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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Thursday, February 12, 2015
1:15 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 763
RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING**

Senate Bill 763 proposes to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department"), in consultation with the Department of Human Services, to establish mobile home parks throughout the State for individuals whose family income is no more than 250 percent of the federal poverty level. The measure would also allow the private sector to develop mobile home parks. **The Department acknowledges the intent of the measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department appreciates the critical need for affordable housing. However, the Department's primary mission is natural resource management, and lacks the necessary expertise and experience with housing development. In the limited instances where the Department has disposed of lands for residential purposes, it has been a disposition of the land itself and the lessee/permittee is responsible for the construction and maintenance of their residential structure. In addition, if not already present, developing the necessary infrastructure, such as roads and sewage, for mobile home parks would be a substantial undertaking.

Most of the lands described in the measure where mobile home parks could be established are not under the management jurisdiction of the Department. Perhaps one or more of the other governmental agencies whose primary mission is housing development and possess the requisite expertise that could better serve as the lead agency for this measure, and to develop the necessary infrastructure, and therefore the funding that is available should be directed to those types of housing agencies.

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SB763
RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

February 12, 2015

1:15 p.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **COMMENT** for SB763. OHA appreciates that this measure seeks to provide housing opportunities for low-income families, by requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), in consultation with the Department of Human Services (DHS), to establish mobile home parks on public lands for such families.

OHA's strategic priorities include Ho'okahua Waiwai, or increasing the economic self-sufficiency of our beneficiaries. This includes striving for stability in housing for our low-income beneficiaries and their families. To guide development of policy relating to Native Hawaiians and housing security, OHA completed research on the housing needs of Native Hawaiian families, including an evaluation of the homelessness Point-in-Time counts, as well as our own rental housing survey. OHA's research indicates that allowing for a park of mobile shelters and shipping containers, as this bill proposes, may not address the unique housing needs of housing-insecure Native Hawaiians. For example, most housing-insecure Native Hawaiian households appear to include five or more individuals.¹ Thus, while smaller housing units may provide some relief for certain members of the homeless population, they may not directly address the housing needs of Native Hawaiian families, which may require larger and more permanent housing solutions.

Permanent housing solutions will assist with building housing stability among renters within the Native Hawaiian community. More than half of Native Hawaiian renters, many of whom live in overcrowded situations to reduce rental payments, live in homes they struggle to afford. In addition to being cost burdened, Native Hawaiians also earn \$9,100 per capita less than the state average, despite data that shows that Native Hawaiian participate in the labor force at higher rates than the state average (65 percent v 61 percent). One way to create more stability is to ensure that housing inventory stays affordable.

¹ OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, HAWAII'I RENTERS STUDY 2013: UNDERSTANDING THE HOUSING NEEDS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND NON-HAWAIIAN SECTION 8 HOUSEHOLDS (2013) (available at <http://www.oha.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/OHA-Hawaii-Renters-Study-2013-Full-Report.pdf>)

OHA recommends that the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) be consulted to ensure that this bill is consistent and aligns with Housing First, which is a policy adopted HICH. Housing First is a nationally-recognized, evidence-based, and cost-effective housing approach that focuses on stabilizing those in the homeless population by providing permanent housing without preconditions.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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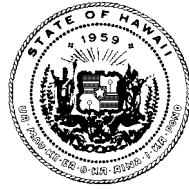
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STATE OF HAWAII
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February 11, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 763 – RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING**

Hearing: Thursday, February 12, 2015; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016; State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of S.B. 763 is to require and appropriate funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, to establish mobile home parks throughout the State for individuals whose family income is no more than 250% of the federal poverty level.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services appreciates the intent of the proposed legislation as it provides an additional, potential source of affordable housing for our community. However, DHS does not have the current capacity or expertise required to develop and finance mobile home parks as DHS is focused on executing its other statutory priorities such as Housing First. We defer to DLNR and the attached agency the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) regarding their respective limits and other fundamental program priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this proposed bill.

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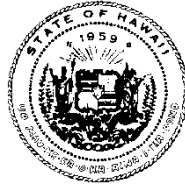
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Comments: Appreciate the intent.

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Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

AND

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

February 12, 2015 1:15 P.M.
Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

Senate Bill 763

Relating to Alternative Housing

Honorable Chair Thielen, Honorable Chair Chun Oakland, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, and Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) 763, relating to alternative housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the intent of the proposed measure, which would require the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Human Services to establish mobile home parks throughout the State, and allow the private sector to develop mobile home parks to combat the State's homeless crisis.

The HPHA is administratively attached to the Department of Human Services, and is a full service agency with the mission to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through its public housing and rental assistance programs. The HPHA serves the State's most vulnerable populations, including those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), the disabled and the elderly.

Please know that the HPHA is currently looking to assist with the measure's intent with the agency's recently issued "Request for Qualifications" to redevelop the HPHA's

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Administrative Offices, located at 1002 North School Street. This project will look to revitalize, modernize and improve the quality of the work environment for the HPHA's staff, while also looking to add approximately six hundred (600) creative low-income rental housing units that will include but not be limited to micro units, modular, and pre-fabrication units to make the best use of the property.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Water and Land, and the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing with the agency's position regarding S.B. 763. We thank you very much for your dedicated support to address the affordable housing crisis facing Hawaii.

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January 31, 2015

TESTIMONY PROVIDING COMMENTS FOR SB 763: RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING

TO: Senator Laura Thielen, Chair, Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Water and Land
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Josh Green, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing

Hearing: Thursday February 12, 2015; 1:15 p.m.; Conference Room 016

Dear Chairs Thielen and Chun Oakland, Vice Chairs, Galuteria and Green and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide **comments** regarding SB 763. While, in general, I support the concept of providing the greatest palette of choices in providing more affordable and low-income housing within the State of Hawai`i, I would urge caution in the proposition.

There is an undeniable need for more affordable and low-income housing alternatives, including rentals and homes for ownership. Mobile home parks on the Continental United States have come a long ways from the paper-thin aluminum structures to a sturdier home based upon extensive experiences in challenging conditions, i.e. large storms, hurricanes, flooding, etc to fortify these newer structures. These mobile home parks are a continuing manner in which lower cost housing can be provided in areas requiring such options to be available to a larger population in more rural environments.

The parks that I have seen that have succeeded, usually are laid out in a precise manner, similar to a subdivision, and managed by an association with a site manager. In these parks, each home-owner, contributes to the maintenance costs for upkeep of the common areas and the association helps to facilitate any covenants that may be implemented for the good of the entire community (landscaping, visual appeal, no stockpiling of materials that would be detrimental to the visual appeal of the property, etc.) This contributes to well-maintained, welcoming communities versus the picture that comes to many people's minds of the trashed trailer park at a truck stop or other less kempt areas.

In addition, to mobile homes there are currently numerous websites touting the construction of tiny home cluster villages laid out in a manner consistent with a community neighborhood and many managed in a similar fashion as outlined above. I would encourage that this option also be added along with shipping containers converted into homes, all of which would meet minimum building code criteria as set by each county.

As Hawai`i looks to the future of protecting our natural resources throughout the State, I would also recommend that serious consideration be given to the placement of these parks, i.e. rural versus suburban vs middle of town properties and the effect on established neighborhoods. Thus serious discussion should occur as to which lands would be appropriate for these facilities and also how much land should be allowed to be developed in this fashion within each county based upon lands available, population, distance from or within heavily populated areas, etc.

Thank you for accepting my testimony.

Sincerely,

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Comments: Thank you for accepting my submission.

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