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Statement of Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 12:00 PM – Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of HB 2662, HD1 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

Honorable Chair Yamashita, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill (HB) 2662, HD1, relating to human services.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) <u>supports</u> HB 2662, HD1, which requires the HPHA to establish a two-year recreation and education upward mobility pilot program for youth tenants in public housing. Permits the HPHA to contract with outside parties to implement the program.

Please know that if this measure passes, the HPHA stands ready to assist the Legislature in this endeavor and looks at this measure as an opportunity to positively impact the lives of youth tenants in public housing.

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

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BILL HB2662 [**IN-STRONG SUPPORT**] FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Aloha Chair, Committee Members,

My name is Martin Han and I'm the founder and Executive Director for the Kalihi Community Center. I am here today to voice my support for Bill HB2662.

Sincerely,

Martin Han