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In consideration of

House Bill 768, HD 2

Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Honorable Chair Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to provide comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 768, House Draft (HD) 2, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports this measure to expand the HPHA's authority to dispose of property abandoned, seized, or remaining at Federal, elder or elderly, or state low-income housing projects, including property remaining upon eviction, with amendments.

This measure allows the HPHA to better manage the upkeep and turnover of its units by eliminating abandoned and unwanted property in an expeditious manner. Currently the HPHA is limited to removing abandoned or seized personal property at state low-income housing projects and may only do so in federal low-income public housing after an eviction. This measure expands the HPHA's authority to remove personal property abandoned, seized or remaining at state and federal, elder and elderly, and low-income housing projects.

The HPHA would like to respectfully request that the measure to be amended in regards to two points from the HD1 version. The first would be to change the timing of sending out the notice by certified mail, back to 5 days prior to the disposition of the abandoned or seized property. The second would be to restore the handling and storage fee of \$25.00 per day.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Finance with the agency's position regarding H.B. 768, HD2. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.