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Senate Committee on Human Services
The Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Hon. Josh Green, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of SB 2265
Relating to Housing

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer
January 25, 2014, 10:00 am, Room 229

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2265, making an appropriation to improve existing public housing.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

Senate Bill 2265 speaks to one of these major determinants by appropriating funds to improve existing public housing. For that reason, we strongly support this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Wall	Community Alliance for Mental Health	Support	No

Comments: To: the Senate Committee on Human Services Aloha Sen. Chun-Oakland and members of the Committee, On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health as well as United Self Help we would like to lend our strong support for SB2265. There simply is not enough rental stock available for either our disabled population or the working poor. This bill begins to address that problem. Scott Wall VP/Legislative Advocate Community Alliance for Mental Health