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Statement of

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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, February 1, 2018

9:00 AM - Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

HB 2357

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Honorable Chair Brower and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill (HB) 2357, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **strongly supports** the enactment of HB 2357. This Administrative Bill creates an internal eviction process, which is substantially similar to the eviction process currently employed for the federal low-income public housing program, for the HPHA's state low-income family housing and state housing for elder's programs. The passage of this measure will streamline the eviction process for all of HPHA's state and federal low-income public housing programs, and lessen the caseloads of the Judiciary and the Department of the Attorney General.

In 2017, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law Act 114, exempting all state low-income public housing directly controlled, owned, or managed by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from the requirements of the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code under Chapter 521, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The passage of Act 114 was the first step in creating a uniform eviction process for both state and federal low-income public housing, ensuring all tenants receive the same due process regardless of the property in which they reside. The HPHA would comply with strict requirements when handling tenant issues and evictions, including adherence to eviction board hearings and peer review prior to decision making.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the HPHA's testimony regarding HB 2357. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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TESTIMONY

Nina Eejima, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Brower, Committee on Housing; Chair Nishimoto, Committee on Judiciary; and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports HB 2357 that creates an eviction process for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's low-income housing and state housing for elders program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Testimony for HSG on 2/1/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Much more cost effective, especially for the tenant.

Curable Violations can corrected and resolved much quicker.

Process is fair for the tenant and holds them accountable for the choices they make.

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