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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, April 5, 2012
TIME: 1:15 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

GM 886

Status & Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of HMS
Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DESIREE KIHANO, for a term to
expire 6-30-2013.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair

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<u>Testifier</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposes Amend.</u>
Patricia McManaman	Department of Human Services	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hakim Ouansafi	Hawaii Public Housing Authority	Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>

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April 5, 2012

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 886 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Desiree Kihano to the Board of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority**

Hearing: Thursday, April 5, 2012, 1:15 p.m.
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The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Ms. Desiree Kihano to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) as the resident member representative.

Ms. Kihano is currently the interim resident representative to the HPHA Board of Directors. Ms. Kihano has been a public housing resident since 1985 and has participated actively as a member of the HPHA Resident Advisory Board prior to joining the HPHA Board. She has high regard for the work that the HPHA Board does for the residents, and she believes that her perspective and experience as a public housing resident will be of benefit to the HPHA Board.

She has participated fully in the Board meetings. She is frank in voicing her opinion of proposed policies affecting residents and her insights have informed and influenced Board decisions for the better.

We urge the committee to act favorably in consideration of Ms. Kihano's nomination to the HPHA Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.

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Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

April 5, 2012 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
Governor's Message No. 886
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DESIREE KIHANO,
For a Term to Expire 6-30-2013

Honorable Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message No. 886, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Desiree Kihano, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports this nomination and respectfully requests this Committee's concurrence and confirmation. Since October 2011, Ms. Kihano has been acting as a Director in an interim capacity. During her tenure, she has been an exemplary Director who provides a dedicated, caring voice for the residents. Even before her appointment to the Board of Directors, Ms. Kihano volunteered her time and efforts to serve the public housing program and tenants by participating as an officer on the Resident Advisory Board and as an HPHA Grievance Hearing Officer. Her continued service in the capacity of Director on the HPHA Board is vital to the continued success of the agency moving forward.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with the agency's comments supporting G.M. 886. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.