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SB 1221 Relating to Public Housing

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STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Carol Anzai, and I am a resident of Kukui Gardens. My neighbors and I are testifying today in strong support of SB 1221. We are asking for the safety of our families and all Public housing residents.

SB 1221 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 and seed program was in 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 improved security and we need the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to be accountable for the progress in security improvements.

Please help us restore trust in the security of public housing of Mayor Wright Homes for all residents. Please pass SB 1221 so that all the residents can live in safety and peace.

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

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