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Statement of  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING**

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Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**G.M. 798**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII' I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LISA DARCY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

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 798 (G.M. 798), submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Lisa Darcy, for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the confirmation of Ms. Darcy 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. Darcy has over 25 years of state government, private sector and non-profit work experience assisting and advocating for Hawaii's mentally ill population, most recently on the island of Maui. All of this experience will be extremely valuable to the HPHA Board when reviewing state housing policy and legislation. Furthermore, Ms. Darcy'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. 798. We respectfully request the Committee to confirm Ms. Lisa Darcy to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority Board of Directors