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

Mister Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill 1394, 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 Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the agency's position regarding S.B. 1394. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably.