HB 767 HD2

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.
Report Title:	Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Trespass
Description:	Provides that all Hawaii Public Housing Authority housing projects are closed to the public and amends criminal trespass in the second degree to permit the prosecution of an unauthorized entry or a violation of a written prohibition to enter into the subject housing projects. Clarifies requirements for signage notifying trespassers of illegal entry. (HB767 HD2)
Companion:	<u>SB123</u>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HSH, JDL/WAM
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Statement of Hakim Ouansafi Hawaii Public Housing Authority Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

March 17, 2015 1:20 P.M. Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

House Bill 767, H.D. 2

Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, thank you for this opportunity to provide comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 767, House Draft (H.D.) 2, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) <u>strongly supports</u> 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 continues to work with the Department of the Attorney General to craft language that effectuates the purpose of the bill while carefully considering potential constitutional and enforcement issues. The HPHA therefore defers to the amendments proposed by the Department of the Attorney General.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing the HPHA's position regarding H.B. 767, H.D. 2. We respectfully request the Committee to **pass H.B. 767, H.D. 2**, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2015 Testimony for HSH on Mar 17, 2015 13:20PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Gauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Highly support this legislation as it is fair to those who want to or are given duties to make contact with tenants and household members of public housing projects while keeping the integrity and safety of the project's tenants of high importance such as making it a criminal offense to trespass between the hours of 9pm and 8am. These are the hours where the most criminal and deviant behaviors are identified and prosecuted.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2015 Testimony for HSH on Mar 17, 2015 13:20PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronnie Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly OPPOSE this bill.

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