

# SB 2784

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.
Report Title:	State Low-income Housing; Housing for Elders; Evictions
Description:	Creates an eviction process for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's state low-income housing and state housing for elders programs.
Companion:	<a href="#">HB2357</a>
Package:	Governor
Current Referral:	HOU, JDC
Introducer(s):	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

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Statement of

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Before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, February 1, 2018

2:55 PM - Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**SB 2784**

### RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Honorable Chair Espero and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill (SB) 2784, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **strongly supports** the enactment of SB 2784. 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 Senate Committee on Housing with the HPHA's testimony regarding SB 2784. 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 Espero, Vice-Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB2784 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.