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Statement of  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019**  
**1:30 PM - Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**SB 16**  
**RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Honorable Chair Chang and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill (SB) 16, relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **strongly supports, with amendments**, the enactment of SB 16, which appropriates funds for capital improvement projects of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Due to the age of our housing inventory, and unexpected issues that often occur, the HPHA respectfully requests the following language be inserted into the measure, as you have done in the previous appropriations, to allow the HPHA the flexibility it needs to address and expedite the extensive capital need of the agency's housing stock.

Project Title: LUMP SUM PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENTS, AND RENOVATIONS, STATEWIDE

Description: PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIP. TO DEVELOP, UPGRADE, OR RENOVATE PUBLIC HOUSING FACILITIES, INCLUDING GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, MODERNIZATION OF ELEVATORS, INFSTRCTR., EQUIP., APPURTENANCES, AND ALL RELATED AND ASSOCIATED PROJECT COSTS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENTS, AND RENOVATIONS, STATEWIDE, INCLUDING FUNDS FOR PERMANENT AND NON-PERMANENT CIP PROJECT RELATED POSITIONS.

Almost all of the HPHAs construction projects are rehabilitation or modernization projects as opposed to new construction. Modernization and renovation projects are much more complex and filled with a high likelihood of unforeseen conditions than with new construction. Due to the age of our housing inventory, and unexpected issues that often occur, the HPHA appreciates your consideration for a lump sum budget request (as you have done in the past), which will provide the agency with the flexibility of managing and expending capital funds in an expeditious manner.

The condition of a property can change in an instant by accidental fires, tenants who drive their vehicles into buildings, discovering arsenic in soil, discovering heavy mold after removing drywall, or by the occasional act of nature that sends a boulder down a hill into a newly renovated building. The \$35M lump sum request for each year of the biennium will go toward projects that are mostly shovel-ready or will be at year's end. These projects include site improvements, ADA compliance, lead based paint abatement, structural repairs, re-roofing, infrastructure upgrades, concrete spall repairs and painting.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony regarding SB 16. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

**SB-16**

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Comments:

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The UPW strongly supports SB16 appropriating CIP funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Thank you.