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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

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Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
H.C.R. 168 H.D. 1

**REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECTION 5 OF ACT 178, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII
2006**

Mister Chair and Members of the House Committee on Legislative Management, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Concurrent Resolution 168 as amended, requesting the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to carry out its responsibilities under Section 5 of Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the intent of this measure, which illustrates the Legislature's concern for accurate and complete reporting and accounting to identify revenue-generating public trust lands and the amounts derived from those lands for the benefit of this State's Native Hawaiian population. Due to recent organizational restructuring and personnel changes within the agency's executive management team, as well as the accounting system upgrades mentioned in the measure, the reporting requirement incumbent upon the HPHA pursuant to Act 178 was erroneously omitted from annual statutory submission lists.

However, the agency is committed to full compliance with Act 178 and transparency in State financial reporting. Since being made aware of our Act 178 reporting obligations, the HPHA has initiated discussions with the DLNR and the Office of the Attorney General to provide all necessary data from 2006 to present. The agency hopes to satisfy the requisite reporting requirements with clear, complete, and accurate data within the next few weeks and remain compliant with the statute going forward.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Legislative Management with the agency's position regarding H.C.R. 168 H.D. 1.

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HCR168, HD1. This resolution asks the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to meet its responsibilities under certain laws designed to ensure the State's accountability for correctly identifying, managing, and reporting revenues derived from the public land trust. Included in the resolution is a request that the Housing Authority report to the Legislature on its progress in carrying out its accounting and reporting responsibilities under a key provision of Act 178, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2006

Reportedly, the Housing Authority's accounting system has at times been incapable of producing an accurate report. We respectfully suggest that this concurrent resolution is of value not only to OHA, which is entitled to a share of the public land trust revenues in support of its service to its beneficiaries, but also to the State itself in serving as trustee of the public land trust, and to the Legislature in ensuring that the laws it has passed are being followed.

We urge your committee to PASS this resolution. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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