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Statement of  
**Barbara E. Arashiro**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING**

February 8, 2010 1:15 P.M.  
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

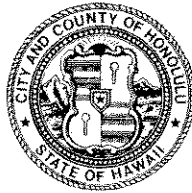
In consideration of  
**SB 2276**  
**RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports S.B. 2276, which prohibits possession of open liquor containers in common areas of public housing projects. This bill would improve the ability of HPHA to control disruptive activity within our communities by having police cite or arrest people in possession of open containers of liquor.

Disruptive behavior fueled by drinking, mainly on the part of non-residents and visitors, is a problem in some housing projects. Currently the police are unable to arrest someone holding a container of liquor unless the police observe the person putting the container to their mouth, or unless a witness is willing to testify. In meetings with residents and police this enhancement of the current law prohibiting consumption in public areas was requested in order to improve the atmosphere and maintain order for residents.

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February 8, 2010

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Education and Housing  
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation, International and  
Intergovernmental Affairs  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Sakamoto and English and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 2276, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor

I am Major William R. Chur of District 5, of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 2276 which would amend current law to not only prohibit consumption of liquor but also possession of open liquor containers in certain locations, particularly in common areas of public housing communities.

Passage of this bill would facilitate our efforts in dealing with the problems associated with unlawful liquor consumption in the specific locations identified by the bill.

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

Sincerely,

*William R. Chur*  
WILLIAM R. CHUR, Major  
District 5

Approved:

*L. M. Kealoha*

LOUIS M. KEALOHA  
Chief of Police

**TO: The Honorable Norman Sakamoto , ( Chair )  
The Honorable Michelle Kidani , ( Vice Chair )  
and Members of the Housing Committee**

**The Honorable Kalani English , ( Chair )  
The Honorable Mike Gabbard , ( Vice Chair )  
and Members of the Transportation Committee**

**DATE: Monday, February 08, 2010  
1:15 PM Room 225**

**RE: SB 2276 Relating to Public Housing**

**POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT**

**My name is Fetu Kolio, I am a Community Resident of one of the ( Hawaii State Public Housing Authority, Projects ) at Mayor Wright Homes, Housing Complex . As the 2010 elected Tenants Association ( President ) there's no one better to give the insight on the ongoing safety problems, concerning Community Residents that lives in or around ( State Public Housing Projects ). I also serve as a Member of the Kalihī-Palama Neighborhood Board No.15, and a strong community participant of the Weed & Seed Program .**

**SB 2276, would be a tremendous help as a tool for H.P.D. the Honolulu Police Department, that prohibits possession of open liquor containers in ( Public Housing ) it will help prevent Gangs, and there members to use our Housing Complex's and City Streets for Criminal Activities, as in Assaults on Community Residents, also dealing drugs and the use of drugs on common areas of Public Housing.**

**MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES  
TENANTS ASSOCIATION (PRESIDENT)  
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