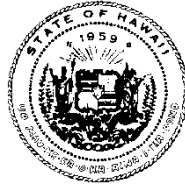


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In consideration of

House Bill 1078

Relating to Solid Waste Reduction

Honorable Chair Hashem and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 1078, relating to solid waste reduction.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** the enactment of this measure, which would clarify that the HPHA is authorized to contract with private businesses to remove food and green wastes from public housing projects.

The HPHA's mission is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through its public housing and rental assistance programs. The HPHA serves the State's most vulnerable populations, including those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), the disabled and the elderly.

The HPHA currently recycles its green waste in a variety of ways. From using mulch and wood chips to soak up old paint that needs to be removed, to making compost for gardens, the HPHA encourages recycling of any kind. Please know that if the agency's needs become too burdensome to handle, the HPHA will definitely look into contracting with private businesses to remove food and green waste.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding H.B. 1078. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated **support** to address the affordable housing crisis facing Hawaii.