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In consideration of
HB 699, HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Honorable Chair Lee and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill (HB) 699, HD1, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** the enactment of HB 699, HD1, which allows the HPHA to evict a tenant convicted of a misdemeanor or felony related to the HPHA's property or funds during the term of the tenancy.

One of the HPHA's greatest concerns and priorities is the safety and well-being of its tenants and its properties. When a tenant commits a misdemeanor or felony related to the HPHA's properties or funds, he/she not only abuses their privilege as a tenant but undermines the peaceful enjoyment of all the other law-abiding public housing tenants and wastes tax payers' money that could be used to house our most disadvantaged populations. It is in everyone's best interests that tenants convicted of misdemeanors or felonies related to the HPHA's property or funds should not be allowed to continue to reside at any of HPHA's properties.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony regarding HB 699, HD1. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.