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In consideration of  
**H.B. 1304**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING**

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Madam Chair and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill 1304, relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the intent of this measure; however, we oppose enactment of the measure since it would be duplicative of existing HPHA policy. While the HPHA appreciates legislative concern for strengthening the agency's ability to be self-sustaining, particularly with respect to making repairs caused by tenant misconduct, we already require tenants to reimburse for damages caused to their individual units and community facilities. The HPHA collected over \$170,000 from tenants during Fiscal Year 2009/2010, and as of December 31, 2010, the HPHA collected over \$125,000 for tenant-caused damages for the first half of Fiscal Year 2010/2011. As such, enactment of this measure is not necessary to allow the HPHA to continue this policy.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's position opposing H.B. 1304. We respectfully request the Committee to hold this measure.