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In consideration of
House Bill No. 536
Relating to Public Housing

Honorable Chair and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill No. 536, relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports enactment of this measure which prohibits the admission or requires the termination of tenancy of any person who owns or acquires a home within the state.

Under the current statute, the HPHA is not able to consider whether an applicant is a homeowner. The HPHA is committed to serving the most needy of Hawaii's residents and have over 16,000 families on our waitlist. By allowing HPHA to deny admission or terminate the tenancy of an individual or family who owns or acquires a home, the HPHA will be able to house those who truly have no other means of shelter.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding H.B. 536. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.