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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 109
RELATING TO HOUSING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 109, which allows minor grandchildren to temporarily reside with elderly housing project residents in certain family crisis situations and under certain conditions.

This measure is a humanitarian response to what are often very difficult situations. Rather than place children in foster care when their parents are unable to care for them due to imprisonment, arrest, disability, abandonment, abuse or neglect, temporary placement with caring, competent grandparents should be the preferred alternative. Grandparents living in public housing may be restricted by rules, but amending the rules for these humanitarian reasons is more than appropriate.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 109. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and concerns.