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TO: The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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

SUBJECT: SB 2998 SD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

Hearing: Monday, February 29, 2016, 9:15 a.m.
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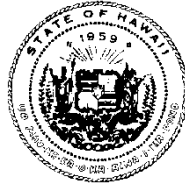
POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to appropriate funds for plans, design, construction, equipment and development for the renovation, improvement, upgrade, and development of HPHA facilities statewide.

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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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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In consideration of
SB 2998, SD 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING.

Honorable Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Senate Bill (SB) 2998, Senate Draft (SD) 1, relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the general intent of this measure to appropriate funds for plans, design, construction, equipment, and development for the renovation, improvement, upgrade, and development of the HPHA's facilities statewide.

The HPHA **supports** this measure, provided its passage does not adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget. This measure makes a general fund appropriation of \$100,000,000 to the HPHA for the repair and maintenance of the HPHA's existing public housing stock, including but not limited to sewer repairs, site light upgrades, major modernization, site and infrastructure improvements, reroofing and exterior repairs, fire alarm upgrades, fencing, etc. 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.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the HPHA's position regarding SB 2998, SD 1. We thank you very much for your dedicated support in addressing the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii.

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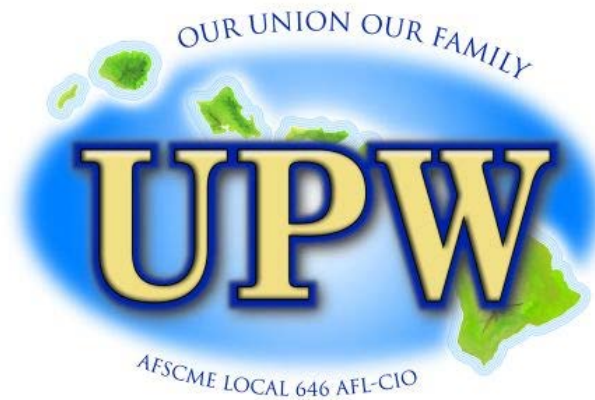
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Comments: 10 years ago I did a study on Hawaii Public Housing Auth with Alvarez & Marsal and IBM for the US Navy showing there were billions of dollars in unfunded maintenance needed to bring hundreds of public housing units into compliance. The then governor ignored those findings and exempted that study from a Freedom of Information Act request. In the ten years since, the problem has worsened. Per the study I did last year for the state and the four counties on affordable rental housing, entitled: Affordable Rental Housing Study Update, 2014, one in five households statewide needs housing assistance (20% of our families make 60% or under of the Area Median Income). It is thanks to a chronic undersupply of housing over 30+ years that our community suffers from the stress of finding adequate shelter.

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The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2998, SD1 RELATED TO PUBLIC HOUSING

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB2998, SD1 provides \$100,000,000 in funding to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the repair and maintenance of the existing public housing stock. The UPW **supports** this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.