

SB 1112

Measure Title: RELATING TO DELETING STATE PUBLIC HOUSING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

Report Title: Public Housing; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; State Public Housing; Delinquent Accounts

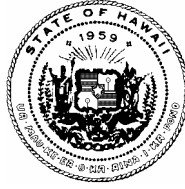
Description: Authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to delete delinquent accounts receivable records for state low-income public housing projects that have been delinquent at least ninety days and also authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to assign delinquent accounts to a collection agency.

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Introducer(s): KIM (Introduced by request of another party)



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February 14, 2013

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

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1112 – RELATING TO DELETING STATE PUBLIC HUOSING
DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS**

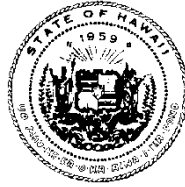
Hearing: Thursday, February 14, 2013; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to delete delinquent accounts receivable records for state low-income public housing projects that have been delinquent at least ninety days and also authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to assign delinquent accounts to a collection agency.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this Administration bill. There should be a positive impact on the public as the HPHA will more quickly be able to delete from its accounts receivable records uncollectible debts from the state low-income public housing program in the same manner as under the federal low-income public housing program. This will reduce the negative impact of such long-term uncollectible accounts on the HPHA's financial statements.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

AND

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Thursday 14, 2013 1:15 P.M.
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In consideration of
Senate Bill No. 1112
Relating to Deleting State Public Housing Delinquent Accounts

Honorable Chairs Chun Oakland, Hee and Members of the Senate Committees on Human Services and Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 1112, relating to deleting State public housing delinquent accounts.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** the enactment of this measure, which would add a new section to part III of Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and allow the HPHA to delete from its accounts receivable the records of delinquent accounts for vacated units within the state low-income public housing program that have been delinquent for over ninety days, and allow those delinquent accounts to be assigned to a collection agency.

Section 356D-32 (a) and (b), HRS, currently allows the HPHA to delete from its accounts receivable the records of delinquent accounts for vacated units within the federal low-income public housing program that have been delinquent for over ninety days, and allow those delinquent accounts to be assigned to a collection agency.

Due to the fact that there are no similar statutory provisions for the administration of the state low-income public housing program, any account receivable must be delinquent for more than two years and meet the requirements of section 40-82, HRS. In the interest of consistency across program administration for the HPHA and its property

managers, the HPHA humbly requests provisions for state low-income public housing program administration similar to section 356D-32 (a) and (b), HRS.

Although we have improved our accounts receivable by \$2,800,000 and our account uncollectible by \$2,025,583, we believe that this measure will create a single, consistent, streamlined process that would allow all parties involved to maintain accurate records and pursue delinquent debts owed to the HPHA.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees on Human Services, and Judiciary and Labor with the agency's position regarding S.B. No. 1112. We respectfully request the Committees to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.