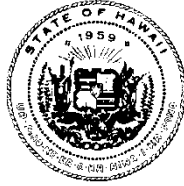


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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Thursday, March 29, 2018
2:45 PM - Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of
HB 2359, HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Honorable Chair Espero, Honorable Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, and the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill (HB) 2359, HD1, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **strongly supports** HB 2359, HD1. This Administrative Bill provides that certain areas within HPHA housing projects are closed to the public, amends criminal trespass in the second degree to permit the prosecution of an unauthorized entry or a violation of a written prohibition to enter into the subject housing project, and clarifies requirements for signage notifying trespassers of illegal entry.

One of the HPHA's greatest concerns and priorities is the safety and well-being of its tenants and staff. Too often, incidents arise on HPHA project grounds due to the presence of uninvited individuals. On multiple occasions, unauthorized persons have entered onto public housing property believing it was acceptable to put up tents in the middle of the property or caused property damage, which is usually not found until the following morning. In other examples, people who have been evicted for criminal activities come back to the property to harass or

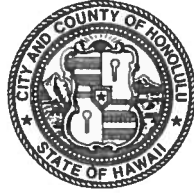
intimidate their former neighbors. Such acts, and others, create conflict among the tenants as well as staff, especially when we are not able to effectively resolve the matter.

This measure will assist the HPHA to prosecute trespassers for unauthorized entry, or violation of a written prohibition to enter a housing project based on an unlawful act, as the measure further clarifies what property is closed to members of the public in a housing project. The passage of this bill should provide a positive impact on the public, especially public housing tenants, their household members, and the surrounding community by affording a safer living environment for all.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees with the HPHA's testimony regarding HB 2359, HD1. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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March 29, 2018

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Housing
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chairs Espero and Taniguchi and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 2359, H.D. 1, Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

I am Major Darren Izumo of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 2359, H.D. 1, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. This bill will help the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the HPD keep housing projects safer for the residents and staff by prohibiting nonresidents from entering or remaining on the premises.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Darren Izumo, Major
District 5

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Susan Ballard in black ink.

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police