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March 22, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Human Services  
The Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
The Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Chun and Hee and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 231, H.D. 2, Relating to Public Housing

I am Moana Heu, Acting Major of District 2 (Wahiawa) of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) opposes House Bill No. 231, H.D. 2, which seeks to authorize police officers to warn or request persons to leave public housing projects under the Criminal Trespass 1<sup>st</sup> section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The HPD is opposed to this bill because a public housing representative is not always available to advise officers if the person in question is a resident of that public housing project. The HPD requires that a property owner or a representative establish the trespass element prior to our enforcement action.


The original wording of House Bill No. 231 required visitors to obtain a visitors pass and if a visitor did not have a pass, non-possession would be prima facie evidence of a violation of the Criminal Trespass 1<sup>st</sup> section. This wording was deleted in H.D. 2.

This change essentially weakens the proposed law and the HPD's ability, in the absence of a public housing representative, to effectively enforce the law.

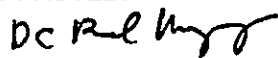
The Honolulu Police Department urges you to not pass House Bill No. 231, H.D. 2, Relating to Public Housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
MOANA HEU, Acting Major  
District 2

APPROVED:

  
LOUIS M. KEALOHA  
Chief of Police

*Serving and Protecting With Aloha*

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March 21, 2011

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB231

Housing Committee

March 22, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 016

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i hereby provides testimony to the House Committee on Housing in opposition to HB 231— *Relating to Public Housing*

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i provides free legal services to tenants in federally-assisted public housing. Assistance for tenants to maintain their homes in public housing is a priority for Legal Aid.

Mayor Wright Housing is a federally-funded housing project and consequently, all rules must follow federal guidelines. HPHA has legitimate interest in reducing criminal activity in a complex. However, even with the intent to control criminal behavior, Federal statutes and rules mandate that PHAs must make reasonable rules which allow a tenant to have guests.<sup>1</sup>

As written, the bill requires tenants to notify management that they have invited a visitor, which in fact becomes a requirement that a tenant pre-register a guest. Management then controls who can visit a tenant, and can refuse a visitor by the simple expedient of refusing to issue a pass.

Courts have unanimously overturned rules which require pre-registration of guests. In 1981, the Second Circuit held that a rule requiring registration and PHA approval for *overnight* guests violated the tenant's constitutional rights of privacy and association.<sup>1</sup> In 1985, the First Circuit held that a PHA lease provision requiring written approval for *overnight* guests violated applicable HUD regulations.<sup>2</sup> There the court specifically found that the PHA's prior-approval requirement for every overnight guest — which permitted management unfettered discretion — was neither necessary nor reasonable and did not provide for reasonable accommodation of guests and visitors as required by the regulations. Courts have not reviewed pre-registration of *all* guests as is being requested in this bill, since the pre-registration of *overnight* guests has been well-settled since the 1980s.

Although I understand the intent of this bill is to provide greater safety and security for the residents of Mayor Wright Housing, this bill, as written, is a violation of federal statute and will not withstand court scrutiny.

<sup>1</sup> *McKenna v. Peekskill Hous. Auth.*, 647 F.2d 332 (2d Cir. 1981)

<sup>2</sup> *Lancor v. Lebanon Hous. Auth.*, 760 F.2d 361 (1st Cir. 1985)

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB231.

Sheila P. Lippolt  
Supervising Attorney  
Housing Unit

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<sup>i</sup> 42 USC 1437d(1)(2) mandates that a lease may not contain unreasonable terms and conditions

24 CFR 966.4(d)(1) tenant's right to use and occupancy. The lease shall provide that the tenant shall have the right to exclusive use and occupancy of the leased unit by the members of the household authorized to reside in the unit in accordance with the lease, including reasonable accommodation of their guests.

Chapter 9.5 of the Public Housing occupancy Guidebook states that residents of any public housing community have the right to receive visitors and guests at their homes if they follow the policies established by the PHA for this purpose.

Chapter 17 Public Housing Occupancy Guidebook states that visitors may be permitted in a dwelling unit as long as they have no previous history of behavior on PHA premises that would be a lease violation. PHAs must adopt reasonable provisions regarding visitors and guests as part of their lease.

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

**TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair  
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
And Members of the Judiciary Committee**

**DATE: Thursday, March 22, 2011 TIME: 1:30pm Room 016  
RE: HB 231, HD2 Relating To Public Housing  
POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT**

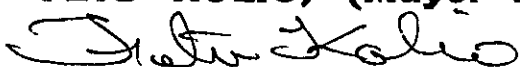
**My name is Fetu Kolio, I am the Mayor Wright Tenants Association President, also the Citizens Patrol block captain for Mayor Wright Housing we are the eyes and ears of our community, and I serve as a member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board .**

**HB-231, HD2, would tremendously help restore the integrity of Services from public housing Authority, also a vital tool for the Honolulu Police Department in fighting crime in and around public housing .**

**Requiring visitors to have a pass upon entrance of a public housing is a privilege, also it will help to deter criminal activities by criminal elements, in and around public housing .**

**Thank you, please help restore integrity & accountability help pass HB-231, HD2 .**

**FETU KOLIO, (Mayor Wright Tenants Association, President )**



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Kasner Alexander  
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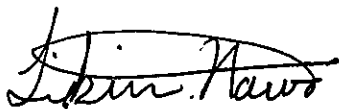
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Benesita Eram  
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Ancheny Kom  
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Hilda Urita  
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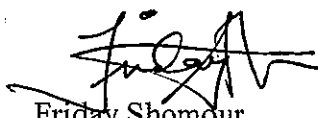
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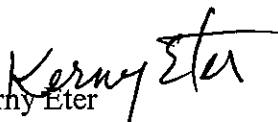
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Kerny Eter  
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Erlen Eter  
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Linda Shomour  
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Francis Kerat  
Mayor Wright Homes  
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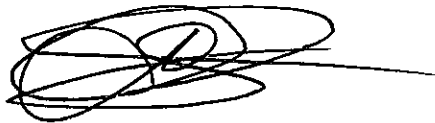
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Randy Nicky  
Mayor Wright Homes  
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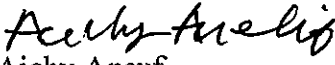
My name is Aichy Aneuf, and I am a resident of Mayor Write Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of HB 231. We are asking for the safety of our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all the public housing residents. We greatly need enhanced security measures for our protection.

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Aichy Aneuf  
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My name is Feng Yu Yu, and I am a resident of Mayor Write Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of HB 231. We are asking for the safety of our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all the public housing residents. We greatly need enhanced security measures for our protection.

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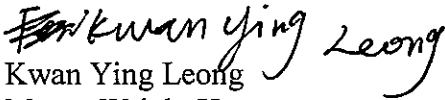
My name is Kwan Ying Leong, and I am a resident of Mayor Write Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of HB 231. We are asking for the safety of our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all the public housing residents. We greatly need enhanced security measures for our protection.

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Kwan Ying Leong  
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My name is Ya Xing Li, and I am a resident of Mayor Write Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of HB 231. We are asking for the safety of our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all the public housing residents. We greatly need enhanced security measures for our protection.

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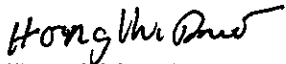
My name is Hong Thi Bui, and I am a resident of Mayor Write Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of HB 231. We are asking for the safety of our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all the public housing residents. We greatly need enhanced security measures for our protection.

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Hong Thi Bui  
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Hank Nguyen  
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