

**TO: The Honorable Rida Cabanilla, (Chair)**  
**, The Honorable Pono Chong, (Vice Chair)**  
**and Members of the housing Committee**

**DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 2011**  
**8:30am Room 325**

**RE: HB-39, Relating to Public Housing**

**POSITION : STRONG SUPPORT**

**My name is Fetu Kolio , as a resident of public housing please help pass this bill HB-39 it will help deter , criminal elements that use our public housing a SAFE-ZONE for drinking of alcoholic beverage and drug use on Hawaii Public Housing Property .**

**HB-39, would help with a solution by starting a clean- house type of an approach on the continues violence, stemming from drinking of alcoholic beverages , also drug deals by gang members that use public housing property as a SAFE ZONE . (HPHA) needs to take a leadership roll as a landlord for the State of Hawaii, with the support of the (Attorney General's Office) .**

**The property owners responsibility is to help keep the peace, so that tenants can enjoy there accommodation under the Landlord Tenants Rental Lease agreement.**

**Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony please pass HB-39, .**

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

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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

February 9, 2011 8:30 A.M.  
Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of  
**H.B. 39**  
**RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUORS**

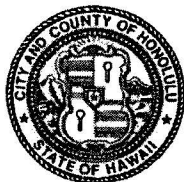
Madam Chair and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill 39, relating to intoxicating liquors.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports enactment of this measure which broadens the current prohibition of liquor *consumption* to a prohibition of liquor *possession* in the common areas of public housing developments. This measure will significantly improve the ability of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to ensure a safe, livable community for our residents.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's position supporting H.B. 39. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably.

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and Members  
Committee on Housing  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Chair Cabanilla and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 39, Relating to Intoxicating Liquors

I am Major William R. Chur of District 5 (Kalihi), of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes the passage of House Bill No. 39. We understand the purpose of this bill is to improve the safety and quality of life in public housing communities. However, by making it a criminal offense to possess open alcoholic beverage containers in common areas of public housing, it would force the HPD to treat the people in these communities differently than how we treat individuals who do not live in public housing. Under this bill, it would be a crime for a public housing resident to sit in his or her yard holding an opened beer can or even carrying a previously opened bottle of wine or liquor from his or her car to the residence. A block away, at a private residence or apartment building, the same behaviors would not be illegal.

If it is a state policy to prohibit open alcoholic beverage containers in any common area of public housing, then house rules strictly enforced by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority would be a preferred way rather than by creating new criminal offenses targeting people in public housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM R. CHUR, Major  
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