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Unfortunately I am out of town and will not be able to speak on behalf of HB 828. I do wish to express my strong support of the bill. Housing purchased with tax payers dollars to be affordable should remain so in perpetuity. This is especially true given the great lack of affordable housing within Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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Before the

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 11, 2009 1:15 p.m.  
Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of  
**H.B. 828**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) opposes H.B. 828, which would require the HPHA to ensure that all public housing built or managed with state funds remains affordable in perpetuity.

While we support the concept of retaining at least the current stock of public housing and affordable housing, HPHA cannot foresee what opportunities may arise in the future for adding to or improving the condition of the current housing stock. Limiting in perpetuity the conditions under which HPHA can sell, trade or redevelop its current housing stock or lands may prevent it from taking advantage of opportunities in the future that cannot be known today. It's not inconceivable that someday selling a tract of land with public housing to a developer may produce revenues enabling the agency to construct an equal or larger number of housing units.

HPHA agrees with the intent to avoid losing affordable housing. However, a blanket prohibition in perpetuity is too blunt an instrument when future opportunities and circumstances may arise that would make an unconditional sale to the benefit of the state and its citizens.



**HB 828 Relating to Public Housing**  
House Committee on Housing

February 11, 2009  
Room 325

10:30 am

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports the purpose and intent of HB 828.

The growing affordable housing problem is one of the most critical issues faced by our communities, especially our Native Hawaiian communities. This issue seems to have many of our families struggling to find adequate housing and to make ends meet.

As you are aware, public housing does help to fill this need. Our government have not been able to maintain an inventory to meet the demand, therefore, government's kuleana is to have the public housing financed by county or state to remain affordable in perpetuity.

OHA recognizes that physical solutions by themselves will not solve social and economic problems, but neither can economic vitality, community stability, and environmental health be sustained without a coherent and supportive physical framework.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide this testimony.