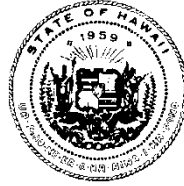


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**Thursday, March 14, 2024**  
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In consideration of  
**HB 2662, HD1**  
**RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Honorable Chair Chang and Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill (HB) 2662, HD1, relating to human services.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports** HB 2662, HD1, which requires the HPHA to establish a two-year recreation and education upward mobility pilot program for youth tenants in public housing, so long as it does not adversely affect the Governor's Supplemental Budget.

Please know that if this measure passes, the HPHA stands ready to assist the Legislature in this endeavor and looks at this measure as an opportunity to positively impact the lives of youth tenants in public housing.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committees with the HPHA's testimony. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.