

TO: The Honorable Rida Cabanilla, Chair
The Honorable Pono Chong, Vice Chair
and Members of the Housing Committee

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2009
9:30 a.m. Room 325

RE: SB1221 SD1 RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a community resident of Kalihi-Palama and a Public Housing resident of Mayor Wright Homes and I also serve as a Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board Member No.#15 also a strong community participant of our Weed & Seed site-1 of Honolulu. My neighbors and I are testfying today in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1221 SD1. We are asking for your help for the safety of our families and all community residents of Public Housing.

SB1221 SD1 would amend criminal trespass in the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a public housing project after reasonable request or warning to leave by Housing Authorities or a Police Officer.

We have gangs, drugs, public drinking, shootings, and attacks on residents. While the Federal Weed & Seed Program was effect, we had pretty good security at Mayor Wright Homes. Since that program ended, conditions have deteriorated which is why we are testifying today. We need to improved security measures and that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority needs to be accountable for the progress and improvements, on safety issues.

Please help us restore the trust in the Security Measuures and the type of Services at Mayor Wright Homes. Please pass SB-1221 SD1 so that we all can live in a safe place that we call home, and in peace.

Thank you for hearing this bill and my testimony.

Fetu T. Kolio
Mayor Wright Homes
1235 PUA LANE, #34-D
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Thank you for hearing this bill and reading my testimony. I hope you will pass SB 1221 SD1.

Eleanor Kolio
1235 Pua Lane, 34-D
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Keondorie Thakhambor
649 N. Vineyard, 35-B
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Genevive Cadnette
649 N. Vineyard, 35-A
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Rose
650 Kukui St., 32-A
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Awleen Paul
1235 Pua Lane, 34-M
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Randy Nicky
1330 Liliha St., 20-G
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Aosy Helly
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Francis Kerat
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Marino Ricky
1235 Pua Lane, 34-L
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Judy Ricky
1235 Pua Lane, 34-L
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Fiailoa Muliaga
1211 Pua Lane, 34-J
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Leonard Lester
1235 Pua Lane, 34-J
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Binasita Eram
566 Kukui St., 25-E
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Augafa Ene
1120 Desha Lane, 6-B
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Nite Krisfoph
630 N. Kukui St., 29-C
Honolulu, HI 96817

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My name is Tausagafou Alananu, and I live at Mayor Wright Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1221 SD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Tausagafou Alananu
520 N. Kukui St., 19-D
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Ben
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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Rensia Thomas
651 Kukui St., 4C
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Wilma
1125 Pua Lane, 3D
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Gladys Lum
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Shirleen Cordiero
1118 Pua Lane, #305
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TO: The Honorable Rida Cabanilla, Chair, the Honorable Pono Chong, Vice Chair and other Members of the Housing Committee

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2009
9:30 a.m., Room 325

RE: SB 1221 SD1 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Rina Perbera, and I am a neighbor of Mayor Wrights Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1221 SD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Rina Perbera
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Nancy Antonio
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Members of the Housing Committee

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Ceimomi Cho
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RE: SB 1221 SD1 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

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Daniel L. Dudden
1120 Pua Lane, #302
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RE: SB 1221 SD1 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Cardy Fang, and I am a neighbor of Mayor Wrights Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1221 SD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Cardy Fang
1119 Banyan St.,
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Precy Valenzuela
814 Kanoa St.
Honolulu, HI 96817

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RE: SB 1221 SD1 Relating to Public Housing

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David Sorress
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RE: SB 1221 SD1 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Darren Seto, and I am a neighbor of Mayor Wrights Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1221 SD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Darren Seto
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RE: SB 1221 SD1 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Dayna Kane, and I am a neighbor of Mayor Wrights Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1221 SD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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Dayna Kane
1230 Pua Lane
Honolulu, HI 96817

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DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2009
9:30 a.m., Room 325

RE: SB 1221 SD1 Relating to Public Housing

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Tim Derby, and I am a neighbor of Mayor Wrights Homes. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1221 SD1. We are asking for safety for our families and all Public housing residents.

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From: Claudia Shay [selfhelphawaii@gmail.com]
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House Committee on Housing

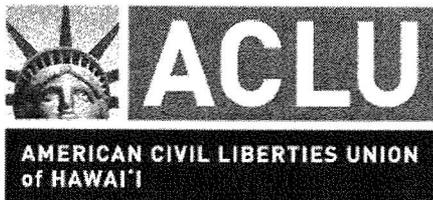
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From: Claudia Shay, Executive Director
Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii

RE: Testimony in Support of 1277, SD 2 for Hearing on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 9:00 am

The Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii strongly supports S.B.1277, S.D.2 setting up a self-help housing fund, and establishing a permanent source of funding. Given the overwhelming need for affordable housing in Hawaii, it is necessary to provide adequate funding to alternative approaches which have proven successful in developing affordable housing. The self-help housing approach has proven to be an effective vehicle for developing affordable housing for lower income families who are the "workforce" of Hawaii. For adequate funding, it is critical to have a consistent stream of funding as offered in this legislation.

The funding should be available for those non-profit agencies in Hawaii already offering self-help services for projects on which they already have land options. Thank you for your support.



BY EMAIL: HSGTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Committee: Committee on Housing
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
Place: Room 325
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Opposition to S.B. 1221, SD1, Relating to Public Housing

Dear Chair Cabanilla and Members of the Committee on Housing:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in opposition to S.B. 1221, SD1, which seeks to amend criminal trespass in the first degree to include a person who enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises of a public housing project after reasonable request or warning to leave by housing authorities or a police offer.

- The Police Already Have the Authority to Physically Arrest Those Charged with Simple Trespass

House Stand. Comm. Rep. No. 330-08 (2008) states that “HPD indicated that public housing projects are considered a quasi-private area, which has prevented arrests for public consumption of liquor and trespassing. This measure would allow arrests to be made.”

This proffered justification for this bill (which is similar to that proposed for Act 50 of 2004) is *patently false*. First, the offense of simple trespass as set forth in H.R.S. § 708-815 applies to “premises” which is defined as any building or real property and includes public housing projects. Second, H.R.S. § 803-6(b) specifically authorizes the *optional* use of a citation by the police in lieu of an arrest where the offense involved is “a misdemeanor, petty misdemeanor or violation.” For over 25 years, it has been clear that §803-6(b) allows police to physically arrest an individual for a violation. *State v. Kapoi*, 64 Haw. 130, 637 P.2d 1105 (1981) (holding, *inter alia*, that physical arrest for simple trespass was authorized by §806-3(b)). Indeed, in enacting §803-6(b), the Legislature intended to “provide for an optional use of the citation in lieu of arrest. *The police officer could still make a physical arrest if the situation necessitated such an action.*” House Stand. Comm. Rep. No. 712 (1975), House Journal, at 1303 (emphasis added).

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- Extending the Criminal Trespass Statute to Public Housing Poses Grave Constitutional Concerns Similar to Those of Act 50 of 2004

Extending the current criminal trespass law to quasi-public property poses grave constitutional concerns similar to those of Act 50 of 2004. As some members may recall, in 2004, to combat the “squatting” problem, the legislature proposed an amendment to H.R.S. § 708-814 that simply inserted the words “public property” two times into an existing criminal trespass statute that had applied to commercial premises only. Act 50 of 2004 amended H.R.S. § 708-814 (hereinafter referred to as “Act 50” or “708-814”) to transform it into a vaguely worded law sweeping in its scope. By its very terms, § 708-814 provided that anyone can be banned from public property for up to one-year simply by being given a written trespass warning “stating that the individual’s presence is no longer desired on the property....” H.R.S. § 708-814(1)(b) (2004).

Although Act 50 of 2004 was proposed to the Hawaii legislature as a necessary tool to combat the homelessness problem, Act 50 was nothing less than a return to the street-sweeping laws of America’s past and no different in substance than those constitutionally infirm laws.

On September 7, 2004, the ACLU of Hawaii filed a lawsuit challenging the validity of Act 50 as to public property on the grounds that it was unconstitutional and gave public officials overly broad powers to ban individuals from using public spaces such as beaches, streets or sidewalks. The lawsuit was based on over six decades of U.S. Supreme Court precedent that condemned the inherent vagueness of laws like the challenged statute. The lawsuit was additionally premised on settled principles of due process as well as the fundamental right to move freely (which is protected under both the U.S. Constitution and Article I, § 2 of the Hawaii Constitution) and traditional First Amendment freedoms.

In 2005, the Legislature, mindful of the sweeping and unintended impact of Act 50, recognized the call to repeal Act 50 and did so for the benefit of all residents and visitors to Hawaii.

- H.B. 1985 Is Potentially More Dangerous Than Act 50 of 2004

Given the nature of public housing projects, the proposed bill may pose even greater dangers than Act 50. For example, it is possible that the grounds of a particular public housing development should be treated as a public forum. Restricting access to these areas (which are public in nature) would overextend trespass statutes and may very well violate the free speech and association rights of both tenants and visitors.

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This unnecessary, misguided and potentially unconstitutional measure does not accurately reflect sound public policy. We strongly urge the legislature to hold this measure.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 40 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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