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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

February 3, 2010 1:15 P.M.
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
S.B. 2278
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports S.B. 2278, which amends criminal trespass in the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a public housing project after reasonable request or warning to leave by housing authorities. However, we have been advised by the Office of the Attorney General that some rewording would be advisable to ensure successful prosecution. We will continue to work with the Attorney General on amended language.

Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan

TESTIMONY – OPPOSE w/ COMMENTS

SB 2278: RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING; CRIMINAL TRESPASS

TO: Sen. N. Sakamoto, Chair, Sen. M. Kidani, Vice Chair, and members of Senate Committee on Education and Housing

HEARING: Wednesday February 3, 2010 1:15 PM CR: 225

Aloha Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee:

I **OPPOSE with comments offered to SB 2278** relating to criminal trespass from public housing projects. I'm Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan, a homeowner resident of Waianae and the retired executive director of Waianae Community Outreach, a non-profit agency managing the emergency homeless shelter in Kalaeloa and providing homeless outreach services to those on the leeward coast.

I strongly agree with the intent of this bill; however, the language is not clear and conflicting. The issue is to prohibit anyone that has been trespassed and given proper notice should not be allowed on the property. The purpose of the trespass would be of sufficient cause such as threat of harm to management or residence, or any violent conduct. I would suggest the intent is to provide enforcement once a person has been notified that an action of property trespass has been issued and further entrance to premises whether as an invited guest of a tenant or not will be arrested for criminal trespass.

I would also mention that in the lease a clause indicating that the tenant is responsible for the actions of their guest should be enforced. The tenant should be notified of such action against their guest. If the guest is seen on the property of the tenant the tenant may be subject to eviction. Again the issue is safety and wellness; this would not be an argument to make.

Every guest and tenant should be held responsible for their home community. If guests disrespect the place of residence of a friend or family, they should not be given privilege to visit on public housing property.

Mahalo once again, this makes sense; however, we need some clarity.

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 03, 2010
1:15 PM , Room 225

RE: SB 2278 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

, My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a Community Resident of one of the (Hawaii State Public Housing Authority) housing projects complex. Mayor Wright Homes , as the elected Tenant Association (President) there's no one better to get insight of the ongoing problems. I also serve as a member of the Kalihi-Palama neighborhood Board No.#15 and a strong participant of the Weed-&Seed Program.

My neighbors and I are testifying today in Strong Support of SB-2278 we are asking for help for the safety of our families and for all Community Residents of (Hawaii State Public Housing) .

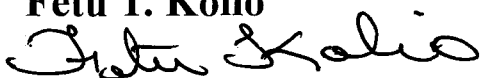
SB 2278 would tremendously help amend criminal trespass in the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a (Hawaii State Public Housing, Project) .

We have Gang Members, that deal & use drugs, on public housing property. Attacks on residents, public drinking, shootings, as conditions have deteriorated and that (Hawaii State Public Housing) has no future safety plan in the works. (Hawaii State Public Housing, Authority) needs to be accountable for improvements and the progress, on the ongoing safety issues.

Please help restore the trust of the public's safety in our Communities, please pass SB 2278. Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony.

Mayor Wright Homes
Tenant Association (President)

Fetu T. Kolio



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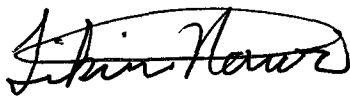
**My is Tikin Naur , I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes , Public Housing
We are testifying today on SB 2278 we need help for the safety of our families and all
Residents of Public Housing.**

**SB 2278 would help amend criminal trespass in the first degree to include a
person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a Public Housing.**

**We have gangs, public Drinking, attacks on residents by gang members that
enters our housing complex. Conditions needs to be improved by the property owner, help
hold them accountable for the safety issues that are on going in my public housing.**

**Please help restore public safety in our community, help pass SB 2278 and
thank you for hearing this bill and allowing me to testify.**

**Mayor Wright Homes
Tikin Naur**



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RE: SB 2278 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Ene Augafa, I am a resident of Mayor Wright Homes, Hawaii State Public Housing, I am testifying today in STRONG SUPPORT, of SB 2278 it would help my families and I to live in a safe public housing.

SB 2278, Amends criminal trespass in the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a public housing project after reasonable request or warning to leave by housing authorities.

We have public drinking, gangs members that use drugs on our housing complex, assaults on tenants, shootings. Please help us pass SB 2278 to stop unwanted criminal elements that use our Public Housing for criminal activity's .

Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony.

**Mayor Wright Homes
Ene Augafa**

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

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RE: SB 2278 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Awleen Paul, I live at Mayor Wright Homes, Public Housing, I am testifying today because we need help for our safety as Community Residents of public housing and our families.

SB 2278, can help amend criminal trespass in the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a public housing project after reasonable request or warning to leave by housing authorities, excludes an invited guest.

Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony please pass SB 2278.

**Mayor Wright Homes
Awleen Paul**

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

**DATE: Wednesday, February 03, 2010
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RE: SB 2278 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name Randy Nicky, I am a resident of Public Housing at Mayor Wright Homes. I am Testifying today in support of bill SB 2278, it would help the ongoing safety issues at my housing.

SB 2278, will help amend criminal trespass in the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a public housing project after reasonable request or warning to leave by housing authorities.

Gang members comes on public housing property and attack tenants, we have public drinking, and shooting. Please pass SB 2278, Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony.

**Mayor Wright Homes
Randy Nicky**

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

**DATE: Wednesday, February 02, 2010
1:15 PM Room 225**

RE: SB 2278, Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Aosy Helly, and I am a resident of public Housing, I am testifying today in support of SB 2278, help us to restore a safety plan on the ongoing safety issues.

SB 2278, would have criminal trespass amended to the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon a public housing project after reasonable request or warning to leave by housing authorities, excludes an invited guest.

Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony please pass SB 2278.

**Mayor Wright Homes
Aosy Helly**