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In consideration of
House Bill No. 402
Relating to Public Housing

Honorable Chair and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill No. 402, relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) respectfully opposes this measure which permits the HPHA to install clotheslines in public housing projects. The HPHA believes this measure is unnecessary, as many properties statewide allow for and have installed clotheslines where there is adequate space, and the use of clotheslines is appropriate. There are some properties, however, at which the installation of clotheslines becomes an attractive nuisance, a liability issue, directly conflicts with crime prevention through environmental design efforts, or interferes with the HPHA's efforts to maintain the grounds to meet the standards required by federal inspectors, which affects the agency's rating. By considering the installation of clotheslines on a project-by-project basis, the HPHA will have clearer guidelines for the installation, upkeep, and maintenance of clotheslines at the various public housing projects statewide.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding H.B. No. 402, and thank you very much for your dedicated support.