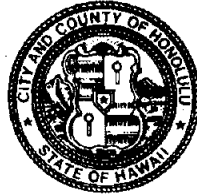


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The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 305  
Relating to Development of Public Housing

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** Senate Bill No. 305, which would authorize the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to develop public housing projects, which can include commercial and industrial uses.

We support the redevelopment of underutilized lands, especially in our rapid transit corridor. We need to emphasize compact, mixed use development. This leads to healthier lifestyles, reduced infrastructure maintenance costs and less dependence on the private car. When planning for lower-income families, it is the combined household cost of housing and transportation that must be taken into account. Development of public housing, which includes employment opportunities, convenient shopping and services, in addition to commercial and industrial uses built close to transit stations, meets these public policy objectives. Thus, this bill could play a significant role in not only spurring the supply of public housing, but also in creating more meaningful, affordable lifestyles for the tenants.

As you may be aware, the City can exempt public housing projects from various development requirements. Such exemptions would further reduce development cost and time spent in the permit processing.

Please move Senate Bill No. 305 forward. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

  
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