

SB 814

Measure Title: RELATING TO STATE LOW-INCOME PUBLIC HOUSING.

Report Title: State Low-income Public Housing; Security

Description: Authorizes the Hawaii public housing authority to allow law enforcement officers who would not otherwise be eligible to occupy a state low-income public housing project, to reside in a state low-income public housing for the purpose of increasing security and safety for the public housing development residents.

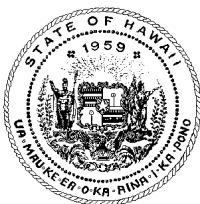
Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS/PSM, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 814
RELATING TO STATE LOW-INCOME PUBLIC HOUSING

By

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Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
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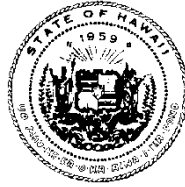
Thursday, February 7, 2013; 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 16

Chairs Chun Oakland and Espero, Vice Chairs Green and Baker, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill 814 which authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to allow law enforcement officers, to include the PSD's Deputy Sheriffs and Narcotics Enforcement Investigators, who would not otherwise be eligible for occupancy in the state low-income public housing projects, to reside in a state low-income public housing dwelling unit for the purpose of increasing security, crime prevention, or crime intervention efforts, or to enforce all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, for residents of a public housing development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES AND
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

February 7, 2013 1:00 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
Senate Bill No. 814
Relating to State Low-Income Public Housing

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate Committees on Human Services and Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 814, relating to state low-income public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** the enactment of this measure, which would allow law enforcement officers who would not otherwise be eligible for occupancy in the state low-income public housing projects, to reside in a state low-income public housing dwelling unit to increase security for the residents of that public housing community.

Currently, 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §960.505 allows law enforcement officers to reside in our Federal low-income public housing communities. The HPHA believes that by allowing law enforcement officers to reside in our state low-income public housing communities, they would greatly reduce criminal activity on the HPHA's properties through immediate arrest and prosecution capacity, and would further increase the safety of our state low-income public housing communities.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees on Human Services, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs with the agency's position regarding S.B. No. 814. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committees on Human Services and Public Safety
Re: SB 814

To: The Honorable Senators Chun-Oakland and Espero and the members of their committees.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help **supports** SB 814. We believe that this bill will help to build community support for the expansion of public housing projects for the homeless.

Mahalo,
Robert Scott Wall
Vice-President