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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

February 3, 2011 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
S.B. 910
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

Madam Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill 910, 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 administratively difficult to enforce and would have adverse budgetary impacts. While the HPHA appreciates legislative concern for increasing security protocols at our developments, we do not believe that this bill offers the most effective solution to controlling access to our properties.

Requiring all visitors to an HPHA property to obtain a guest pass would be an administratively onerous policy for the agency to initiate and enforce. Several of our housing developments are large properties, with open pedestrian and vehicular connections to neighboring communities. Such a policy would require the enclosure of vast open spaces or impact to natural landscapes and would result in the physical separation of our residential communities from their neighborhoods.

Further, impact to the HPHA's budget would be disproportionate to the benefits of this policy change. Some of our developments are small and are located in rural, remote areas. The required construction of access controls and the additional staff necessary to provide constant supervision of guest ingress and egress would defeat any public safety cost savings incipient to this measure.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with the agency's position regarding S.B. 910. We respectfully request the Committee to hold this measure.

**TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland , Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara Jr. , Vice Chair
and Members of the Human Services Committee**

**DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2011
1:15pm Room 016**

RE: SB-910 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fetu Kolio , I live at Mayor Wright Homes a Public Housing in Kalihi, any bill of legislation that will bring a solution to crime and safety problems is significant as important for all Hawaii Public Housing Tenants .

SB 910, would tremendously help all residents of our communities, regardless of income levels (HPHA) needs to put together a plan of action by taking the lead and the responsibility . As integrity and fairness should always be a the priority for the safety of tenants that resides in public housing .

Please help pass SB-910, thank you for hearing my testimony

FETU KOLIO,

(Mayor Wright Homes)

(Tenant Association President)