that there be members from Kauai, Honolulu, Maui and Hawaii counties. That set of requirements has produced a Board with members who have a variety of viewpoints and a wide range of expertise in matters vital to HPHA. In addition to the resident member and the low income/homeless advocate, the Board also receives the recommendations of the Resident Advisory Board, a group made up of residents of public and Section 8 housing, in matters related to the annual plans for HPHA.

The interests of the people served by HPHA and the public in general are already well represented and well served by the varied membership requirements in statute; doubling the number in one category of representative would not improve the Board's ability to carry out its statutory role.

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Comments:

We need more opinions, voices, and thoughts from those that are actually living in section 8 and know what it's like to be in public housing. their insight could be very valuable.