

SB2091

Measure Title: RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.
Report Title: Public Housing; Hawaii Public Housing Authority;
Appropriation (\$)
Description: Appropriates funds for the repair and maintenance of existing
public housing stock in the State.
Companion:
Package: Housing and Homeless Legislative Package
Current Referral: HOU, WAM
Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, GALUTERIA, GREEN, HARIMOTO,
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February 4, 2016

TO: The Honorable Senator Breene Harimoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: SB 2091 – RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

Hearing: Tuesday, February 4, 2016, 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 225, State Capitol

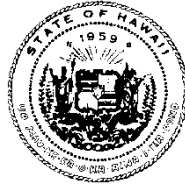
POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this measure, as it proposes to provide funding to address key aspects of the State's work to end homelessness. However, the Coordinator's support of this measure is limited to the extent that passage of this bill does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. The Coordinator asks for the Legislature's support of the Governor's Executive Budget request, which includes \$31 million to improve existing public housing stock within the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to appropriate up to \$180,000,000 for the repair and maintenance of existing public housing stock in the State.

This appropriation is in alignment with Goal 2, Objective 4 of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness' Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, which is to "Create and preserve affordable housing for people at 50% and below of median income."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 4, 2016 2:45 P.M.
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
SB 2091
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

Honorable Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Senate Bill (SB) 2097, relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the general intent of this measure to provide much needed appropriations to various housing programs.

The HPHA supports this measure, provided its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget. This measure makes a general fund appropriation of \$180,000,000 to the HPHA for the repair and maintenance of the HPHA's existing public housing stock. An appropriation of this magnitude will go far to address the HPHA's backlog of repairs and will make readily available more units for low-income families and individuals.

If this measure passes, the HPHA would appreciate that the appropriation is provided as a "lump sum" and include funds toward the administrative costs of the repairs and maintenance.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the HPHA's position regarding SB 2091. We thank you very much for your dedicated support in addressing the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii.