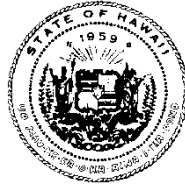


SB 478

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.
Report Title:	Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Multi-Skilled Workers; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds for 30 permanent full-time equivalent multi-skilled worker civil service positions to assist the Hawaii public housing authority in repair and maintenance of low-income housing properties.
Companion:	
Package:	Housing and Homeless Legislative Package
Current Referral:	HSH, WAM
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

January 31, 2015 1:15 P.M.
Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

Senate Bill 478

Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) 478, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) strongly supports the enactment of this measure, which would establish 30 full-time equivalent (30.00 FTE) permanent multi-skilled positions that would assist the HPHA with timely repairs and maintenance at its low-income public housing properties.

The HPHA will use these 30 multi-skilled worker civil service positions as a flexible workforce that will not only repair and maintain the agency's properties, but also perform duties that include carpentry, electrical, and plumbing work to ensure that the agency's properties will be maintained at a high level in the future. **These 30 multi-skilled worker civil service positions will be 100% federally funded**, and the agency hopes to fill most of these positions from our existing exempt "Special Teams" staff that possess at least one trade certification, demonstrated that they have the knowledge, experience, and a can do attitude with the HPHA for the past two years.

The HPHA would like to respectfully propose the following amendments to this measure and respectfully requests that Section 1, line 9 of the bill be amended as follows:

"Hawaii public housing authority is requesting thirty new [exempt]"

The HPHA also respectfully requests that Section 2 be amended as follows:

~~“SECTION 2. There [is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,214,491 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017~~ to] are established thirty full-time equivalent permanent multi-skilled worker civil service positions (30.00 FTE) in the Hawaii public housing authority to assist and support public housing operations statewide.”

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services with the agency’s position regarding S.B. 478. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support to address the affordable housing crisis facing Hawaii.

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