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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§356D-    Social service partnership.    The authority may  
5 enter into a work study program with the University of Hawaii  
6 Myron B. Thompson school of social work and may allow the work  
7 study program to be implemented at each public housing project  
8 and state low-income housing project."

9           SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10          SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Public Housing; University of Hawaii; Work Study Program

**Description:**

Authorizes the Hawaii public housing authority to establish a work study program with the University of Hawaii Myron B. Thompson school of social work and allow the work study program to be implemented at each public housing project and state low-income public housing project. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

March 13, 2014 2:00 P.M.  
Room 309, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**Senate Bill 2269, Senate Draft 2**

**Relating to Public Housing**

Honorable Chair Choy and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) 2269, Senate Draft 2 (SD2), relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports this measure, which would allow the HPHA to establish a work study program with the University of Hawaii's Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, and allow the work study program to be implemented at each public housing project and state low-income public housing project.

The mission of the HPHA is to provide Hawaii residents with affordable housing and shelter without discrimination, and the agency depends on its partnerships with community organizations to assist our tenants with their social service needs. By allowing the HPHA to partner with the University of Hawaii's Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, we hope to create a work study program that will provide our tenants with a wide array of social services and life achievement opportunities that are currently not accessible to them, and at the same time further the education and experience of the students.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Higher Education with the agency's comments regarding S.B. 2269, SD2. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.

Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Higher Education  
Thursday, March 13, 2014, 2:00 pm  
by  
Dr. Noreen Mokuau  
SB 2269 SD2- RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

RE: In Support

Chair, Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair, Rep. Linda Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2269 SD2.

As the dean of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (MBTSSW) I stand in support of SB 2269 SD2.

The mission of the MBTSSW is to provide educational excellence that advances social work with its focus on social justice. The principal responsibility is the generation, transmission, and application of knowledge for the global enterprise with special attention to Native Hawaiian, other Pacific Islander, and Asian populations in our state and region.

We appreciate the opportunity to begin discussions with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority regarding potential opportunities for our students.

Through our mission and community partnerships MTBSSW is engaged in collaborative processes that support transformative community teaching by promoting a "Hawaiian Place of Learning".

We support SB 2269 SD2.

We strongly urge your favorable consideration of this bill, with the proposed amendment provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.