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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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In consideration of

G.M. 797

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII' I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LAURA SMITH, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019

Honorable Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Governor's Message 797 (G.M. 797), submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Laura Smith, for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Ms. Smith to the HPHA Board of Directors. The HPHA Board needs directors with a variety of life experiences and professional expertise in order to effectively fulfill its role as a policy guide for the agency. Ms. Smith has over 30 years of non-profit work experience with Goodwill Industries, and is currently the President/CEO of Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii. Ms. Smith has also volunteered her time on numerous Boards and Committees, and has dedicated her life to helping our most needy populations. All of this experience will be extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing state housing policy and legislation. Furthermore, Ms. Smith's hard work ethic and integrity will be great assets to the HPHA Board and she will bring a fresh perspective in developing sound and thoughtful policy decisions.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing with the agency's position regarding G.M. 797. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Ms. Laura Smith to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors