

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

# WRITTEN TESTIMONY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Marcos Oshiro Vice Chair: Marilyn Lee And Members of the Finance Committee

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2009 TIME: 11:00am PLACE: Conference Room 308 State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, Hawaii

I am Nancy Atmosphera Walch testifying in support of SB 1160.

There are over 9,000 people on the waiting list for public housing. This bill is necessary in order to give those on the waiting list a fair chance to utilize public housing. Since the eviction process is far too cumbersome and drawn our state resources and time to evict someone, the availability of public housing units to the really needy citizens is limited. The board needs to focus on developing ways to make the mission and strategic plans to be more effective and efficient. Eviction process should be ministerial and non political.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify

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In Support of SB 1160-Relating to PUBLIC HOUSING WRITTEN TESTIMONY

I am Ilalo Parayno a retired educator with 41 years of service with the DOE. I support SB 1160 which would assess a common area maintenance fee and streamline the eviction process for residents of public housing units who do not pay their rent and violate the conditions of the rental agreement of public housing.

This bill will eliminate the lengthy process and the long waiting periods that can be manipulated in its complexity to delay eviction of residents who are unable to pay and who pose danger to other residents due to their unsafe behavior.

The Eviction process needs to be done properly and expediently. There are 14 thousand on the waiting list wait over six years to get into public housing.

Therefore the timely scheduling of meetings and notice requirements will speed up the process. The limited number of public housing units should be available to deserving needy citizens who are responsible enough to comply with community rules and will pay rent when due.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1160

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I am Dr. Inam Rahman, a medical doctor practicing for 15 years, supports the intent of SB 1160 which would assess a common area maintenance fee and streamline the eviction process to residents of public housing units who violates the conditions of the rental agreement of public housing.

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