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Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
Saturday, January 26, 2013; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 302 AND S.B. 303
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 302 and S.B. 303, which both authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and the appropriation of funds for financing, development and provision of affordable rental housing.

While homeownership may be a goal for most Americans, there are still many who are far from that dream and rely on rental housing for shelter. However, the cost of rental housing in Hawaii continues to climb, leaving low- and moderate-income families under constant threat of becoming homeless.

S.B. 302 and S.B. 303 are designed to facilitate the development and provision of affordable rental housing. This is a laudable objective and one worthy of the investment of public dollars to prevent homelessness.

The ILWU urges passage of both S.B. 302 and S.B. 303. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter.

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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Human Services
Re: SB 302

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help strongly support SB 302 as an essential element in the transformation of care of Hawai'i's most vulnerable population.

Mahalo,

Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President