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Aloha Senators,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for SB 2786.

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As a resident of public housing, association board member and Chairperson for the Resident Advisory Board (RAB), I strongly support the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) and appreciate their backing of this bill, to make public housing safer for the elderly, children, and families that reside there.

I have personally witnessed on many occasions, persons who are not residents, come into the community to shop for kids or adults to further their illegal activities such as drugs, theft of cars and moped's, robbery and other things I would rather not mention.

There are laws to protect children of Public Schools' from "Stranger Danger." That same law of protection needs to apply to the place where they reside.

Public offices and buildings are there to serve the people in whatever capacity there set up for. It doesn't mean people have the right to "Make House" by turning it into their headquarters for whatever shady activities they choose to engage in.

It's unfortunate that laws like this have to be made to keep people safe but, asking those individuals with intentions to harm or corrupt others is to leave, is longer an option.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Mahalo,

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