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Statement of  
**Hakim Ouansafi**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Friday, April 5, 2019**  
**10:15 AM - Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**HB 476, HD1, SD1**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING**

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill (HB) 476, HD1, SD1, relating to housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports HB 476, HD1, SD1, which prohibits advertising of public housing units and housing subject to an owner or renter occupancy requirement under chapters 201H, 206E, and 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for rental purposes and requires county police departments to enforce the prohibition. Does not apply to any state agency advertising or publicizing a housing program under chapters 201H, 206E, and 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any county agency for a housing program under 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

HPHA Federal and State public housing tenants are prohibited from subletting units under the rental agreement. If the HPHA discovers tenants who engage in this kind of illegal activity, the HPHA will move swiftly to evict those tenants as they would be displacing one of the over 8,800 families on our waitlist. By including this as a misdemeanor offense, the Legislature will send a strong signal to those who may be thinking about misusing their public housing unit, and that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony regarding HB 476, HD1, SD1. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**Craig K. Hirai**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

April 5, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of  
**H.B. 476, H.D. 1, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING.**

The HHFDC **supports the intent** of H.B. 476, H.D. 1, S.D. 1. As it applies to the HHFDC, the Proposed S.D. 1 makes advertising housing subject to an owner or renter occupancy requirement under Chapter 201H a misdemeanor enforceable by the police department of the county in which the housing is located. It also exempts any state or county agency or private project owner and its managing agents from this penalty.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill .

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April 5, 2019

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The Senate  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 476, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to Housing

I am Major Darren Izumo of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD opposes House Bill No. 476, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to Housing. This bill would make it a misdemeanor for anyone to advertise for rental purposes, any public housing unit or any housing, that is subject to an owner or renter occupancy requirement, and requires county police to enforce the prohibition.

The county police departments have limited resources to meet the increasing public safety demands in the communities and having to enforce this type of violation would place an additional strain on those resources. We recommend that alternatives be considered for these violations, such as civil or administrative penalties.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Izumo".

Darren Izumo, Major  
District 5

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Ballard".  
Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

**HB-476-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/3/2019 4:48:07 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2019 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick F. Hurney	Testifying for Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

**Please support HB476!**

**Currently, NLIHC RATED Hawaii as the highest rate in the USA of Housing Wage at \$32.75 per hour in order to afford fair market rent. Our local families are pricing out of the housing market. We need to combat the affordable housing crisis now!**

Mahalo

Patrick Hurney

April 4, 2019

**The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol, Room 211  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: House Bill 476, HD1, SD1, Relating to Housing**

**HEARING: Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 10:15 a.m.**

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

I am Ken Hiraki Government Affairs Director, testifying on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® (“HAR”), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its over 9,500 members. HAR **opposes** House Bill 476, HD1, SD1, which prohibits advertising of public housing units and housing subject to an owner or renter occupancy requirement under Chapters 201H, 206E, and 356D, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (“HRS”), for rental purposes and requires county police departments to enforce the prohibition.

REALTORS® advertise rental housing projects and units for their clients that are privately-owned and operated under HRS §201H and 206E. This measure would make it a misdemeanor, for any person who advertises, for rental purposes, any housing subject to an owner or renter occupancy requirement. An owner may not inform a REALTOR® of an owner or renter occupancy requirement prior to a REALTOR® advertising a property. However, under this measure, the REALTOR® would still face a misdemeanor charge even if they had no knowledge of the owner or renter occupancy requirement.

Additionally, this would also make it a misdemeanor for an owner who rents their unit and still lives in the unit, such as for a roommate.

For the following reasons, we respectfully request that this measure be held.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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**HB-476-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/4/2019 3:59:29 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/5/2019 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
karen bohner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support, please schedule hearing om HB476.