

# SB2275

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Report Title: Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Appropriation; General Obligation Bonds (\$)

Description: Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the repair and maintenance of public housing projects managed by the Hawaii public housing authority.

Companion: [HB1714](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: HOU, WAM

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, GALUTERIA, 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 2275 – RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

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

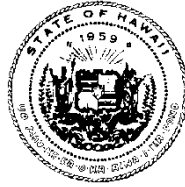
**POSITION:** The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this measure, as it proposes to provide funding to address key aspects of the State's work to end homelessness. However, the Coordinator's support of this measure is limited to the extent that passage of this bill does 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 authorize general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the repair and maintenance of existing public housing stock in the State.

This appropriation is in alignment with Goal 2, Objectives 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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Statement of  
**Hakim Ouansafi**  
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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 2275**  
**RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

Honorable Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Senate Bill (SB) 2998, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the 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 \$153,000,000 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 2275. We thank you very much for your dedicated support in addressing the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii.