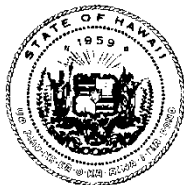


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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
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House Bill 767, H.D. 2, S.D. 1

Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Honorable Chairs Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Jill N. Tokuda, and Members of the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means, thank you for hearing this bill and for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill (H.B.) 767, House Draft (H.D.) 2, Senate Draft (S.D.) 1, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) STRONGLY SUPPORTS this measure to clarify trespassing in the second degree at HPHA housing projects. We believe that this measure is necessary for the safety and well-being of our residents who have the right to peacefully enjoy their homes without fear of unauthorized intruders at all hours of the day.

The HPHA would like to thank the committees for incorporating the suggested amendments of the March 17, 2015 testimony of support from the Department of the Attorney General and respectfully request to add the following suggested edit found in the above referenced testimony:

- On page 13, lines 8-10, the Department recommends requiring not just the signature of a witness or police officer who was present when the warning was given, but also the name of that person, so that the person can later be identified. Signatures are not always legible. It should read: "(v) The name and signature of a witness or law enforcement officer who was present when the warning was given pursuant to subsection (1) (e)."

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means with the HPHA's position regarding H.B. 767, H.D. 2, S.D. 1. We respectfully request the Committee to **pass H.B. 767, H.D. 2, S.D. 1**, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.