

# **SB 715**

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ACTION TEAM ON AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

Report Title: Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing; Membership

Description: Adds the executive director of the Hawaii community development authority and the executive director of the Hawaii public housing authority to the special action team on affordable rental housing.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HOU, WAM

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**  
**Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**SB 715**

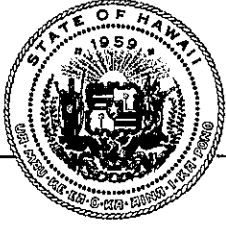
**RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ACTION TEAM ON AFFORDABLE RENTALHOUSING**

Honorable Chair Espero and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Senate Bill 715, relating to the special action team on affordable housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports SB 715, which expands the membership of the special action team to include the executive directors of both the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the Hawaii Community Development Corporation. The HPHA welcomes the opportunity to join this team, as we are committed to promoting adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a sustainable living environment, for low income families and individuals, free from discrimination. The HPHA makes every effort to better the lives of the over 30,000 individuals that we serve and those who are in need of assistance.

The HPHA has been included in discussions with the Special Action team and the administration, and we look forward to continue working collaboratively to address the State's housing crisis.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Housing with the HPHA's comments regarding SB 715. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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**RELATING TO HOUSING.**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 715, which proposes to expand the membership of the Special Action Team (Team) on Affordable Rental Housing created under Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016 by including the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

OP agrees that the collaborative efforts of the Team would benefit with the membership of HCDA and HPHA to achieve the State's Affordable Rental Housing goals and tasks of the Special Action Team.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



AMENDED: 1/30/2017

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**SB 715 – RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ACTION TEAM ON  
AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING**

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the committee.

This testimony reflects my view alone. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not reviewed or acted on this measure.

In my capacity as the HCDA Executive Director I respectfully offer **comments** on this proposal. There is a dire need for rental housing for low-income families statewide. Regionally in the Kakaako Community Development District, there are three active affordable housing projects that have been approved that would add 365 affordable rentals over the next few years.

Presently, HCDA owns very little underdeveloped or undeveloped land in the district suitable for housing projects. Most of the developable lands suitable for housing projects are owned by private landowners.

Generally, HCDA supports any effort that will further the development of affordable rentals for Hawaii's working families.

Thank you.

Testimony reflects the view and position of the Executive Director and not the Authority.

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There needs to be tight coordination among all groups that are involved in getting people into affordable housing so that it can happen in an efficient, effective way.

Go faster alone, go farther together  
Peggy Graybill