

**SB2721**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

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In consideration of

**S.B. 2721**

**RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING  
AUTHORITY**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports S.B. 2721, 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.