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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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In consideration of
SB 2497
RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill (SB) 2497, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the intent of SB 2497, which requires the HPHA to establish a program to offer insurance policies to landlords who rent to tenants using the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, provided that it does not adversely affect the Governor's Supplemental Budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) assists low-income families through the Housing Choice Voucher Program, also known as "Section 8". The Section 8 program is one of the federal government's major programs for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

Because of the overwhelming need in our community to assist our low-income families, the passage of this measure could possibly assist future Section 8 participants who rent from landlords that participate in a program that offers dwelling insurance policies for landlords renting to Section 8 participants. However, the HPHA would need 1 FTE position to assist and administer the program, and will defer to the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in regards to any insurance related implications.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the HPHA's testimony regarding SB 2497. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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