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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 6, 2011 5:00 P.M.
Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
S.B. 1394 S.D. 1
RELATING TO HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mister Chair and Members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill 1394 as amended by Senate Draft 1, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports enactment of this measure which would amend Section 356D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to permit the HPHA to enter contracts with eligible developers to develop public housing projects in exchange for mixed use development rights. This amendment to §356D-11 would expand the HPHA's ability to develop new housing for the State's lowest income populations by enabling the agency to incentivize partnerships with market-rate housing developers. It would also improve the financial self-sustainability of our developments and provide our tenants with improved access to commercial services and employment opportunities.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Finance with the agency's position regarding S.B. 1394 S.D. 1. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably.

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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1394, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

Hearing: Wednesday, April 6, 2011; 5:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 1394, S.D. 1, is to authorize the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to enter into contracts with developers to develop public housing projects in exchange for commercial space in the project.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill. Measures that will help expand the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's ability to develop new housing for the State's lowest income populations are welcome. DHS also believes, however, that the commercial use of public housing property needs to also take into consideration the needs of the public housing tenants and be of benefit to public housing tenants.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.