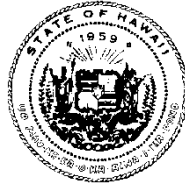


HB 768 HD2

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.
Report Title:	Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Disposition of Abandoned Property
Description:	Expands the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's power to dispose of property seized, abandoned, or remaining upon eviction in and at public housing projects, elder or elderly housing, or state low-income housing projects. (HB768 HD2)
Companion:	SB124
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HSH/CPN, WAM
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

AND

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

March 19, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

House Bill 768, HD2

Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland, Honorable Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 768, House Draft 2 (HD2), 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 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

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(pg. 2 – line 2). The second would be to restore the handling and storage fee of \$25.00 per day
(pg. 3 – line 9).

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection with the agency's position regarding H.B. 768, HD2. We respectfully request the Committees to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support to address the affordable housing crisis facing Hawaii.